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News Release
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Get Answers to Your Yard and Garden Questions

Dead spots in the lawn, shrubs to prune, insects on garden vegetables, unidentified blooming flowers – these are all things that prompt Iowans to call their local Iowa State University Extension and Outreach office for consumer horticulture questions.

Six county extension councils in northeast Iowa are making sure those questions get answers by allocating staff time to offer direct assistance for homeowners. Bob Hauer is a horticulturist hired by Allamakee, Clayton, Chickasaw, Fayette, Floyd and Winneshiek counties to offer horticulture programming and diagnostics for local horticulture issues.

Hauer is available to answer questions on a wide variety of issues affecting trees, shrubs, vegetables and lawns. County Extension offices can refer more specific questions to Hauer for assistance or questions can be emailed to bhauer@iastate.edu.

ISU Extension and Outreach has additional gardening resources available for Iowans. People may call the ISU Extension Hortline from 10 am to noon and 1 to 4:30 pm Monday through Friday at 515-294-3108. In addition, the yard and garden news columns, ISU Extension online store, ISU Horticulture Web page and Horticulture and Home Pest News are places to find answers.

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News Release
Contact: Kyle Holthaus, Farm Host, 563-382-0489
Waukon Farm Hosts Field Day Featuring Specialized Farm Equipment

WAUKON -- Specialized farm equipment will be showcased at a field day and open house hosted by Kymar Acres and Windridge Implements on June 9. The equipment includes various seeders, tiller and transplanters designed for small to medium-sized vegetable farms.

Kymar Acres (www.kymaracres.com) is a diversified farm owned by Kyle and Mari Holthaus and located between Waukon and Decorah. They raise 5 acres of vegetables, herbs and flowers for sale to farmers markets and wholesale accounts. Visitors will also be able to tour rotational grazing for laying hens, a greenhouse and farmstand where their farm products are sold.

A variety of equipment will be featured including BCS two wheel tractors, Jang seeders from South Korea, seed bed tillers, a Falc bed builder from France, Checchi & Maggli transplanters for vegetable sets and plasticulture layers in red, silver and deep green plastic. It is planting season and visitors can inspect some of the recent plantings and watch new crops go into the ground.

The equipment will be provided by Windridge Implement, LLC (www.windridgeimplements.com). Windridge started carrying lines of specialized equipment in response to increased vegetable production in the region. Equipment is available for purchase or lease.

The field day will last from 1 to 4 pm and is open to the public. Kymar Acres is located at 2168 Winnmakee Road, near Waukon. For more details about this event, please call Kyle Holthaus at 563-382-0489.

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