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News Release
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ISU Extension and Outreach Dairy Team conduct survey-Iowa Dairy Industry progressing over the past decade

The ISU Extension and Outreach Dairy Team, along with support from Brickle Brothers, Foremost Farms USA, Iowa Farm Bureau, Land O Lakes Purina Feed, Midwest Dairy Association, Northeast Iowa Community College, and Vi-Cor conducted a survey to better understand current dairy management practices, characteristics, and needs, along with an outlook to the future of the dairy industry in Iowa. Results provide insight on the current state of the dairy industry in Iowa and are summarized and provided through reports for educators, industry collaborators, and the public. A few results from the survey include the following. Regardless of herd size, dairy operations in Iowa remain family based with the primary labor sources being immediate family. Just under half of the farms surveyed plan to transition the farm to the next generation over the next 15 years, which will continue the family based dairy trend into the future. Total land base per operation has increased over the years with a greater percent of the total acres going to growing feed. Additionally, dairy operations have become more progressive with improved facilities over the past seven years, and producers continue to seek information on identified management and production areas. The opportunities for industry, educators, and the public to learn about the Iowa dairy industry from this survey are numerous. To read the 2012 Iowa Dairy Survey, visit: www.extension.iastate.edu/dairyteam/publications

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“Dairy at Noon” Webinar November 1
Join the ISU Extension and Outreach Dairy Team as they discuss issues surrounding low cost milking parlor systems. Larry Tranel and Jenn Bentley, Extension Dairy Specialists will discuss cost and design specifications of low cost milking parlors. The webinar will run from noon until 1:15 pm, on Thursday November 1st. To join the webinar, go to: https://connect.extension.iastate.edu/isudairy

This webinar is sponsored by Iowa State University Extension and Outreach and North Central Risk Management Education Center. For more information contact Larry Tranel at tranel@iastate.edu or 563-583-6496.

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DECORAH - Holiday Wreath Workshop

A wreath on the door says “Season’s Greetings” to all who pass by. Make this message personal by creating your own. Iowa State Extension and Outreach Winneshiek County will sponsor a wreath-making workshop in the Community Building at the Fairgrounds, 610 Winneshiek Avenue on November 19 from 6:30-8:00 pm. Participants will learn how to make a twelve inch evergreen wreath to take home. Basic materials will be provided, but bring pruners if you have them. Cost for this workshop is $10.00 and pre-registration is required. Registration deadline is Friday, November 16. Contact the Winneshiek County Extension Office at (563) 382-2949 to sign up.

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Program for Women Landowners Focuses on Wetland Conservation

Women who own or manage farmland in Northeast Iowa are invited to participate in a free conservation discussion on Wednesday, November 7 at the Seed Savers Exchange administration building, north of Decorah, Iowa. The program, sponsored by Women, Food and Agriculture Network, is called Women Caring for the LandSM. This meeting is one of five to be held in Iowa this fall for a project being coordinated by Angie Carter, who is a graduate student in sustainable agriculture and rural sociology at Iowa State University and a board member of WFAN. If you have an interest in learning more about how to identify, establish, or protect wetlands on your property, please plan to attend. Your participation will help agencies work better with women landowners on conservation outreach. You don’t need to currently own wetlands to participate.

Nearly half the farmland in Iowa is currently owned or co-owned by women. WFAN has been working with women landowners for more than a decade, providing opportunities for peer-to-peer, women-only discussions about conservation and other farm management topics. This session of Women Caring for the LandSM is sponsored by Women, Food and Agriculture Network in partnership with the Iowa State University Extension and Outreach.

The meeting will begin with coffee and registration at 8:30 a.m. and end by 2 p.m. Lunch will be provided. Space is limited to 25 participants. Please RSVP to ISU Extension and Outreach Winneshiek County at (563)382-2949 by 4 pm on Monday, November 5.

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