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Local Dairy Days Feature Profitable Dairy Practices

Producers learn successful herd management strategies based on current research

Iowa dairy producers have the opportunity to learn about emerging dairy industry issues at the 2017 Dairy Days hosted by Iowa State University Extension and Outreach specialists. The program has been rescheduled for Calmar on Thursday, March 9.

“The ISU Extension and Outreach Dairy Team conducts this workshop to provide the latest research to Iowa’s dairy producers,” said Jennifer Bentley, ISU Extension and Outreach dairy specialist. “Our goal is to help producers make sound herd management decisions that are backed by current and relevant information.”

“This day-long program offers producers an opportunity to hear up-to-date information. They can also talk with our speakers for answers to their specific situations,” said Bentley.

Topics covered at Dairy Days will include: colostrum quality; illionaire model dairies; woodland and wildlife management opportunities on your dairy; keys to successful farm transition; silage, snaplage and shredlage; and, balancing SCC and milk quality decisions.

A $15 registration fee covers the noon meal and proceedings costs. Pre-registration is requested by the Friday before each event to reserve a meal. Vouchers for the event may be available at your local agri-service providers or veterinarian’s office.

For more information contact your Winneshiek County ISU Extension and Outreach office or your local dairy specialist, Jennifer Bentley at 563-382-2949 or Larry Tranel at 563-583-6496

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2017 Crop Market Outlook and Aquaculture Highlighted at the Research Farm Annual Meeting

NASHUA – Steve Johnson, Farm Management Specialist and D. Allen Pattillo, Aquaculture Specialist will speak at the annual meeting of the Northeast Iowa Agricultural Experimental Association (NEIAEA) at the ISU Northeast Research Farm near Nashua.

The program starts at 9:30 am Wednesday, March 8 with the Association’s board meeting. From 10:00 am to Noon will be key presentations from Steve Johnson and D. Allen Pattillo. Johnson will address “Crop Market Outlook: Strategies & Tools” for Iowa’s producers. Pattillo will discuss “Aquaculture Opportunities in Iowa”. After lunch, Ken Pecinovsky, Research Farm Superintendent, will review 2016 trial results conducted at the ISU Northeast Research Farm.

Provided free at the meeting is the 2016 Research Farm Report. CCA credits (2 CM) will also be offered complimentary. Lunch will be served by the Riverton Lucky Clovers 4-H Club. Following lunch and Pecinovsky’s presentation, the NEIAEA board of directors will meet.

The meeting is free and open to the public. The program will be held at the Borlaug Learning Center on the ISU Northeast Research Farm. Directions: From Nashua at the Jct of Hwy 218 (Exit 220) and Co. Rd. B60, go west on B60 1.1 miles to Windfall Ave., then south 1 mile to 290th St., then east 0.2 miles to the farm. For more information about the event, call Terry Basol at 641-426-6801.

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Annual Sinsinawa Forest Stewardship Conference Is March 11

The 2017 Tri-State Forest Stewardship Conference is Saturday, March 11 at Sinsinawa Mound Center, Sinsinawa, Wis. This is the 23rd year for the conference, which annually draws 500 woodland landowners from Wisconsin, Illinois and Iowa.

According to Jesse Randall, Iowa State University Extension forester, “It has become one of the largest private woodland owner conferences in the nation. The conference regularly fills to capacity, so those interested in participating are encouraged to register early to secure their place and receive the ‘Early Bird’ registration discount.”

More than 20 presentations will cover a wide range of topics focusing on private woodland owners, including, tree planting options, marketing timber, management of forests for wildlife, maple syrup making, native woodland plants and how to grow them, farm pond management, using drones in forestry, making wooden long bows, invasive species controls, etc. Online registration is available at http://extension.illinois.edu/go/forestconference. Participants will have the opportunity to interact with state and federal forest managers, as well as to see the most recent advances in forestry technology at the vendors fair.

Additional conference information is available online at www.extension.iastate.edu/forestry, including the conference talks, presenter bio’s and registration materials will be available for online registration and for mail in registration.

Randall encouraged woodland owners to take advantage of the Early Bird Registration Discount. The adult registration fee is $45 per person on or before Feb. 15 and $55 per person after that date. The fee includes a continental breakfast, buffet luncheon, refreshments, resource packet and handouts.

The deadline to receive paper registrations is February 27 and online registration accepted until March 3. Advance registration is required; no walk-in registrations on the day of the conference will be allowed. Participation is limited to 550, so early registration is encouraged and will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.

The conference is presented in partnership with the Cooperative Extension Services at Iowa State University and University of Illinois; the Illinois and Iowa Department of Natural Resources; the Department of Natural Resource
Ecology and Management at Iowa State University; and the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences at University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

The Sinsinawa Mound Center is located in Wisconsin, a few miles east of Dubuque, Iowa. For more information, contact Jesse Randall at 515-294-1168 or send email to randallj@iastate.edu.

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