

- **U of I Extension Regional & State Commercial Agriculture/Horticulture Programs**
  - **Illinois Agriculture and Horticulture Commodity & Industry Programs**
  - **National & Regional Professional Society/Association Meetings**

### **University of Illinois Plant Clinic**

The University of Illinois Plant Clinic opened for the growing season on May 1, 2009. The Plant Clinic provides a service to Extension and to the general public, offering unbiased plant problem diagnosis and access to opinions of specialists in multiple disciplines, funneled through one location. All plant samples should be sent to *Plant Clinic, 1401 W. St. Mary's Road, Urbana, IL 61802* and include the diagnosis support fee and a specimen data form. For information about the clinic, fees, location, and how to submit samples, visit the web site at <http://plantclinic.cropsci.uiuc.edu/>.

- USDA Soybean Rust Information Site**      <http://www.sbrusa.net/>  
**Illinois Soybean Rust Information**      <http://www.soybeanrust.org/>  
**2009 Illinois County Fair Schedule**      <http://www.agr.state.il.us/fair/countyfairssched.php>

### **University of Illinois Department of Crop Sciences, Research & Demonstration Centers Field Days & Southern Illinois University and Western Illinois University Research Farm Field Days**

- June 11, 2009: University of Illinois Extension Ewing Field Day, 9:00 am, for further information contact Dennis Epplin, 618-242-9310, [depplin@illinois.edu](mailto:depplin@illinois.edu)
- June 24, 2009: Weed Science Field Day, 8:00 am, Crop Sciences Research & Education Center, Urbana, IL, for further information contact Doug Maxwell, 217-265-0344, [dmaxwell@illinois.edu](mailto:dmaxwell@illinois.edu)
- June 25, 2009: WIU Research Center Field Day, 1:00 pm, Macomb, IL, for further information contact Gordon Roskamp, 309-298-1569.
- July 9, 2009: SIU Bellville Research Center Field Day, 9:00 am, Belleville, IL, for further information contact Ron Krausz, 618-566-4761.
- July 16, 2009: University of Illinois Northern Illinois Agronomy Research Center Field Day, 4:00 pm, Shabbona, IL, for further information contact Lyle Paul, 815-824-2029, [lylepaul@illinois.edu](mailto:lylepaul@illinois.edu)
- July 30, 2009: University of Illinois Brownstown Agronomy Research Center Field Day, 9:00 am, Brownstown, IL, for further information contact Robert Bellm, 618-692-9434, [rcbellm@illinois.edu](mailto:rcbellm@illinois.edu)
- August 6, 2009: University of Illinois Dixon Springs Agricultural Center Field Day, 8:00 am, Simpson, IL, for further information contact Steve Ebelhar, 618-695-2790, [sebelhar@illinois.edu](mailto:sebelhar@illinois.edu)
- August 13, 2009: University of Illinois Agronomy Field Day, 7:00 am, Crop Sciences Research & Education Center Urbana, IL, for further information contact Sharon Conatser, 217-333-4256, [sconatse@illinois.edu](mailto:sconatse@illinois.edu)
- August 19, 2009: University of Illinois Orr Agricultural Research & Demonstration Center Field Day, 4:00 pm, Perry, IL, for further information contact Mike Vose, 217-236-4911.
- August 20, 2009: University of Illinois Northwestern Illinois Agricultural Research & Demonstration Center Field Day, 8:00 am, Monmouth, IL for further information contact Eric Adee, 309-734-7459, [adee@illinois.edu](mailto:adee@illinois.edu)
- September 10, 2009: University of Illinois Extension Ewing Field Day, 9:00 am, for further information contact Dennis Epplin, 618-242-9310, [depplin@illinois.edu](mailto:depplin@illinois.edu)

### **Crops Training Center Field Days**

Northern Illinois Agronomy Research Center, Shabbona, IL, pre-registration due one week prior to program date, for further information contact Greg Clark, University of Illinois Extension, Whiteside Unit, 815-772-4075, [gmclark@illinois.edu](mailto:gmclark@illinois.edu)

- June 3, 2009: Corn Nematode Management & Insect Trap Monitoring, 9:00 am – Noon.
- July 6, 2009, Sprayer Technology & In-Season Crop Updates, 9:00 am – noon
- August 11, 2009, Soil Fertility & Plant Disease/Fungicide Update, 9:00 am – noon

