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The Weed Biology Clinic on August 25 is a half-day program focusing on changes in weed populations in response to management practices. Participants will gain an understanding of processes affecting weed population dynamics and how these processes interact with herbicides and other management strategies. Registration is $50 and 3 pest management CCA credits are available.

On September 7, the Alfalfa Clinic meets to look at profitable forage production and what it takes to improve yields. Alfalfa growth and development, pest management, nutrient management, and establishment practices will be discussed. Registration is $145. CCA credits: 4.0 crop management, 2.0 pest management, and 0.5 nutrient management.

Crop diseases have taken the spotlight as Asian soybean rust becomes a reality in the United States. However, there are other diseases that factor into crop production. The Late-season Disease Clinic on September 8 will focus on foliar and stalk diseases of corn, foliar and root diseases of soybeans, and soybean cyst nematodes. Registration is $145. CCA credits: 5.5 pest management.

The IOWATER Workshop is a new addition to the FEEL lineup. This two-day program on September 13-14 is conducted by the Iowa Department of Natural Resources. This event focuses on the "whys" and "hows" of water monitoring. Participants will receive a testing kit and class materials. In addition to classroom activities, students will spend time in the stream and riparian buffer strip at FEEL doing actual monitoring activities. Cost is $25 with an additional $25 for those seeking the 8.0 soil and water CCA credits.

The Soils Clinic on September 15 provides information and training related to the effects of soil management practices and equipment effects on the physical, chemical, and biological properties of the soil. Students will spend time in the soil pit and other in-field demonstrations. Registration is $145 and includes 5.0 soil and water CCA credits.

Additional information for each of these events, as well as online registration, is available at www.aep.iastate.edu [1]. Registrations must be received no later than 48 hours prior to the class. Walk-in registration is not available.
Tom Fenton discusses soil profiles with students during the Soil Management Clinic. (Brent Pringnitz)

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