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News Release
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Health & Feeding Strategies to Improve Calf Performance Meeting on March 22

CALMAR--Calf health will be the topic of discussion at the Northeast Iowa Community Based Dairy Foundation in Calmar on March 22.

Dr. Marty Wiernusz, South Winn Vet Clinic, will speak on vaccine protocols for scour prevention in calves. Todd McDonough, Land O Lakes, will discuss nutrition involving innovative calf feeding and management practices. Jennifer Bentley, ISU Extension & Outreach Dairy Specialist, will speak on colostrum management.

The meeting will take place from 11 am – 2 pm at the Dairy Center in Calmar. Lunch will be sponsored by South Winn Vet Clinic & Farmers Union Coop.

Pre-registration is required by Tuesday, March 19, by calling South Winn Vet Clinic at 563-532-9650 or Farmers Union Coop: Ossian (563-532-9381), West Union (563-422-3333), or Fort Atkinson (563-534-7216)

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Local Food Directory Needs Producer Info

The Northeast Iowa Food & Farm Coalition (NIFF) is updating the Local Food Directory for Allamakee, Chickasaw, Clayton, Fayette, Howard and Winneshiek counties. This directory is part of the Iowa Buy Fresh Buy Local campaign.

The directory includes listings for producers of fruits, vegetables, meat, dairy, eggs, baked goods, honey, herbs and syrups. In addition, local farmers markets, stores and restaurants featuring local food are also listed.
Any producers or businesses who would like to be listed in the 2013 directory should visit www.iowafreshfood.com for more information. Producers may also contact Teresa Wiemerslage, ISU Extension and Outreach at 563-794-0599. Directory items need to be received by April 1 to be included in this year’s publication.

The NIFF Coalition and the Food & Fitness Initiative (FFI) are working together to create community environments that support access to fresh, locally grown, healthy, affordable food and safe environments for physical activity and play. More information about these programs can be found at www.iowafoodandfitness.org.

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Ag Outlook & Management Meeting March 25 in Cresco

CRESCO—The Ag Outlook & Management seminar is designed to provide agribusiness professionals and producers with an evaluation of current and outlook market conditions and expected trends in crop and livestock income potential. The seminar is hosted by Iowa State University Extension.

Dr. Chad Hart, ISU Extension Economist, will discuss the market outlook for corn and soybeans. The U.S. has faced one of the driest years on record and the size of the corn and soybean crop is still uncertain. How big is the crop and what will happen to demand in the coming months? You won’t want to miss the information on the production and demand for corn and soybeans in the coming months.

Dr. Lee Schulz, ISU Livestock Economist, will present on the outlook for beef and pork. Lee will also be discussing how the livestock industry may respond to current production costs and future demand. What will the future of the meat industry look like with projected feed input costs and expected demand?

Dr. Mike Duffy, ISU Extension Economist, will discuss the trends in farmland values across the state and in Northeast Iowa. Duffy will also highlight factors that influence the farmland market values and the changing ownership demographics.

The meeting will take place on Monday, March 25 at the Cresco Bank and Trust Community Room, 126 2nd Ave SE, Cresco.

Meeting registration begins at noon with the program beginning at 1:00 pm. A meal will be served from noon to 1 pm, sponsored by the Howard County Pork Producers. Program will conclude by 4 pm.

Phone registration is required on or before Thursday, March 21 by calling the Howard County Extension Office at (563) 547-3001. There is a fee which includes all meeting materials and lunch.

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