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Conference attendees can choose from 40 different workshops that offer the latest information on crop production and protection technology in Iowa and surrounding states. Workshops are offered by ISU faculty and staff and invited speakers from around the Midwest. The Conference is hosted by ISU Extension and Outreach, the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences and the departments of Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering, Agronomy, Economics, Entomology, and Plant Pathology and Microbiology.

A popular feature of the conference is the variety of guest speakers on the program. "Each year ISU specialists invite colleagues in their field to share their research activities with conference attendees. This provides an opportunity to hear expertise and opinions from across the region and country in one location," said Alison Robertson, Extension plant pathologist and chair of the planning committee. "This year we have 11 visiting presenters representing five states, sharing information on soil fertility, crop diseases, weed management and soil conservation. It's a great program this year."

In addition to the traditional topics, this year's program will include three mini-symposia that each focus on a specific area of interest: production of corn stover for ethanol, sustainable biofuel production using perennial plants, and soil and water conservation to support and sustain soil quality.

In recent years, the conference has filled to capacity with nearly 1,000 producers and agribusiness representatives in attendance. "The conference is fortunate to have a loyal following of people that attend each year. While filling to capacity is a good problem to have, we hate to turn people away. We encourage people to register early," states Brent Pringnitz, conference coordinator for ISU Extension. Attendees can obtain Certified Crop Adviser credits as well as recertification for Commercial Pesticide Applicators in categories 1A, 1B, 1C, 4 and 10.

To register online or for more information, visit the conference website at www.aep.iastate.edu/icm. Registration is \$185. After Nov. 16, registration increases to \$235. Enrollment is limited and no registrations will be accepted at the door. Be sure to register early to guarantee your spot at this event!

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