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Horse Pasture Management
Hampton, Iowa - Iowa State University Extension and Outreach is proud to present a horse pasture management program that will be held at the Hancock County Extension and Outreach office in Garner. This program is for horse owners who are interested in improving their pastures. Topics will include identifying your pasture goals, creating reasonable expectations, how to maintain existing and or establishing a new pasture and grazing management strategies.

This program will be held on February 21 from 6:00–8:00 pm. The cost is $20 per person and includes refreshments. Please RSVP to the Hancock County Extension Office at 641-923-2856 by February 15.

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2019 Confinement Site Manure Applicator Training Scheduled in Franklin County

Confinement site manure applicators should plan to attend a two-hour workshop offered by Iowa State University Extension and Outreach and the Iowa Department of Natural Resources to maintain or renew their confinement site manure applicator certification. The Franklin County workshop will be offered on Thursday, January 31, 2019, from 1:30-3:30 p.m. at the Franklin County Extension Office, 3 First Avenue NW, Hampton.
“Iowa law requires confinement site manure applicators to attend two hours of continuing education each year of their three-year certification period or take and pass the exam once every three years,” said Dan Andersen, associate professor, ISU Ag and Biosystems Engineering and coordinator of the manure applicator certification program. “If applicators fail to attend the two hours of continuing education each year, they will be required to pass a written exam to be eligible to recertify.” Each year nearly 200 confinement site applicators fail to attend training and must pass the remedial exam prior to being eligible to renew their certification for the following year.

The workshop serves as initial certification for those applicators that are not currently certified, recertification for those renewing licenses and as continuing education for those applicators in their second or third year of their license.

The 2019 Confinement site program will include rules for applicators as well as land-application and setback distance requirements, water quality, and timing of manure, DOT road rules, and DNR’s top violations.

Operators must be certified to handle, transport, and apply manure if the confinement livestock operation has more than a 500-animal unit capacity unless the manure is applied by a commercial manure applicator. The certification fee is $100 for a three-year certificate. This fee is paid when applicators initially get certified and then every three years when they re-certify to apply manure.

Confinement site applicators are also required to pay an annual education fee of $25. All fees and application forms must be sent to the Iowa Department of Natural Resources to complete certification requirements.

ISU Extension and Outreach will charge a $10 fee to applicators choosing to view the certification materials on a non-scheduled reshow day at the county office. For this reason, all applicators are encouraged to attend the workshops or to plan to view training materials on the scheduled reshow date at their local county extension office. This fee will not apply to workshops or scheduled reshow dates. Please contact the county extension office to determine which days are scheduled for the manure applicator certification programs.

Applicators have another option for certification; online certification, which an applicator can take their training on-line at DNR MAC eLearning site at https://elearning-dnr.iowa.gov/. The applicator will need to sign-in and get an A&A account.

Applicators are encouraged to complete certification requirements annually prior to March 1 to meet certification deadlines and avoid being assessed a $12.50 late fee for re-certification.

For more information about meeting dates and locations, or to schedule an appointment to attend training, contact Traci Kloetzer, Office Manager at ISU Extension - Franklin County, (641) 456-4811 or visit http://www.agronext.iastate.edu/mmag/certification/confinementsitebrochure.pdf to see the 2019 workshop schedule.

Private Pesticide Applicator Recertification Trainings Scheduled

Private pesticide applicators that renew their certification through continuing instruction courses will have the opportunity to attend one last session in Franklin County. Training date is Thursday,
February 7, 2019, being held at Youth for Christ, 420 4th St. SE, Hampton, from 1:30–3:30 pm. You do not need to preregister for CIC sessions in Franklin County. The program begins promptly at the time listed. Participants must attend the full two-hour program to receive credit for attendance.

The Franklin County Extension Office has locations, dates, and times of courses being offered in surrounding counties for those applicators unable to attend in Franklin County. Applicators must attend a session by April 15 if they are renewing their license by attending a course each year. Applicators should bring their pesticide license number and the $20 training fee payable to Franklin County Extension to the workshop.

Since 1993 private pesticide applicators must be certified to buy and apply “restricted use” pesticides on their own farms. Initial certification or renewing a certification that has expired must be done by passing an examination by the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship (IDALS).

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