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"We intend this to be for farmers who are students of farming," says Paul Kassel, Iowa State University Extension crop production specialist in northwest Iowa. He also says, "It's for those who desire more information - farmers, agribusiness professionals, farm managers and seed dealers. It's a statewide program offering in-depth crop education for Iowa farmers."

Topics Tailored to You

First, there is a general session at each location that is similar throughout the state. It covers topics of interest to all farmers. Then, many of the conferences have workshops or breakout sessions tailored to specific issues in that area of the state.

Each local conference in 2004 features two key speakers. Palle Pedersen, Iowa State University Extension soybean agronomist, will discuss "How to Grow 100 Bushel/Acre Soybeans." Elwynn Taylor, Iowa State University Extension climatologist, will present the "Crop Weather Outlook for 2004." The workshops and breakout sessions feature other Iowa State University Extension specialists presenting information on soil fertility, pest management, marketing, and crop production.

Continuing education credits for Certified Crop Advisers are available at each of the conferences. Many of the locations will also offer private pesticide applicator recertification. For details on credit offerings, applicator recertification, or to view any of the conference programs, visit www.cropadvantage.org

To register for any of the Crop Advantage Series meetings, visit http://www.cropadvantage.org or contact the host of the meeting or your local county extension office. Information is also available from the Agribusiness Education Program at (515) 294-6429 or aep@iastate.edu.

2004 Crop Advantage Series meetings
For locations, times, and program content contact the hosts or visit http://www.cropadvantage.org.

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