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The morning session will begin at 9:00 a.m., with a presentation by Dick Fawcett, Fawcett Consulting, on "Reducing atrazine's impact on water quality in Iowa— how are we doing?" Also in the morning will be a demonstration in the field on "What soils can tell you about how they should be managed" by Tom Fenton, Iowa State Professor Emeritus – Soils, and will conclude with a presentation by Matt Helmers, ISU Extension and Outreach Ag Engineer, on "Strategic placement of buffers to reduce nutrient and sediment export."

The keynote speaker at the afternoon celebration will be Neil Harl, ISU Professor Emeritus, on "The future of agriculture in Iowa." Also featured in the afternoon will be a panel of speakers who will review 25 years of research on the farm. The panel of speakers will include: Matt Helmers and Stu Melvin, ISU Extension and Outreach Ag Engineers, on drainage research; Kendall Lamkey, Agronomy Department Chair, and Bernie Havlovic, original superintendent of the farm, on crop productivity; Greg Brenneman and Mark Hanna, ISU Extension and Outreach ag engineers on tillage research; and Antonio Mallarino and John Sawyer, ISU Extension and Outreach Soil Fertility Specialists, on soil fertility studies.

Also helping with the celebration will be Wendy Wintersteen, ISU Dean of Agriculture and Life Sciences, Cathann Kress, Vice-President for ISU Extension and Outreach, and John Lawrence, ISU Associate Dean of Agriculture and Life Sciences. In addition to the presentations, research displays and field plots highlighting most of the crops ever grown on the farm can be viewed.

Registration for CCAs will begin at 8:30 a.m. The registration fee is \$50, which includes lunch. Pre-registration is required. Please pre-register by calling the Johnson County Extension Office at (319) 337-2145 or send an e-mail to Jim Fawcett (fawcett@iastate.edu) by June 20. The registration fee can be paid at the door. To reach the research farm go 1 3/4 miles south of Crawfordsville on Highway 218, then 2 miles east on G-62, then 3/4 mile north.

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