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Dicamba Training Now Available

Manufacturers of the dicamba products labeled for over-the-top use in soybean (FeXapan, Xtendimax, Tavium, Engenia) are again offering live and online training sessions for pesticide applicators planning to use those products during the 2020 growing season. Live sessions are offered during January and February this year, and online training is available as well. Check the [Agribusiness Association of Iowa](#) website for training programs and registration information.

Managing Soybean Cyst Nematode with Peking SCN Resistance

Dr. Greg Tylka recently published an Integrated Crop Management newsletter article sharing the results of an experiment in SE Iowa looking at SCN susceptible soybean varieties and soybean varieties with PI 88788 or Peking resistance. His work shows an alarming difference in yields based on SCN resistance. For more information see this recent article [Income in SCN-Infested Fields Can be \\$200 Per Acre Less with PI 88788 Than with Peking Resistance](#).

Additional information at [SCN-Resistant Soybean Varieties for 2020](#).

And while we are talking pests, please take a moment to take this [quick survey](#) on [#WhatAteMyBushels](#)

The information you provide in this survey will be used to help direct future programming efforts. You can also follow along on Twitter with the [#WhatAteMyBushels](#) hashtag.



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Events

Private Pesticide Applicator Recertification Meetings

January - March, 2020. You can find a list of my [private pesticide applicator training dates](#) and locations at this link. If weather or travel is a concern, please contact the County Extension Office for the location you plan to attend to doublecheck if the meeting is being offered.

Soil Fertility Workshops

The cost of managing soil fertility is changing with the price of fertilizer and the increased demand for nutrients by the increasing yields we harvest. Understanding soil fertility basics will help you better manage crop nutrients. Please join me and my colleagues for one of these workshops.

January 29, from 9 a.m. to 12:30 at the Humboldt County Extension Office. Pre-registration is required by January 24 by calling the Humboldt County Extension Office at 515-332-2201 or the Pocahontas County Extension Office at 712-335-3103. The cost is \$40 per person and includes publications and lunch.

Soil Fertility Workshop

January 29, 2020 – 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Humboldt County Extension, Humboldt

Call Humboldt County Extension to register. (515) 332-2201

\$40 registration prior to January 24, 2020.

Includes lunch and publications.

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yield demands increase.

February 4, from 1 to 4 p.m. with lunch served at 12:15 p.m. at the Mitchell County Extension Office. Pre-registration is required by January 28 by calling the Mitchell County Extension Office at 641-732-5574. The cost is \$40 per person and includes publications and lunch.

February 19, from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Heartland Community Room in Gowrie located at 1201 Market St. Pre-registration is required by February 14 by calling the Webster County Extension Office at 515-576-2119 or the Calhoun County Extension Office at 712-297-8611. The cost is \$40 per person and includes publications and lunch.

You can find a statewide list of all the soil fertility workshops in this news release, [Extension Workshops to Focus on Maximum Return to Fertilizer Dollars.](#)

Growing Organic Expertise in Iowa

The Iowa Organic Association and regional partners have developed a program to provide the information, tools and resources needed for agriculture service providers and consultants to support farmers interested in organic transition, diversification and expansion. To register visit the [calendar page of the Iowa Organic Association](#) web page.

There are four regional workshop scheduled:

Tuesday, Feb 4 -- Mason City Public Library, Mason City

Thursday, Feb 6 -- Oakwood Road Community Center, Ames

Tuesday, Feb 11 -- Fairfield Public Library, Fairfield

Tuesday, Feb 18 -- Council Bluffs Public Library, Council Bluff

Soil Fertility and Nutrient Management Short Course

Crop advisers and producers who want to take a deeper look at the principles of soil, soil fertility and nutrient management should consider registering for the two-day [Soil Fertility and Nutrient Management Short Course](#) Feb. 25-26. This course provides a more in-depth look at the science behind soil fertility and nutrient management principles. This workshop also includes nitrogen management, site specific management and hot topics not discussed in the soil fertility workshops listed above.



Soil Fertility and Nutrient Management Short Course

February 25-26, 2020

Hilton Garden Inn

1325 Dickinson Ave, Ames, IA

In-depth two day course focusing on soils,
soil fertility and nutrient management to
help make better crop production decisions.

**Register before midnight, February 17,
2020. Space is limited for this course.**

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