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ISU Extension Hosts Meetings to Understand New Manure Regulations

Livestock producers will have the opportunity to learn more about the how the current manure regulations will affect their farms at three meetings hosted by Iowa State University Extension and Outreach in June.

The meetings will give livestock producers the opportunity hear from ISU Extension, Iowa DNR, and NRCS specialists.

ISU Extension Ag Engineer Dan Huyser will explain the Clean Water Act and how it relates to the current manure regulations. Environmental Specialists from the Iowa DNR will explain the new EPA-DNR agreement made last fall. They will explain the purpose of the new farm inspections, which farms are most likely to be inspected, and the inspection process. They will also answer any questions.

The NRCS will also be present to explain the EQIP program and the areas that a producer can use this program to improve their nutrient management as well as answer any questions.

The meetings will be held from 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 pm at the following locations.

June 3 at the Borlaug Learning Center at the Northeast Research Farm at Nashua
June 16 at the FarmTek classroom in the main office at Dyersville
June 17 at the Northeast Iowa Dairy Center at Calmar

Contact Dan Huyser at 515-298-1731 if you have any questions.

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Pasture Walk to Feature Millionaire Model Farms and Organic Dairy Budgets

ISU Extension & Outreach will host a pasture walk near Farley from 10:00 am to noon on June 10 at the Eric and Amanda Gaul farm. Eric and Amanda rotationally graze 180 Holsteins and crossbreeds and will lead attendees on a walking tour of their pastureland with a focus on paved surface lanes and waterlines along the pasture. Extension Dairy Specialist, Larry Tranel will also discuss updated Millionaire Model Farms and Organic Dairy Budgets.

The pasture walk is located at 26946 Dyersville East Road, Farley. From Hwy 52, Holy Cross, turn right (south) onto County Hwy-Y13/Holy Cross Road for 6.7 miles. Then turn right onto Dyersville East Rd for 1.4 miles and farm will be on the left. Coming from Farley, go north out of Farley 4.7 miles on County Hwy-Y13, then turn left onto Dyersville East Rd for 1.4 miles and farm will be on the left.

The Northeast Iowa Graziers plan pasture walks to local farms to help producers learn how better pasture management can result in healthier profits and a healthier environment. The walks are organized by area graziers and supported by Iowa State University Extension and Outreach and the Natural Resource Conservation Service.

Pasture walks are informal educational programs designed to demonstrate one or two key areas of pasture management, as well as answer any questions you might have. Each has a slightly different focus and all producers who are dependent on forage production are invited to attend to improve their own pasture management.

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Four-State Dairy Nutrition and Management Conference Set

The 2014 Four-State Dairy Nutrition and Management Conference will be held on June 11-12 at the Grand River Center in Dubuque, Iowa. The conference will present the latest research on issues concerning the dairy industry including feed efficiency, calves and transition cows.

This conference is a collaborative effort of Iowa State University Extension and Outreach, University of Illinois Extension, University of Minnesota Extension and University of Wisconsin Extension.

The program starts on June 11 with a pre-conference symposium. Milo Wiltbank will cover reproduction and amino acid balancing and Dan Luchini will discuss the benefits of feeding methionine during transition. Other topics include amino acid balancing for lactating cows and factors affecting vitamin availability. Select breakout topics include: Can genomics improve feed efficiency, What cows have to say about NDF and starch digestion, The first 60 days: can we make it better, Economics of intensified calf feeding programs, Automatic calf feeders study update, Can amino acids improve use of non-milk proteins on milk replacers, Wisconsin cost of raising heifers survey results, Transition cow health: meeting lactation demands while maintaining a healthy liver, How robotic dairies are feeding their cows.

“This conference has more than 20 different speakers during the symposium and breakout sessions. Every producer will find something relevant to their work in the dairy,” said Jim Salfer, University of Minnesota Extension educator.
Other topics to be covered include understanding mastitis diagnostic results, dairy title of the farm bill, dairy nutrition models, hemorrhagic bowel syndrome and transition cow crowding.

For more information and to register, visit [http://wiagribusiness.org/fourstate.php](http://wiagribusiness.org/fourstate.php) or contact Wisconsin Agri-Service Association, 608-223-1111, or Jim Salfer, Extension Educator at salfe001@umn.edu or 320-203-6093. The conference registration fee is $150 early until May 31 and $175 after.

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**5th Annual Breakfast on the Farm**

Join the Northeast Iowa Dairy Foundation for the 5th Annual Breakfast on the Farm Saturday, June 21, 2014 from 8:30 a.m.- noon at Iowa’s Dairy Center, Calmar, Iowa.

Families will get a wholesome breakfast and be able to tour the nationally-recognized Iowa Dairy Center. The kids will enjoy the chance to meet some calves, plus families can visit several educational exhibits, milk a cow and see the newly completed robotic milking units in action. Come and see how Iowa’s Dairy Center is growing!

This year we will be serving up Dad’s Belgian Waffles and sausage along with dairy products produced and processed right here in Northeast Iowa. Donations are accepted.

Iowa’s Dairy Center is located just south of Calmar at 1527 Highway 150 South. This is a sponsored event organized by the Northeast Iowa Dairy Foundation, Northeast Iowa Community College, and Iowa State University Extension and Outreach. For more information contact Megan Kregel at 563-534-9957, ext. 107 or kregelm@nicc.edu

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