Happy New Year! Even with cold temperatures and a bleak sky, January always holds so much promise for the year to come. Let ISU Extension and Outreach help you reach your agricultural goals this year. We have agronomists, ag engineers, farm management, beef, swine, dairy and horticultural specialists located throughout Iowa.

**Weed Management**

Concerns over herbicide-resistant weeds continue to be at the fore-thought as farmers plan for spring planting season. The following resources can be used to evaluate new herbicide products for 2015 as well as effectiveness of herbicides.

Remember, many of the new products, are new mixes of existing products and not new sites of action. So if you are concerned about herbicide-resistant weeds, the new products may not always fit your need for weed control. Take time to go through the list and look at active ingredients.

2015 New Product Update from Bob Hartzler
Important Farm Bill Dates to Remember

February 27th - Deadline for Base Acreage and Yield Decisions by the Owner

March 31st - Deadline for FSA program election (PLC; ARC-CO; ARC-IC) by the Operator

Mid-April through summer 2015 - Enrollment for 2014 and 2015

For additional information or questions, contact your local Farm Business Management Field Specialist.

EVENTS

Crop Advantage
Jan. 21 Crop Advantage in Fort Dodge. A full-day of production topics with an eye on profitability. Crop Market Outlook, Sudden Death Syndrome in Soybean, Nitrogen Recommendations to Optimize Economic Return, Cover Crops Research, Iowa Nutrient Reduction Strategy, Herbicide Resistant Traits, and the Farm Bill are just some of the topics. Early registration must be received by midnight on January 13 ($50), late registration and walk-in registration is $60. CCA credit and PPAT training available.

Private Pesticide Applicator Training

Feb. 19, 9:30 a.m., at the Lion’s Community Center in Kamrar.

Feb, 20, 9:30 a.m., at the Heartland Museum in
Feb. 24, 7:00 p.m., at the Bethel United Methodist Church in Manly

Feb. 26, 1:30 p.m., at the Windsor Theater in Hampton.

March 10, 7:00 p.m., at FC Co-op in Farnhamville.

March 12, 7:00 p.m., at Hamilton Auditorium, Ellsworth Community College, Iowa Falls.

March 26, 7:00 p.m., at Memorial Hall in Eagle Grove.

**Confinement Site Manure Applicator Training**

Jan. 26, 1:30 p.m., Hardin County Extension Office in Iowa Falls.

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Feb. 5, 9:30 a.m., Calhoun County Extension Office in Rockwell City.

Feb. 11, 1:30 p.m., Webster County Extension Office in Fort Dodge.

Feb. 12, 1:30 p.m., Hamilton County Extension Office in Webster City.

Feb. 24, 1:30 p.m. Cerro Gordo Extension Office in Mason City.

Feb. 26, 9:30 a.m., Hampton State Bank in Hampton.