



## Announcements

# Activities for ag professionals—June 16 CCA credit opportunity—June 22

by George Cummins and Jim Fawcett, Iowa State University Extension

**F**riday, June 16—**Ag Professional Tour** at the Northeast Research and Demonstration Farm, Nashua, 9:30 a.m.–12 noon.

The program will include observations and experiences related to current crop growth and development, soil fertility, and pest management problems as they develop across the area; a review of the various research projects underway on the research farm and with on-farm cooperators; and a discussion of the new technologies/products that are or soon will be available to our clients. Brian Lang and George Cummins, extension field crops specialists, and Ken Pecinovsky, farm superintendent, will lead the discussions.

The tour is organized by the Northeast Iowa Ag Experimental Association, which owns the farm. 2.5 CCA credits can be earned. A \$10 registration fee will be charged at the door (\$25 for CCA credits). Preregistration is not required. The second Ag Professional Tour is scheduled for Friday, July 14.

**T**hursday, June 22—**CCA morning session and afternoon field day tour** at the Southeast Research and Demonstration Farm, near Crawfordsville.

Certified Crop Advisers (CCAs) can earn 5 hours of credit (1.5 hour in soil and water management, 1 in crop production, 1.5 in pest management, and 1 in soil fertility) by attending.

The morning session will begin at 9:00 a.m. with a presentation by Rick Cruse, ISU agronomy professor, on “Tillage Impacts on the Soil Environment, Soil Compaction, and Root Development.” Other topics covered in the morning include “Does the N Calculator Work in High Yield Environments?” (John Sawyer, ISU Extension agronomist—soil fertility), “Know Your Spots—Identifying Foliar Soybean Diseases” (Alison Robertson, ISU Extension plant pathologist), and “Goof Plots—Identifying Herbicide Injury Symptoms” (Jim Fawcett, ISU Extension field crops specialist).

Dean Wendy Wintersteen, Iowa State University College of Agriculture, will be featured at noon with a discussion on the “Future Direction of Agricultural Research.” Topics covered on the afternoon tour will include “Early Planting Options Using Polymer Coatings and Crop Season Review” (Claude Butt,

**F**riday, June 16—**“The Conservation Security Program (CSP) for Ag Professionals”** at the Northeast Research and Demonstration Farm, Nashua, 1–3 p.m.

This program is organized by the Cedar Valley R, C, and D. NRCS District Conservationists and George Cummins, ISU Extension field crops specialist will inform ag professionals serving the Cedar River Watershed about the CSP and how best to prepare their clients for participation in this program. 2 CCA credits in soil and water management can be earned. The program is free, and no preregistration is necessary.

The Northeast Research and Demonstration Farm is located 1½ miles west of Nashua on Hwy B60; turn south on Windfall Avenue 1 mile and back east ½ mile on 290th St. For additional information on either program, contact George Cummins, 641-228-1453.

Landec Ag, and Kevin Van Dee, farm superintendent), “Asian Soybean Rust Update and Fungicide Trial Results” (Alison Robertson), “Corn Population and Planting Date Trial Results” (Roger Elmore, ISU Extension corn specialist), and “Diagnostic Tools for Nitrogen Management” (John Sawyer). Tours will begin at 1:00 p.m.

Registration for CCAs will begin at 8:30 a.m. The registration fee is \$50, which includes lunch.

Please preregister by calling the Johnson County Extension Office at (319) 337-2145 or send an e-mail to Jim Fawcett ([fawcett@iastate.edu](mailto:fawcett@iastate.edu)) by June 20 to avoid a \$20 late fee. The registration fee can be paid at the door. To reach the research farm, go 1¾ miles south of Crawfordsville on Highway 218, then 2 miles east on G-62, then ¾ mile north.

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