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Sign Up Now for Late Season Disease Workshop

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Registration is now open for the annual Late Season Disease Workshop that will be held August 21-22 at Iowa State University's Field Education Laboratory located between Ames and Boone. This hands-on, two-day field workshop will be a good opportunity for those in agribusiness to improve their knowledge of corn and soybean diseases. Both days will include field and lab exercises as well as in-depth presentations. To improve participants' diagnostic skills, each day of the workshop will feature a comprehensive session on disease diagnosis that will include "lab" work and field scouting.

Dr. Greg Tylka will cover the biology of nematodes that feed on corn and soybean cyst nematode. He also will discuss on-going research related to these pathogens, as well as management techniques for today and in the future.

Dr. Alison Robertson will lead a discussion on Goss's wilt and leaf blight as well as Stewarts wilt and leaf blight of corn. The entire class will also partake in a field trip to a nursery inoculated with both pathogens. Dr. Daren Mueller will lead a discussion on sudden death syndrome of soybean. The disease cycle of these important diseases will be reviewed and recent research results shared by graduate students and post-docs.

Participants have the option to sign-in for a total of 11 pest management continuing education units (CEUs) for certified crop advisors. Registration may be done at <http://www.aep.iastate.edu/feel/lsd>.

Class size is limited, and registrations are taken on a first-come-first-serve basis. If you have questions, please email Alison Robertson, alisonr@iastate.edu, Daren Mueller, dsmueller@iastate.edu, or Stuart McCulloh, smac@iastate.edu.

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