CROP NOTES for January 16, 2015 – Events Update
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Iowa State University Extension Information for Northeast Iowa
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FARM MANAGEMENT
2015 Estimated Cost of Crop Production
ISU Extension released its annual publication titled Estimated Costs of Crop Production in Iowa - 2015. The publication is intended to help farmers determine their own potential 2015 crop costs per acre and per bushel for various crop costs considering rotations, tillage practices, machinery, inputs, labor, land and yield expectations. In general, there is a slight decline in costs expected for 2015. For details, go to:  http://www.extension.iastate.edu/agdm/articles/johnson/JohJan15.html

Iowa Land Values Survey Results & Outlook
Information is posted at: http://www.extension.iastate.edu/agdm/articles/duffy/DuffyJan15.html

EVENTS
Jan. 22, Crop Advantage Conference, Waterloo (& Jan. 28 at Iowa City)
Crop Advantage brings the latest crop production information to 13 locations state-wide. Multiple topics to choose from each hour. Details on agenda and registration are available at: http://www.aep.iastate.edu/cas/

Jan. 19-21 and Feb. 3-5, Dairy Days in Northeast & Eastern Iowa
An annual ISU Extension dairy management program across northeast and eastern Iowa. This year’s program, along with dairy management issues, includes a farm bill update, alfalfa production, and raising beef on your dairy. Program details are available at: http://www.extension.iastate.edu/dairyteam/sites/www.extension.iastate.edu/files/2015-Dairy-Days-Brochure.pdf

Jan. 22-23, Driftless Region Beef Conference, Dubuque
Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota and Wisconsin Extension team up to offer the annual Driftless Region Beef Conference at the Grand River Convention Center in Dubuque, Iowa. Program details are available at: http://www.aep.iastate.edu/beef/

Jan.-Feb. Farm Bill Meetings
Help farmers and landowners understand their options under the Agricultural Act of 2014, commonly referred to as the Farm Bill. Price Loss Coverage (PLC), County Agricultural Risk Coverage, and Individual Agricultural Risk Coverage (ARC) will be explained. Join ISU Extension Farm Management Specialists and staff from USDA FSA to go over some of the new farm bill provisions, discuss ARC and PLC options and to hear about the decisions to be made in the coming months. Click on the counties on the map at this web site for additional meetings.  http://www.extension.iastate.edu/agdm/info/farmbill.html
Jan. 26, 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM, Osage
Jan. 26, 6:00 to 8:00 PM, Waterloo
Jan. 26, 6:30 to 9:00 PM, Grundy Center
Jan. 27, 9:00 to 11:00 AM, Tripoli
Jan. 27, 1:30 to 3:30 PM, Allison
Jan. 27, 1:30 to 3:30 PM, Charles City
Jan. 28, 1:30 to 4:00 PM, Mason City
Jan. 29, 1:00 to 3:00 PM, Waukon
Jan. 29, 6:00 to 8:00 PM, Johnson Reception Hall, Elkader
Feb. 10, 6:00 to 8:00 PM, New Hampton
Feb. 12, 1:00 to 3:00 PM, Calmar
Feb. 12, 1:30 to 3:30 PM, Allison
Feb. 12, 6:00 to 8:00 PM, Cresco

Jan. 31, Annual Cornbelt Cow-Calf Conference, Ottumwa
Program details are available at: http://www.iowabeefcenter.org/events/2015CCCC.pdf

Feb. 3-5, Dairy Days in Eastern Iowa
An annual ISU Extension dairy management program across northeast and eastern Iowa. This year’s program, along with dairy management issues, includes a farm bill update, alfalfa production, and raising beef on your dairy. Program details are available at: http://www.extension.iastate.edu/dairyteam/sites/www.extension.iastate.edu/files/2015-Dairy-Days-Brochure.pdf

Feb. 11-12, Soil Fertility Management Short Course, Ames
Covers principles of soils, soil fertility, and nutrient management. Registration includes a reference binder and class notes. Class size is limited to 40 and pre-registration is required to attend. Details available at: http://www.aep.iastate.edu/soil/

Feb. 17-18, Cover Crops Conference, Des Moines

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