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Abstract
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- Effects of wind, hail, frost, and date of planting on corn
- Narrow-row corn
- Soybean root health, inoculants, and seed treatments
- Use of starter fertilizers in corn and injury symptoms from misuse
- Crop disease identification and management in corn and soybeans
- Identification of Asian soybean rust
- Small grain identification, production, and management
- Use of cover crops
- Weed competition effects and timing of application in glyphosate-tolerant crops
- Herbicide injury symptoms and interactions
- Changes in soil bulk density and mechanical strength from subsoiling
- Demonstrations on how to reduce herbicide drift through nozzle selection
- Comparison of Bt and non-Bt corn rootworm-resistant hybrids
- Soybean insecticide treatments
- Impacts of different tillage systems on residue management
- Weed identification
- Alfalfa establishment methods with and without nurse crops and herbicides
- Soil compaction demonstrations
- Alternative crops for Iowa
Each clinic has been approved for the following Certified Crop Adviser (CCA) Continuing Education Units (CEUs):

- 4 crop management
- 4 pest management
- 2 soil and water management
- 1 nutrient management

Clinics will be held July 11–12 and July 18–19. Space is limited for each session, and registrations are accepted on a first-come, first-paid basis. Walk-in registrations are not accepted.

The complete brochure describing course offerings, registration materials, and online registration is available from the Agribusiness Education Program Web site at www.aep.iastate.edu. For more information, you can also call 515-432-9548.

Participation in a FEEL Crop Diagnostic Clinic is an excellent way to sharpen your crop production and protection skills and receive CCA credits. We hope to see you at one of the clinics next month!

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**Plant Diseases**

**Soybean rust outlook—June 5**

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**Status of soybean rust.** In last week’s sentinel plot teleconference, no new detections of soybean rust were reported in the South. Extensive survey and monitoring efforts have been carried out on soybean and kudzu plants and results suggest that the disease is still limited to Florida and southern Georgia. Computer models continue to show decreased northward movement of spores produced now in Florida compared with late April and early May.

**Disease outlook.** The observed development of soybean rust is slower than most people expected. However, it is too early to say the risk of having epidemics of this disease in the U.S. soybean production regions is diminished. The northern region is still within the window of having some outbreaks in the summer if new development of the disease is found during June in southern states. However, the risk is decreasing as the season is approaching July if no new development is found in Gulf Coast states (excluding Florida) and the Delta states. The key months for development of soybean rust in northern states are July and August. If widespread outbreaks of the disease occur in the South before late July, Iowa is likely to see the disease in August, with level of severity depending on the weather that month.

The latest climate outlook by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) shows an above-average temperature trend in the South for the months of June, July, and August, which is good news because high temperatures slow rust development. NOAA’s outlook also shows a below-average precipitation trend for June, which should not be a concern since the disease may not reach these regions yet.

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