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2012 Calendar of Agriculture Education Programs

Please see attached pages for program descriptions, fees, and registration information. Please note, many programs offer additional sessions at other locations across the state; full schedules are available at the websites on the following pages.

January

- 17 – Corn & Soybean Classic, Kishwaukee College Convention Center, Malta
- 18 – Corn & Soybean Classic, iWireless Center, Moline
- 23 – Farm Savvy Risk Management Webinar: Risk Management Basics
- 24 – Private Pesticide Applicator Test-Only Session, Henry
- 25 – Certified Livestock Manager Training Workshop, Galesburg
- 30 - Farm Savvy Risk Management Webinar: Risk Management in Production and Marketing

February

- 6- Farm Savvy Risk Management Webinar: Financial Risk Management
- 7 – Beef Cow/Calf Meeting, Black Hawk East College
- 13 - Farm Savvy Risk Management Webinar: Managing Human Risk
- 16 - Private Pesticide Applicator Test-Only Session, Ottawa
- 16 – Soil & Water Management Seminar
- 20 - Certified Livestock Manager Training Workshop, Sycamore
- 21-22 – Northern Illinois Crop Management Conference, Kishwaukee College Convention Center, Malta
- 23-26 – Illinois Beef Expo, State Fairgrounds, Springfield
- 25 – Beginner’s Honey, Beekeeping & Hive Making Program, Ottawa

March

- 2 – Cattle Feeders Day, Sauk Valley Community College
- 8 - Private Pesticide Applicator Test-Only Session, Princeton

Program Descriptions and Information

Beef Cow/Calf Meeting

We invite you to an evening meeting about “The Keys to Profitably and Sustainability in a Changing Beef Industry” on February 7th from 4:45-8:30 p.m., to be held at Black Hawk East College in Galva. The meeting will take place in Room A-116 in the main building.

This seminar is sponsored by the Illinois Beef Association, and University of Illinois Extension. The seminar will highlight new production strategies, feedstuffs and cow nutrition, herd health, and new research from U of I.

Please pre-register by contacting Travis Meteer by phone at (217) 823-1340, or by email at wmeteer2@illinois.edu. The fee is \$10 if paid by February 1st or \$20 if paid after February 1st or at the door.

Beginner’s Honey, Beekeeping, & Hive Making Program

University of Illinois Extension, LaSalle County Office, 1689 N. 31st Road, Ottawa, IL will be having a Beginners Honey Beekeeping Program on Saturday, February 25, 2012 from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Janet Hart, a beekeeper in Peoria area, is also a Peoria County Master Gardener. She was recently elected the Illinois State Beekeeper Association, Central Division Director. There may be a possibility of an Association in the Bureau, LaSalle & Marshall-Putnam counties.

Children are welcome, but if they are under 12 years of age, an adult must accompany them. This would be a good program for any 4-H'er signed up for beekeeping, which is a county 4-H project.

Cost to attend this program is \$5.00 per person.

For more information, contact Paul Barrett at (815) 433-0707 on Tuesdays and Thursdays or e-mail him anytime at plb2@illinois.edu.

Cattle Feeders Day

We invite you to a seminar entitled “The Future of Midwest Cattle Feeding” on March 2nd from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at Sauk Valley Community College in Dixon.

This seminar is sponsored by Archer Daniels Midland Company (ADM), Monsanto, the Illinois Beef Association (IBA), University of Illinois Extension.

This seminar will highlight new cattle feeding strategies, feedstuff choices and availability, and corn stover use and preparation as a feed.

There is no registration fee to attend, but please pre-register with Travis Meteer by calling (217) 823-1340.

Certified Livestock Manager Training Workshops

The Illinois Livestock Management Facilities Act of 1997 requires livestock producer training through the CLMT program (see www.livstocktraining.com and www.EZregs.illinois.edu for details).

Workshops are held throughout the state, with the closest being at the Knox Agri-Center Building in Galesburg on January 25, beginning at 8:50 a.m.(swine emphasis but open to all) and at the DeKalb County Farm Bureau Building in Sycamore on February 20 beginning at 8:50 a.m.

Registration is \$30 (\$20 for the second person from the same farm). Registrations can be made by calling 1-800-345-6087 and more information (along with a schedule of all programs offered) is available at <http://web.extension.illinois.edu/clmt/>

Corn & Soybean Classics

All involved with planning this impactful educational program are confident that the 2012 program will continue the tradition of providing our clientele with the most current and timely information related to crop production and pest management. The 2012 program, with a format similar to previous years emphasizing crop production, pest management, and economics as well as the interactions among them, will begin at 9:00 a.m. and conclude around 3:00 p.m. Market updates will be provided throughout the day, and communication between speakers and participants is encouraged. Question-and-answer sessions are scheduled for both morning and afternoon. A noon lunch and a proceedings booklet with synopses of all presentations will be provided to each registrant.

