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Kura clover, a forage legume, can be used as a living mulch system to reduce tillage, and subsequently reduce soil erosion and loss of phosphorous and nitrogen to surface water. (Palle Pedersen)

A one-day workshop will be held on this topic on March 8, 2007, at the Seed Science Center.
auditorium at Iowa State University. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. The workshop will begin at 10 a.m. and conclude at 3:30 p.m. To register for this event or for more information, visit the Agribusiness Education Program Web site. The fee for this workshop is $35, which includes lunch. Registrations will not be accepted at the door. The final day for registration is March 5, 2007. For questions about registration, e-mail aep@iastate.edu or call (515) 294-6429.

For Certified Crop Advisers (CCA), this workshop is an excellent opportunity to obtain additional continuing education credits. The following CCA credits have been applied for: 2.5 crop management and 1.5 soil and water management.

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