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The first workshop will be held on December 8, 2005, at the Dows Convention Center in Dows, and the second workshop will be held December 16, 2005, at the Bingley Building, Marion County Fairgrounds in Knoxville. The workshops start at 9 a.m. and end at 4 p.m. each day.

These workshops will provide training to service providers who are planning to work with livestock producers in developing nutrient and manure management plans to meet both DNR and NRCS requirements. Participants will learn where to find the necessary software and how to install it on their computers, how to determine critical areas in the field, how to determine erosion rates using RUSLE2, how to calculate P Index vulnerability ratings, and how to incorporate these numbers into manure management planning requirements. Participants also will discuss soil sampling requirements for manure management plans.

The cost of the workshop is $100 if registration is received on or before December 2, and $125 after December 2. Registration is limited to 25 people at each workshop. Each participant is required to bring a Microsoft Windows-compatible laptop with Windows 98 or newer operating system and equipped with a CD-ROM drive and Microsoft Excel software. Please make sure you have administrator rights to your computer to install software.

For more information, please see the complete program agenda and registration form online at http://extension.agron.iastate.edu/immag/info/rusle2dec05.pdf. Questions regarding these workshops should be directed to Kapil Arora at 515-382-6551 or Angela Rieck-Hinz at 515-294-9590.

Angela Rieck-Hinz discusses soil sampling at the February 22, 2005, RUSLE2 and Iowa P Index Workshop held at the county extension office in Iowa Falls. (Kelvin Leibold)

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