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News Release
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Iowa Dairy Days Events Rescheduled

Annual event focused on herd management strategies

Due to inclement weather last week, Iowa Dairy Days events scheduled for Holy Cross and Kalona were postponed. This program has now been rescheduled for these locations: Tuesday, February 23 – Holy Cross, 9:30 am – 3:00 pm, Neumann’s Bar & Grill 927 Main St., RSVP: Dubuque County Extension Office, 563-583-6496. Wednesday, February 24 – Kalona, 9:30 am – 3:00 pm, Chamber of Commerce 514 B. Ave, RSVP: Washington County Extension Office, 877-435-7322.

Topics will include: Forages for Transition Cows; Benchmarks for Transition Cows; Precision Technology; Advances in Reproduction; Economics of Organic Dairying. Speakers presenting include: Dr. Hugo Ramirez; Dr. Leo Timms; Ryan Breuer, DVM; Jenn Bentley; and Larry Tranel.

Vouchers from previous cancelled meetings will be accepted. Your $15 registration fee includes program information, meals, and proceeding costs. Contact your local agri-service providers or veterinarian for a registration voucher.

For more information contact your ISU Extension and Outreach county office or eastern Iowa dairy specialists, Jennifer Bentley at 563-382-2949 or Larry Tranel at 563-583-6496.

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News Release
Contact: Jesse Randall, Iowa State University Forestry Extension, 515-294-1168, randallj@iastate.edu.
Annual Forest Stewardship Conference is March 12

AMES, Iowa — The 22nd Annual Tri-State Forest Stewardship Conference will be Saturday, March 12 at Sinsinawa Mound Center, Sinsinawa, Wis. This conference draws over 500 woodland landowners from Wisconsin, Illinois and Iowa each year.

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, timber marketing in today’s economy, erosion control in your woodlands, property boundary survey techniques, introductory prescribed fire, tree planting and maintenance, tree ID techniques, invasive species controls, timber theft investigation, chainsaw safety and tree felling options, etc. Online registration is available and can be found at the following web address 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. 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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News Release

Farmland Drainage Workshop March 11 in Osage

Osage, IA - Iowa State University Extension and Outreach, Iowa Farm Bureau of Mitchell County, Iowa Soybean Association, Iowa Soybean Checkoff, various industry partners, and the United States Department of Agriculture’s Natural Resources Conservation Service are collaborating to offer a day-long Farmland Drainage Workshop on Friday, March 11, 2016. The workshop will be held at the V.F.W., 3693 Hwy 218 N., Osage, with registration at 8 a.m., and the workshop beginning at 8:15 a.m.

Topics to be covered include: sub-surface drainage design concepts, wetland determinations, Iowa Nutrient Reduction Strategy, long-term benefits of tiling, economics, nutrient cycling in soils, controlled drainage, bioreactors, saturated buffers, legal issues related to tiling and Iowa drainage laws.
Cost of registration is $50. To pre-register or for further details, contact daolson@iastate.edu or call 641-732-5574.

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News Release
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ISU Extension Announces Morel Mushroom Certification Workshops

To sell morel mushrooms in Iowa, individuals must complete a certification workshop. Iowa State University is offering a 3-hour certification workshop on identifying morels and false morels. The workshop will be conducted by Dr. Mark Gleason, ISU Department of Plant Pathology and Microbiology. Certification lasts for 3 years.

The three morel certification workshops will be held on the ISU campus in Ames on March 26, April 9 or April 16 from 1:00 – 4:00 pm. The workshop costs $50 per person for first-time registration, payable at the training.

Pre-registration is required by calling Dr. Gleason (515-294-0579) by Monday, March 21.

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