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New Approaches to Soil and Water Management is Workshop Focus

By Mark Licht, field agronomist

Agribusiness agronomists and farmers who want information on new practices to improve soil and water quality have two opportunities in December to learn from Iowa State University (ISU) Extension and Outreach specialists. Soil and water management workshops will be held Friday, Dec. 16 at the Marshall County Extension office and Tuesday, Dec. 20 at the Carroll County Extension office. The program runs from 8:30-11:30 a.m. at both locations.

Topics covered will include enhancing soils to provide better productivity, profitability and environmental services. Practices explored will include vegetative filter strips and bioreactors. Discussions will bring a clearer understanding of how bioreactors and vegetative filter strips work as well as some of the benefits outside of soil and water quality.

Featured speakers include Matt Helmers, ISU agricultural engineer; Kapil Arora, ISU Extension ag engineer; Mark Licht, ISU Extension field agronomist; and John Doudna, Iowa State graduate student.

Certified crop advisors can earn 2.5 soil and water credits.

Advance registration for the course \$35. Registration at the door is \$45. Registration is limited to 30 participants. Register online at www.aep.iastate.edu/swm. To register by fax or mail, contact the Marshall County Extension office, 641-752-1551, or the Carroll County Extension office, 712-792-2364, for a registration form.

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