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Herbicide Resistance Workshop November 20

DECORAH--Herbicide resistant weeds represent one of the most important issues facing agriculture in Iowa. An interactive workshop will be offered to provide information on the current status and causes of herbicide-resistant weed populations and objectively evaluate weed management programs. Individual weed management options will be discussed and assessed for adoption by attendees to manage the growing herbicide-resistant weed problem.

Iowa State University Extension weed specialists Rob Hartzler and Michael Owen will present the workshop on November 20 at the Oaks Steakhouse in Decorah. Doors open at 8:30 am for registration and refreshments. The program begins at 9:00 am and ends with a noon lunch. There is no cost to attend this program. However, advance registration is requested to assist with facility planning and meal counts.

Online registration is available at http://www.aep.iastate.edu/weeds. For questions about the workshop, please email anr@iastate.edu or call 515-294-6429.

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Local Information Meetings to Discuss Dairy Parlor Options

Many Iowa producers are only achieving 22-35 cows per person per hour in milking labor efficiency. Low cost parlors are allowing producers to double milking labor efficiency while achieving a safer, more pleasant and ergonomically correct way to milk cows. And, even robots can be pretty cost competitive economically to producers milking in stall barns or old outdated parlors.
Join the ISU Extension and Outreach Dairy Team as they discuss issues surrounding robotic milking and low-cost parlor systems. Larry Tranel and Jenn Bentley, Extension Dairy Specialists will discuss financial and cash flow impacts of AMS and LCP systems along with production and management concerns.

Three meetings have been scheduled in northeast Iowa: Dec. 3, at the Postville YMCA Community Room; Dec. 6, at Neuman’s Bar and Grill in Holy Cross; Dec. 7, at the Oelwein Public Library. All locations will hold discussion from 10:00 am – Noon on Automatic Milking Systems and from 1:00 – 3:00 pm discussion on Low Cost Parlor Systems.

This informational meeting is sponsored by Iowa State University Extension and Outreach and the North Central Risk Management Education Center. For more information contact Jenn Bentley at jbentley@iastate.edu, 563-382-2949 or Larry Tranel at tranel@iastate.edu, 563-583-6496.

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Northeast Iowa Food and Fitness Initiative Honored at Iowa State University Extension and Outreach Annual Conference

The Northeast Iowa Food and Fitness Initiative (FFI) was awarded the Iowa State University Extension and Outreach Team Achievement Award at the 2012 Extension and Outreach Annual Conference in Ames on Oct. 25.

The award recognizes an outstanding educational programming effort carried out with originality and creativity. Over 30 county, regional and state ISU Extension staff were recognized with the team honor. The award also recognized the support of the elected county Extension Councils in Allamakee, Chickasaw, Clayton, Fayette, Howard and Winneshiek counties.

ISU Extension and Outreach--Region 4 is one of the core partner organizations supporting the work of FFI along with Luther College, Upper Exploreland Regional Planning Commission and NE Iowa Community College.

ISU Extension staff coordinate the work of the Northeast Iowa Food and Farm Coalition which creates opportunities for farmers to engage in the local food system. ISU Extension also leads the youth engagement efforts in schools by embedding the work in the Iowa 4-H program. The vision of FFI aligns closely with the mission of Iowa’s land grant university—to create healthy people, healthy environments and healthy economies.

FFI is a grassroots collaborative whose work focuses on school wellness, youth engagement, local food system development, improving community health and creating partnerships to help endure these efforts. They work to create systemic change in the region so every day all people can experience, celebrate and promote healthy locally grown foods and enjoy abundant opportunities for physical activity and play.

The award, a framed citation, was presented to Teresa Wiemerslage, regional extension program coordinator, by Cathann Kress, Vice President for Extension and Outreach. For more information, visit Iowa State University Extension and Outreach online at www.extension.iastate.edu.

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