Extension Week
April 8-13 is ISU Extension and Outreach Week. Thank-you to everyone who participates in our programming, helps us host field days, sponsors our events, and uses our many resources. Check out local events coordinated by your local County Extension Office. Together we make a #StrongIowa!

Last Chance for Private Pesticide Applicator Training
ISU Extension and Outreach is hosting a "last chance" to attend your private pesticide applicator training. All events will be held this Friday, April 12, or Monday April 15. You can find a list of County Extension Offices hosting this training and dates and times at this link.

Dicamba and Paraquat Trainings
Still need to meet your Dicamba training requirements? Workshops have concluded in Iowa, but you can now participate in online training. Visit https://www.agribiz.org/dicamba-training/ and scroll down the page until you find the links to the online training modules. Click on the training of your choice.

The U.S. EPA recently announced the requirement and availability of a new certified applicator training module for paraquat dichloride (also known as paraquat). You can learn more about these training requirements in the article New EPA-Required Paraquat Training and Additional Use Restrictions.
Soil Temperatures
The NPKnowledge website provides an overview average estimate of state-wide soil temperatures: http://extension.agron.iastate.edu/NPKnowledge/
For more detailed information on soil temperatures and trends, the Iowa Environmental Mesonet website provides links to automated weather stations showing hourly soil temperature readings. To select your general location, date, etc. go to: http://mesonet.agron.iastate.edu/agclimate/#soil04t  Click on “Plot Time Series” and select a “Station” (i.e. Nashua), and click on “Make Plot” to get a 3-panel illustration of soil temperature, air temperature, solar radiation, and soil water content. The 4-inch soil temperatures are graphed in panel 3.

Events

April 17. The Iowa Learning Farms will host the webinar "Why Improving the Soil Pays Dividends" with guest speaker, Dr. Jerry Hatfield. The webinar will start at noon and is available to all.

June 20. Hold the Date for the Northern Research Farm Field Day

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