



January 2021

Manure Mondays: A Virtual Conversation About Manure

Iowa State University Extension and Outreach is pleased to bring you a virtual conversation about manure. These conversations will take place on Mondays at noon via Zoom meetings. Pull up a chair and enjoy a lunchtime conversation.

Manure is a big business in Iowa. Every year manure accounts for approximately one-third of the fertilizer needs to support Iowa crop production. Managing manure appropriately requires good decision making from start to finish. We will be facilitating conversations around different manure topics (see schedule below). We cordially invite you to attend these conversations, share your perspectives, and help improve and facilitate good manure management in Iowa.

While each meeting will have a theme, a portion of the event will have conversation(s) about topics you want to discuss.

January 25 – [Getting Value from Manure](#)

February 8 – [Manure Regulations and Protecting Water Quality](#)

March 1 – [Manure Application Timing and Side-dressing manure](#)

March 22 – [Utilizing dragline systems](#)

April 5 – [Working with Solid Manures](#)

April 19 – [Soil Health Impacts](#)

Manure Applicator Certification Preview

Manure Applicator Certification is underway throughout the state. This year's program will cover Iowa DNR rules and regulations, a discussion about fertility management and water quality and identifying water sources. Due to COVID-19, county extension offices are requiring preregistration for all workshops. Manure certification can also be completed online through the [Iowa DNR website](#) and is offered for commercial, confinement site, and dry manure applicators. Confinement site applicators are required to complete two hours of training each year or pass an exam every three years. Additionally, applicators hauling dry/solid manure should consider attending one of the six statewide workshops in February. This program meets requirements for both commercial and confinement site applicators. [A list of counties hosting the workshops can be found here.](#)



Figure 1: Manure applicator certification workshops continue through February. Online certification options are also available.

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The Manure Scoop

Have you ever wondered how Iowa's manure application rate recommendations compare to some surrounding states? I looked at what Illinois and Minnesota recommends for determining swine application rates and then to both the Iowa Yield Goal method and using Maximum Return to Nitrogen. Read the comparison and see the figures [here](#).

Events

January – February

[Statewide Confinement Site Manure Applicator Certification](#)

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[CropsTV Webinars](#)

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[Edge of Field Monitoring Webinar](#)