NEWS RELEASE

UAVs in Crop Scouting, Crops Diseases, Nutrient Management and Grain Market Trends to be Discussed at the September 3 Field Day, Nashua

NASHUA – The ISU Northeast Research and Demonstration Farm has specialists covering topics from the emerging technology of using UAV’s in crop production, to crop diseases, nutrient management, and grain marketing going into the 2014 harvest. Please plan to attend this educational event on Wednesday, September 3 from 1:00 to 4:30 PM.

The program starts in the Borlaug Learning Center at 1:00 PM with Ken Pecinovsky, ISU Research Farm Superintendent to briefly review the 2014 seasonal weather and trials on the farm. At 1:10 PM we catch the wagon tour for two stops. One on crop nutrient management presented by Antonio Mallarino, Extension Soil Fertility/Nutrient Management Specialist, the other on corn and soybean crop diseases covered by Alison Robertson, Extension Plant Pathologist. Then back to the Borlaug Center at 2:50 PM for an outdoor UAV demonstration by Tom Smidt of Smidt Crop Management, and indoors in the media room to complete the discussion with Tom on using UAVs in Crop Scouting. At 3:40 PM Chad Hart will wrap up the day speaking on grain market trends of 2014 and predictions into the near future.

The field day is free and open to the public. It starts at the Borlaug Learning Center on the ISU Northeast Research and Demonstration Farm near Nashua. 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 Brian Lang at 563-382-2949.

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NEW FUNDS WILL INCREASE ACCESS TO LOCAL FOODS

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Allamakee New Beginnings (ANB) has established three new funds to increase access of locally-grown and processed foods in northeast Iowa.

ANB is the non-profit sponsor of the Iowa Food Hub (IFH). IFH unites the mission and vision of its partners by buying food from local farmers and selling it and delivering it to the places where most people get their food, like school food service and grocery stores.

IFH programming focuses on small and medium-sized farm viability, food access and equality, local economic development, job creation and retention, beginning and established farmers, and food system research and education.

The three funds were created to facilitate community investment in the regional food system.

Contributions to the "Food for All Fund" will be directed toward the EBT (food stamp) matching program. IFH coordinates a worksite/school grocery food box delivery program in the region. Customers using EBT benefits receive their food box at half price because of the donations to this fund. This fund was started with a grant from the Allamakee County Community Foundation.

Contributions to the "Farm to School Fund" will be directed toward schools specified by the donor, to assist with purchases of local pork and beef for school meals.

Contributions to the "Infrastructure Fund" will be directed toward the installation and maintenance of coolers and freezers at Iowa Food Hub’s new location in Decorah. IFH is currently raising funds for the $70,000 project.

ANB is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization dedicated to reducing the effects of poverty in NE Iowa. All contributions are tax-deductible. For more information, visit www.iowafoodhub.com or call Teresa Wiemerslage, 563-794-0599.

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