Crop Advantage meetings are approved for recertification for Iowa private pesticide applicators. Applicators must attend the entire meeting (including at least one pest management topic) to receive recertification credit. Recertification is included in meeting registration.
This meeting is approved for continuing education credits for Certified Crop Advisers (CCAs). Credits awarded will depend on workshop sessions attended during the program. Program listings use the following credit designations: CM-crop management, PM-pest management, NM-nutrient management, SW-soil and water. All presentations are 1.0 credit. 84% of attendees responding to follow-up surveys said information from Crop Advantage would likely save them between $5 and $20 per acre. Crop Advantage meetings provide a solid foundation of current, research-based crop production information to help make smart, informed decisions in the farming operation.

For more information on the Fort Dodge Crop Advantage go to:
http://www.aep.iastate.edu/cas/fortdodge.html

For more information on other locations, go to: http://www.aep.iastate.edu/cas/
Healthy and Homemade

Join us for the three part series Healthy and Homemade! You are not required to attend all three. The cost is $10 per session per person. Includes a taste test/take home food!
Participants who attend all 3 sessions will receive the Healthy and Homemade Cookbook!
Please RSVP to Sarah Zwiefel at 515-532-3453 or szwiefel@iastate.edu by January 17.

Cooking for One or Two
January 22 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.
Wright County Extension Office
Whether you are just starting out on your own or an empty nester, learning to stretch your food dollar while creating tasty nutritious meals can be challenging for just one or two people. Participants will learn to make the most out of cooking for a smaller sized household.

Slow Cooker Meals
January 29 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.
Wright County Extension Office
Identify foods that are appropriate to cook in a slow cooker, recognize benefits and features of a slow cooker, identify food safety and safe cleaning procedures as well as ways to recognize ways to adjust recipes for slow cookers.

Freezer Meals
February 5 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.
Wright County Extension Office
Families are busy with after-school activities or other commitments these days. Preparing and sitting down to eat together can be a challenge. Participants will learn strategies on feeding their family nutritious home-cooked meals as well as reducing stress at meal time.

Wright County
210 1st St SW Clarion, IA 50525
www.extension.iastate.edu/wright
Beginning Farmer

Thursday, January 24 from 6:00 - 8:00 pm location TBD

Our beginning farmer cohort We are going to review and finish our discussion on soil fertility and wrap up some fertilizer calculations, secondary and micronutrients as well as liming and pH.

Call 515-532-3453 to register by January 22.
Horse Pasture Management

Thursday February 21, 2019
6:00 - 8:00 pm
Hancock County Extension and Outreach Office
327 West 8th St
Garner, IA 50438

A horse pasture management program will be held in Garner on Thursday February 21. This program is for all horse owners who want to better manage or improve their pastures. Topics that will be discussed include goals and stocking rates, managing existing pastures, weed control, fertility, and grazing strategies among others. This two hour program costs $25 per person or $35 per couple.

Please register by calling the Garner Extension office at 641-923-2856 by February 15.

Youth Beef Conference

This is an educational program sponsored by Iowa State University Extension & Outreach and Ellsworth Community College for North Central Iowa youth who want to learn more about beef production. It will be
held **Saturday, January 26**, at the Ellsworth Community College Agriculture & Renewable Energy Center, south of Iowa Falls on Hwy 65 at 705 Ellsworth Ave. For a map and directions go to: [http://www.iavalley.cc.ia.us/ecc/maps_directions.html](http://www.iavalley.cc.ia.us/ecc/maps_directions.html). The program will run from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM with registration beginning at 8:30 AM.

A variety of interactive workshops and sessions are being planned for youth 4th grade through 12th grade who register for this event. Youth will learn what’s involved with producing top quality beef from start to finish. Qualifies as YQCA Certification for one year. Youth must pre-register at [https://yqca.learngrow.io/Account/Login](https://yqca.learngrow.io/Account/Login), at a cost of $3.00 per youth. See details on back.

Cost is $10.00 per participant (youth or adult). Please **register by January 18** at your County Extension Office, or send to the address on the back. Registrations must include the Iowa 4-H Medical Information/Release Form. For more information contact the Franklin County Extension Office at 641-456-4811. Cancellation due to weather will be announced on KLMJ, KQCR, KGLO, KIAI, KLSS, KRIB, KQWC, KJYL, and KIFG radio stations. Event must have a minimum of 20 participants to be held.

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**Better Farm Accounting Books**

This is just a reminder that the Wright County Extension office has Better Farm Accounting books in stock for $7. Not familiar with these books? It is a record keeping book that includes income and expense sheets, financial statement documents as well as analysis pages.

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**Impact of Weather Extremes on Agricultural Management Focus Group**

**Project:** Impact of the weather extremes on agricultural management, conservation decisions, and water quality in Iowa's Boone and Racoon watersheds.

**Project Overview:** The Iowa Nutrient Reduction Strategy (NRS) calls for increased conservation practice implementation on farms in order to reduce nitrate in Iowa streams and rivers. In order to help state decision makers plan how to most efficiently invest in conservation to reduce river nitrate loads, scientists use watershed models to predict how increased conservation practice implementation will affect future...
nitrate loads. However, no such studies account for how Iowa producers' future choices will adapt to increasing weather extremes and how this will also affect nitrate loads. Understanding producers' decisions is critical to improving the predictions of future nitrate loads, to improving conservation planning, and for achieving the NRS goals.

**What We Want to Know:** We are seeking producers to participate in one of several focus groups that will occur this winter, which will explore how your management practices may change in response to future weather extremes. The discussions will focus on practices that affect nitrate leaching, such as tile drain management and adoption of conservation practices like cover crops (use of cover crops is not required for participation). Each focus group will consist of 6-10 farmers. The information shared at the focus groups will inform how land will be managed in the future scenarios we design for the watershed model. Participant names will be kept confidential, and data will never be presented or shared in an identifying way.

**What you Will Receive:** Participants will receive a $100 honorarium in gratitude for their time.

Check out more information at: [https://tinyurl.com/y7pkyltk](https://tinyurl.com/y7pkyltk)

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**Upcoming Events**

**Crop Advantage**
January 16 - 9:00 am - Best Western Starlite Village Fort Dodge

**Beginning Farmer**
January 24 6:00-7:30 pm - Wright County Extension Office

**Healthy and Homemade**
January 22 6:00 - 8:00 pm - Wright County Extension Office

**Healthy and Homemade**
January 29 6:00 - 8:00 pm - Wright County Extension Office

**Healthy and Homemade**
February 5 6:00-8:00 pm - Wright County Extension Office
Dry Manure Training  
February 7 1:00 pm - Heartland Museum in Clarion

Horse Pasture Management  
February 21 6:00 pm - Hancock County Extension Office in Garner

Beginning Farmer  
February 26 6:00 pm - Wright County Extension Office

Contact
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Address  
210 1st St. SW Clarion, Iowa 50525

Hours  
M-F 8:00am - 12:00pm, 12:30pm - 4:30pm

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