FieldWatch® Launches New Pilot Program in Iowa

Kristine Schaefer
Iowa State University, schaefer@iastate.edu

Follow this and additional works at: https://lib.dr.iastate.edu/cropnews

Part of the Agricultural Science Commons, and the Agriculture Commons

Recommended Citation
https://lib.dr.iastate.edu/cropnews/2624

The Iowa State University Digital Repository provides access to Integrated Crop Management News for historical purposes only. Users are hereby notified that the content may be inaccurate, out of date, incomplete and/or may not meet the needs and requirements of the user. Users should make their own assessment of the information and whether it is suitable for their intended purpose. For current information on integrated crop management from Iowa State University Extension and Outreach, please visit https://crops.extension.iastate.edu/.
FieldWatch® Launches New Pilot Program in Iowa

Abstract
FieldWatch®, an online system designed to foster communications between growers, beekeepers, and pesticide applicators, is launching a new pilot program in Iowa in 2020 called SeedFieldCheck.

Disciplines
Agricultural Science | Agriculture
FieldWatch® Launches New Pilot Program in Iowa

April 20, 2020

FieldWatch®, an online system designed to foster communications between growers, beekeepers, and pesticide applicators, is launching a new pilot program in Iowa in 2020 called SeedFieldCheck.

SeedFieldCheck provides near real-time information to pesticide applicators regarding where and when seed field workers will be present in seed production fields. Seed companies will have the ability to make edits or update plans quickly and broadly share current and planned worker locations with pesticide applicators. This information will be available to any certified pesticide applicator doing business in their area, provided that applicator has registered on FieldWatch®.

The SeedFieldCheck system is within the FieldCheck® platform in FieldWatch®. Seed companies will work directly with FieldWatch to upload seed field sites and identify “data stewards” to help ensure data accuracy. Registered applicators will be able to see the locations that have a “planned” or “occupied” status. A seed field that has a “planned” status indicates that workers are planned for that seed field the following day. A field with an “occupied” status designates that workers are currently working in that seed field.

Pesticide applicators will still need to ensure there are no field workers in a field before pesticide applications. It’s possible that not all workers will be registered in SeedFieldCheck.

This program is only offered in Iowa during the 2020 growing season with the intent to expand the program in 2021. SeedFieldCheck is a joint effort of the Iowa Seed Association, the Iowa Agricultural Aviation Association, and FieldWatch.
For a demonstration on how to sign up as an applicator, visit: https://fieldwatch.com/applicatordemo/.

For more information, view the SeedFieldCheck Flyer.

Links to this article are strongly encouraged, and this article may be republished without further permission if published as written and if credit is given to the author, Integrated Crop Management News, and Iowa State University Extension and Outreach. If this article is to be used in any other manner, permission from the author is required. This article was originally published on April 20, 2020. The information contained within may not be the most current and accurate depending on when it is accessed.

Category:  Pesticide Education
Tags:  FieldWatch  seedfieldcheck  pesticide applicators  beekeepers  seed fields

Author:

Kristine Schaefer  PSEP Program Manager
Kristine is the program manager for the Pesticide Safety Education Program (PSEP) at Iowa State University Extension and Outreach.

...