Programs are available on January 17 at Kishwaukee College in Malta, and January 18 at the iWireless Center in Moline, as well as other locations around the state.

Continuing Education Units: Certified Crop Adviser (CCA) credits have been approved for this program. For more information and registration, please visit <http://www.cropsciconferences.com>

Don't Worry, Be Savvy: Farm Savvy Risk Management Webinars

Co-sponsored by the Land of Lincoln Legal Assistance Foundation and the University of Illinois Extension, this series of four webinars will provide a comprehensive look at methods of evaluating, managing, and reducing risk on small farms. They will help farmers to ensure their success by identifying, assessing, and addressing the risks that threaten their farms. You can attend one or all of the sessions listed below.

Registration is required and is due by January 19.

- Monday, January 23 - Risk Management Basics: Learn how to evaluate your capacity for taking risks, and obtain information about the various types of insurance available to manage your particular risks.
- Monday, January 30 - Risk Management in Production and Marketing: Learn about how to manage risk using production and marketing practices.
- Monday, February 6 - Financial Risk Management: Learn about business and financial risk management practices, such as choosing the correct business entity and effective business planning.
- Monday, February 13 - Managing Human Risk: Learn about human risk, focusing on contingency and estate planning and other personnel risks.

The webinars will be held from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at each office in the Bureau/LaSalle/Marshall/Putnam Extension Unit:

- Bureau County - 850 Thompson St., Princeton
- LaSalle - 1689 North 31st Road, Ottawa
- Marshall-Putnam - 509 Front St., Henry

Participants may also connect from their home or other location. Instructions will be provided to registrants on how to access the webinar from another location.

There is no fee to participate, but registration is required. To register, please visit <https://webs.extension.uiuc.edu/registration/?RegistrationID=6243>

Illinois Beef Expo

The Illinois Beef Expo will be held February 23-26 at the Illinois State Fairgrounds in Springfield. For more information, please visit <http://www.illinoisbeefexpo.com>.

Northern Illinois Crop Management Conference

Discover the latest information on crop production and management issues at one of the University of Illinois Crop Management Conferences this winter. These two-day conferences are designed to address a wide array of topics pertinent to crop production, pest management, and natural resources issues. Several of this year's topics include Micronutrients in Corn and Soybean production, Impacts of Climate Variation on Illinois Crop Production, and Strip Intercropping: Lessons Learned from Chinese and U. S. Research. Don't miss this opportunity to be part of a forum for discussion and interaction between participants and university researchers. Certified Crop Advisers can earn up to 13 hours of CEU credit. A \$130 conference registration fee is due one week before each conference. Late and on-site registration is \$150.

In Northern Illinois the Crop Management Conference is February 21 and 22 at Malta. The Kishwaukee College Conference Center provides the venue for the 2012 conference.

For additional information please contact Russ Higgins at the Northern Illinois Agronomy Research Center, via email at rahiggin@illinois.edu or by phone at 815-274-1343.

A full schedule and registration form is available at <http://web.extension.illinois.edu/blmp/downloads/41498.pdf>

Private Pesticide Applicator Test-Only Sessions

Test-Only Sessions for the PSEP Private Applicator program will be held at each of the University of Illinois Extension offices in our unit. Available local sessions include:

- January 24 – Marshall-Putnam Farm Bureau Building in Henry, 1:00-3:00 p.m.
- February 16 – University of Illinois Extension office in Ottawa, 9:00-11:00 a.m.
- March 8 – University of Illinois Extension office in Princeton, 10:00 a.m. - noon

There is no fee for the test-only session, but pre-registration is required. Pre-registration can be made by contacting the University of Illinois Extension office at (815) 875-2878. A full

schedule of all training and testing opportunities is available at www.pesticidesafety.illinois.edu.

Soil & Water Management Seminar

The program will be held on February 16, 2012 from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Participants will learn about such topics as biofilters and field tile, the National Atmospheric Deposition Program, and irrigation scheduling. To present these topics at and from multiple locations, web conferencing and Power Points will be used. The program will be offered at these locations in our Unit:

- Bureau County Office, 850 Thompson Street, Princeton
- LaSalle County Farm Bureau Auditorium, 4201 Columbus Street, Ottawa
- Marshall-Putnam County Farm Bureau, 509 Front Street, Henry

The cost for this program is \$45.00. You may pay with a credit card when you register or register online and pay with cash or check later.

To register for the program please visit <https://webs.extension.uiuc.edu/registration/?RegistrationID=6181>.



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