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The workshop will be held on Dec. 17 at the Borlaug Learning Center, located on the Northeast Iowa Research and Demonstration Farm near Nashua, Iowa. The workshop starts at 8:30 a.m. and ends at 4 p.m. It is an introductory level, hands-on workshop that will provide the participant with software orientation.

This workshop will introduce participants to the operating parameters for RUSLE2; selection of input values for RUSLE2; and developing and saving management operations for RUSLE2. In addition, real field examples will be used in the workshop to determine risk calculations of the Iowa Phosphorus Index and how to incorporate these numbers into manure and nutrient management planning requirements.

New for this workshop will be the inclusion of parameters for RUSLE2 and P Index calculations on snow-covered or frozen ground. Soil sampling requirements for manure management plans will also be discussed.

The cost of the workshop is $160 if registered on or prior to Dec. 10; the fee is $175 for registering after Dec. 10. The workshop fee includes handout materials, refreshments and lunch. Because software will be provided, participants are required to bring a MS Windows compatible laptop equipped with a CD-ROM drive and Microsoft Excel software. Participants must have their administrator password to the computer they bring in order to install software. The workshop is limited to 30 participants.

Registration, program information and directions to the workshop are available on-line.

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