Happy Holidays!
I want to take this opportunity to wish everyone a joyous Holiday Season! It has been a pleasure to work with you over the course of the 2017 growing season and I hope to see you at our winter meetings.

Hybrid and Variety Trials
Iowa Crop Performance Tests- Corn and Soybean
FIRST Variety Trials
Practical Farmers of Iowa Oat Variety and Fungicide Trials
National Alfalfa and Forage Alliance 2018 Alfalfa Variety Ratings

2017 Report of Insecticide Evaluation: Soybean Aphid
Each year, ISU Researchers for corn and soybean insect pests publish their research results in two “Yellow Books”.
The Yellow Book on soybean aphid is now available.

Crop Advantage Series
The Crop Advantage Series is offered at 14 locations across Iowa in January. Each year this series offers the latest research in crop production. Registration is currently open and the deadline for registration for the earliest meetings is next week. See the Crop Advantage Series web page for a listing of agendas for all 14
Events

December 19. Private Pesticide Applicator Continuing Instruction Course, 1:30 p.m., at the Hamilton County Fairgrounds in Webster City.

December 19. Private Pesticide Applicator Continuing Instruction Course, 7:00 p.m., at Zion Lutheran Church in Humboldt.

January 2. North Central Iowa Land and Stewardship Clinic at the Iowa Falls-Alden High School. Private pesticide applicator training, CCA credits and health screenings are available.

January 4. Private Pesticide Applicator Continuing Instruction Course, 9:30 a.m., at the United Methodist Church in Rockwell City.

January 4. Private Pesticide Applicator Continuing Instruction Course, 1:30 p.m., at Zion Lutheran Church in Humboldt.

January 10. Ames Crop Advantages Series at the Quality Inn and Suites. Early Registration is $50, registration after
January 3. Agenda and on-line registration can be found in the link.

January 12. **Mason City Crop Advantage Series** at NIACC. Early Registration is $50, registration after midnight January 5, or walk-in registration is $60. Agenda and on-line registration can be found in the link.

January 17. **Fort Dodge Crop Advantage Series** at the Best Western Starlite Village. Registration is $50, registration after midnight January 10, or walk-in registration is $60. Agenda and on-line registration can be found in the link.

**Annie's Project.** An agricultural business education program for farm and ranch women will be held over a course of six session in January and February at the Webster County Extension Office in Fort Dodge. The cost is $75 and registration is due by midnight, January 8.

Angie's **February and March** Private Pesticide Applicator Continuing Instruction Courses. You can also find a list of the 2018 dates for the IDALS Pesticide Applicator Certification Testing Schedule at [this link](#).

February 20-21. **Soil Fertility and Nutrient Management Short Course**, Ames, IA.