Opportunities to Help with Moth Trapping, Insect Surveys and Insecticide News

The Integrated Pest Management Team at ISU is looking for assistance in trapping migratory moths such as True Armyworm and Black cutworms. You can find more information and a link to the registration process at We Need You! Iowa Moth Trapping Network Seeking Cooperators for 2020.

Last fall Extension professionals started the #whatatemybushels campaign on Twitter. That campaign includes tweets about common agronomic insect pests in Iowa and also a survey. If you have not had a chance to complete the survey I invite you to take just a few minutes to provide input at Insect Pest Issues.
Mean for Iowa Farmers?

The 2020 Herbicide Guide for Iowa Corn and Soybean Production is now available.

Now is the time to prep for Spring
The warmer temperatures over the past weekend have me dreaming of an early spring. And while it is only the end of February, and the weather in March is unpredictable, there are plenty of things to consider as we move toward spring field-work season.

Sprayer Maintenance Tips for Spring

Checklist for Spring Forage Seedings

Improve Pasture by Frost-Seeding

Spring Burndown Treatments for Winter Annual Weeds

Events

Private Pesticide Applicator Recertification Meetings
March 2020. You can find a list of my private pesticide applicator training dates and locations at this link. I only have 3 remaining dates. If weather or travel is a concern, please contact the County Extension Office for the location you plan to attend to doublecheck if the meeting is being offered.

Feb 27. The Boone River Watershed, Iowa Corn Growers’s Association, The Nature Conservancy and the Wright, Humboldt and Kossuth Soil and Water Conservation Districts are hosting a Conservation Coffee from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Red Shed Event Center in Clarion. This event is free and open to the public and will highlight regional farmers discussing cover crops and other conservation practices. Questions should be directed to Sean McCoy at 515-532-2165, ext 3017.
March 4. Join us for the North Central Iowa Research Farm Association and Annual Meeting at the Red Shed in Clarion. Registration and refreshments will start at 9:30 a.m., the meeting starts at 10 a.m. and will conclude by 1:30 p.m. Lunch will be served. A growing season climate outlook and discussion on corn planting dates will kick-off the meeting. More details can be found at North Central Iowa Research Association Plans Outlook Meeting.
March 7. ISUEO will be offering the annual Field Crop Scout School. This is an excellent day-long school for those wanting to refresh their scouting knowledge or for your summer interns who will be scouting fields. Registration is required for this event. Program details and registration access can be found at Field Crop Scout School.

The South Skunk River Water Quality Initiative is hosting Edge-of-Field Series on how to plan, fund and install saturated buffers, bioreactors and wetlands. This is a great opportunity to learn more about these practices and their importance in protecting water quality.
Edge-of-Field Series
Saturated Buffers
Bioreactors
Wetlands

Funding is now available for innovative nutrient management practices. Learn how your farm can qualify for assistance with bioreactors, saturated buffers, and wetlands. Learn why these practices are important in today’s agricultural landscape. And learn who to connect with to get the process started.

Hamilton County - March 13, 2:00pm
Titan Machinery, Williams

Story County - March 17, 3:00pm
Story County Extension Office, Nevada

Boone County - March 23, 3:00pm
Boone County Extension Office, Boone

Refreshments and Snacks Provided

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