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Abstract
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2. Click on the “Launch Music Store” tab under the blue tab “iPod + iTunes.”
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5. A new page appears showing the title “BugCast with Marlin Rice” and a red “Iowa State University” box. Click on the red box and a list of BugCasts will appear.

The podcasts can be downloaded and viewed on an iPod if you have one, or they can be watched and listened to on your computer.

We believe these BugCasts are the first insect-related podcasts to be posted on the Internet. I remember a line from the movie Field of Dreams about building a baseball diamond in the middle of an Iowa corn field—“If you build it, they will come.” Hopefully, this new technology will find a place in communicating relevant information to agronomists, certified crop advisers, and field scouts on insects and their management in Iowa field crops, and that over time, more and more people will become accustomed to using it. If you have suggestions on how future BugCasts could benefit you and your understanding of insects, then please contact me at merice@iastate.edu.

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Announcements

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by Brent Pringnitz, Agribusiness Education Program

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A Soybean Rust First Detector training session is being held on Tuesday, June 20, at the Field Extension Education Laboratory (FEEL), approximately 5 miles west of Ames. At this session, attendees will receive details about the statewide detection system and hear the industry and regulatory perspectives on Asian soybean rust as well as training on identifying soybean rust and distinguishing it from other commonly occurring soybean diseases. Three Certified Crop Adviser Continuing Education Units (CEUs) in the Pest Management category will be earned for participating in the training. Registration is $20 and can be paid by check or credit card at the door. Preregistration is not required for this program. Check-in on the day of the training begins at 8:30 a.m., and the program runs from 9 a.m. to noon. More information about the training session can be found at the Agribusiness Education Program Web site, www.aep.iastate.edu or by calling (515) 432-9548.

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