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University of Illinois Extension – Bureau, LaSalle, Marshall, Putnam Counties Save the Dates for 2024 Agriculture and Natural Resources Programming

Please visit our website at extension.illinois.edu/blmp for updated calendar listings. If you know of someone who would like to be added to our email list, please have them register at go.illinois.edu/BLMPAgMailing

Private Pesticide Applicator Training and Testing Sessions

University of Illinois Extension – Bureau, LaSalle, Marshall, Putnam Unit is offering the following certification programs for private pesticide applicators. **Pre-registration is required.** Certification is required to apply restricted use pesticides. The sessions are in cooperation with the Illinois Department of Agriculture. Please access the following site for instructions on training and additional testing for 2024: extension.illinois.edu/psep/training-testing.

Testing – Only Sessions have been scheduled as follows:

Marshall – Putnam Counties University of Illinois Extension Office

- **Friday, February 9, 2024, Noon – 3 p.m.** (Private Applicator Test Only)
- **Wednesday, March 27, 2024, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.** (All Commercial Tests Offered)

Marshall-Putnam Office, 509 Front Street, Henry. Register by calling the University of Illinois Extension – Marshall-Putnam Office at 309-364-2356. No charge to attend.

Illinois Valley Community College

- **Thursday, January 25, 2024, 9 a.m. – Noon** (Private Applicator Test Only)

Illinois Valley Community College, 815 North Orlando Smith Rd., Oglesby. Register by calling the University of Illinois Extension – LaSalle County Office at 815-433-0707. No charge to attend.

LaSalle County University of Illinois Extension Office

- **Wednesday, February 21, 2024, 9 a.m. – Noon** (Private Applicator Test Only)

LaSalle County Office, 1689 North 31st Road, Suite 2, Ottawa. Register online at by calling the University of Illinois Extension – LaSalle County Office at 815-433-0707. No charge to attend.

Bureau County University of Illinois Extension Office

- **Tuesday, February 20, 2024, 9:00 a.m. – Noon**, (All Commercial Tests Offered)
- **Tuesday, March 12, 2024, 9:00 a.m. – Noon** (All Commercial Tests Offered)

Bureau County Office, 850 Thompson Street, Princeton. Register online at

www2.illinois.gov/sites/agr/Pesticides/Pages/in-person-testing.aspx, or call the University of Illinois Extension – Bureau Office at 815-875-2878. No charge to attend.

Self-Study Training via the Internet Training is another option. The on-line training program for private pesticide applicators includes eight modules to be completed at your convenience. It is a replacement for the self-study CD and provides a training alternative for those unable to attend a Training & Testing clinic. The online Private Applicator Training costs \$45. You will be asked to provide a credit card for payment to complete the

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registration process. Your payment will grant you access to these course modules for 30 days. The license examination is also offered via the internet and administered by the Illinois Department of Agriculture, with a \$12 proctor fee. The On-line link is www.pesticidesafety.illinois.edu

Private Applicator manuals and workbooks can be purchased online or at local Extension offices. Extension offices are located in Princeton, Ottawa, and Henry. If you need a reasonable accommodation, please indicate when registering.

Beef Quality Assurance Meeting – December 12, 2024 Do you want to make a positive difference in the beef industry and your own farm? What are you waiting for? BQA is the cattleman's continuing education. All BQA meetings are free to IBA members and \$20 for non-members, and includes dinner and training materials. Pre-registration is required. This meeting will take place at the University of Illinois Extension Office – Bureau County, 850 Thompson St., Princeton, IL. Register by calling the IBA office at 217-787-4280 or online at illinoisbeef.com

2023 Farm Assets Conference – December 15, 2024 The farmdoc Team and University of Illinois Extension are proud to present the Farm Assets Conference. This meeting traces its history to 2014 picking up from the Illinois Commodities Conference. This year's Farm Assets Conference is scheduled for Friday, December 15 at the i-Hotel & Illinois Conference Center on the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign campus. Cost is \$80. The doors open at 8:30 a.m. central. Register at registration.extension.illinois.edu/start/2023-farm-assets-conference

Legal Training for Illinois Small Farms – Webinar Series Addressing legal farm risks can keep your farm in business. Webinars will all start at 7 p.m. and last approximately 1 hour. You can register for any or all of the following webinar options:

December 18, 2023 - Land Leasing Basics go.illinois.edu/LandLeasingBasics

March 18, 2024 - Forming an LLC go.illinois.edu/FormingAnLLC

Illinois Farm Economic Summit- January 2024 The Illinois Farm Economics Summit returns this year to help producers and landowners navigate the latest economic conditions and policy issues impacting Illinois agriculture. 2023 brought commodity price rebounds but continued high input costs and tight margins. Now in 2024, the ag economy continues evolving. Join us at IFES 2024 as *farmdoc* analyzes factors shaping farm profitability this year through presentations and Q&A on crop budgets, grain markets, farm policy, land values, and more. We look forward to equipping Illinois producers to succeed in the year ahead. Register at farmdocdaily.illinois.edu/ifes

January 9, 2024 - Mt. Vernon, IL

January 10, 2024 – Peoria, IL

January 11, 2024 – Dekalb, IL

If a reasonable accommodation is needed to participate, contact [Todd Gleason](mailto:tgleason@illinois.edu) at tgleason@illinois.edu. Early requests are strongly encouraged to allow sufficient time for meeting access needs.

Illinois Specialty Crop Conference, January 17- 19, 2024 From Food to Flowers: Everything Local Conference This combined Illinois Food, Farmers Market and Specialty Crop Conference is a collaboration among the Illinois Farm Bureau, Illinois Specialty Growers Association and Illinois Farmers Market Association to bring together more people than ever from across Illinois' local food, specialty crop and farmers market supply chains. Available in both in-person and virtual formats, this unique gathering combines the best parts of the events previously known as the Illinois Specialty Crop Conference and the Live Local: Local Food and Farmers Market conference.

This event brings together farmers and agribusiness leaders from across the state with other partners throughout the Illinois local food supply chain. The 2024 Illinois Specialty Crop Conference (ISCC) & Trade Show in person event is at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Springfield, IL. Register at www.specialtygrowers.org. Conference preregistration closes January 5, 2024.

Illinois Conservation Cropping Seminar – January 24, 2024 Listen, learn and talk to people who know conservation. The time to wait is over. It's time to take action! Join us - join the movement. Bring your soil back to life! For 2024, the annual Illinois Conservation Cropping Seminars will be a hybrid event, held in person at the Illinois Department of Agriculture Atrium in Springfield, Illinois or available virtually for those who are unable to attend in person. In-person space is limited. Illinois Department of Agriculture Building, Springfield, IL. \$25 fee to attend in person (includes lunch), \$15 fee for virtual. Register at ccswcd.com/conservation-cropping-seminars

2024 Certified Livestock Manager In Person Workshops and Online Training- The Illinois Department of Agriculture (IDOA), along with the University of Illinois Extension Service, is hosting the Certified Livestock Manager Online Training and seven In Person Workshops, which will provide Illinois livestock producers the manure management training they need to meet the requirements of the state's Livestock Management Facilities Act.

The in person dates and online training options can be found at go.illinois.edu/CLMT. The training in Morris, IL is February 1, 2024 at 9 AM. After the training, those with over 1,000 AUs will be required to take the 50-question IDOA paper-based test. Pre-registration is required (\$40). Please go to go.illinois.edu/CLMT to register. IDOA's certification fee is \$30. For questions with registration, please contact University of Illinois Extension at 815-235-4125.

Driftless Region Beef Conference, January 25 - 26, 2024 Extension specialists in Illinois, Iowa and Wisconsin will present the 11th annual Driftless Region Beef Conference at the Grand River Convention Center in Dubuque, Iowa. This conference brings together beef producers for an educational program that focuses on the needs of this production region. Registration and more information on topics and speakers are available at www.aep.iastate.edu/beef/index.html

Natural Resources Education

University of Illinois Extension's Everyday Environment Series There is never a shortage of new things to learn about your everyday environment. The Everyday Environment Webinar series features a different environmental topic each month. Do your part to protect the planet for generations to enjoy.

All sessions are free and take place on the second Thursday of the month at 1 p.m. Central Standard Time.

Register for one or more of the free hour-long online webinars at go.illinois.edu/everydayenvironment. If you need a reasonable accommodation to participate, please contact Erin Garrett at emedvecz@illinois.edu. Early requests are strongly encouraged to allow sufficient time to meet your access needs.

Four Seasons Gardening Webinar Series Winter 2024 The winter series of the University of Illinois Extension's Four Seasons Gardening Program, which focuses on environmental stewardship, home gardening, and backyard food production, will get underway in January. The public is invited to participate in this free webinar series. These webinars may be viewed from wherever you have internet access by pre-registering at go.illinois.edu/fourseasons at least one week before the course date. Recorded videos of these sessions can be viewed following the program at go.illinois.edu/fourseasonsrecordings.

Local Agriculture Classes at IVCC:

University of Illinois Extension has partnered with IVCC to develop and support its agriculture education program. Learn more about IVCC Agriculture:

- Webpage: www.ivcc.edu/agriculture
- Apply to IVCC ag: www.ivcc.edu/admissions
- Willard Mott – willard_mott@ivcc.edu- (815) 224-0413
- Dr. Jennifer Timmers – jennifer_timmers@ivcc.edu- (815) 224-0495

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Resources:

- **University of Illinois farmdoc** (farm decision outreach central) **Website** provides Illinois farmers with comprehensive and integrated risk management information and analysis. Publications, decision tools and databases related to a variety of risk management issues are found throughout the site. Subject matter sections cover finance, marketing and outlook, management, law and taxation, and policy. Specialty sections are devoted to the AgMAS (Agricultural Market Advisory Services) Project, crop insurance, farmland owners, prices and weather, and ag web resources. Visit www.farmdoc.illinois.edu/
- University of Illinois Extension's website for the **Crop Science Research and Education Center**, locally referred to as the South Farms. In addition to the 1,000 acres of research fields south of campus, it also includes the Morrow Plots established in 1876 and is the oldest continuous agricultural research field in the United States. Visit extension.illinois.edu/csrec
- University of Illinois Extension's website for Local Foods and Small Farms: one-stop-shop for production resources, events calendars, and program registrations. Please look around and take advantage of all the resources available: extension.illinois.edu/lfssf

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