### **4 Seasons Garden Telenet Series**

Offered by numerous County Extension Unit Offices via teleconferencing system

#### **Spring 2009**

- May 12, 1:00 pm & May 14, 7:00 pm, Building a Basic Water Garden

#### **Summer 2009**

- June 16, 1:00 pm & June 18, 7:00 pm, Turf Diseases
- June 30, 1:00 pm & July 2, 7:00 pm, Don't Blame the Plant: Abiotic Disorders
- July 14, 1:00 pm & July 16, 7:00 pm, Landscaping on the Wild Side

#### **Fall 2009**

- September 15, 1:00 pm & September 17, 7:00 pm, Tree ID
- September 29, 1:00 pm & October 1, 7:00 pm, Poisonous Plants
- October 13, 1:00 pm & October 15, 7:00 pm, Bonsai

### **2009 Sustainable Agriculture Tours**

Registration requested one week prior to the tours and a registration cost of \$20 per person. To register and for more details including program agenda and tour location go to [http://web.extension.uiuc.edu/smallfarm/ag\\_tours.cfm](http://web.extension.uiuc.edu/smallfarm/ag_tours.cfm) To register by phone contact Donna Cray, 217-241-4644.

- May 14, 2009: Open Range Products, Pecatonica, IL; Eickman's Processing, Seward, IL, 9:00 am – 2:00 pm, Winnebago, IL
- June 19, 2009: Growing Strawberries Naturally, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm, Jed's Farm, Thompsonville, IL, Franklin County
- July 7, 2009: Grass Fed Beef, Pastured Chickens and Eggs, Meadow Haven Farm, Grass N' Grow Farm, Sheffield, IL, Bureau County
- August 13, 2009: Creative Community Co-Op Farming, Basu Natural Farms, Pembroke, IL, Kankakee County
- August 15, 2009: Raising Elk and Innovative Farming, Mackinaw Valley Elk Farm; Blue Schoolhouse Farm, Congerville, IL, Woodford County
- September 22, 2009: Fresh Fruit & Vegetables, River Front Berry Farm, Martinton, IL, Iroquois County

### **Is Entrepreneurial Farming for You?**

\$30 per person workshop, for program registration contact The Land Connection, 847-570-0701 or go online at <http://www.thelandconnection.org/farmers/dreams.cfm>.

- June 1, 2009: 5:00 pm – 9:00 pm, University of Illinois Extension, Cass County Unit Office, 651 Job Street, Virginia, IL

- June 16, 2009: 5:00 pm – 9:00 pm, University of Illinois Extension, Logan County Unit Office, 980 N. Postville Drive, Lincoln, IL
- June 22, 2009: 5:00 pm – 9:00 pm, Pembroke Community Center, 13647 E. Central Avenue, St. Anne, Kankakee County
- June 29, 2009: 5:00 pm – 9:00 pm, University of Illinois Extension, Moultrie-Douglas Unit Office, 122 S. Walnut Street, Arthur, IL

### **Utilizing Cover Crops in Conventional Cropping Systems – A Three Part Telenet Series**

Offered by numerous County Extension Unit Offices via teleconferencing system

- August 26, 2009: Part 1 – Cover Crop Concepts, Noon - 1:30 pm
- September 9, 2009: Part 2 – Cover Crop Species and Their Management, Noon – 1:30 pm
- September 30, 2009 : Part 3 – Cover Crop Economics, Noon – 1:30 pm

### **Natural Resources Management Telenet Series**

Offered by numerous County Extension Unit Offices via teleconferencing system

- August 31, 2009: Field to Furnace-Miscanthus as an Energy Crop, 1:30 pm & 6:30 pm
- October 5, 2009: Prairie Restoration Techniques, 1:30 pm & 6:30 pm
- November 12, 2009: Windbreaks and their Installation, 1:30 pm & 6:30 pm

### **2010 Illinois Regional Crop Management Conferences**

- February 2-3, 2010, Southern Illinois Crop Management Conference, Rend Lake Conference Center, Whittington, IL, for further information contact Dennis Epplin, Mount Vernon Extension Center, 618-242-9310, [depplin@illinois.edu](mailto:depplin@illinois.edu)
- February 3-4, 2010: West Central Illinois Crop Management Conference, Northfield Inn Conference Center, Springfield, IL, for further information contact Robert Bellm, Edwardsville Extension Center, 618-692-9434, [rbellm@illinois.edu](mailto:rbellm@illinois.edu)
- February 16-17, 2010: East Central Illinois Crop Management Conference, I Hotel & Conference Center, Champaign, IL, for further information contact Dennis Bowman, Champaign Extension Center, 217-333-4901, [ndbowman@illinois.edu](mailto:ndbowman@illinois.edu)
- February 17-18, 2010: Northern Illinois Crop Management Conference, Kishwaukee College Convention Center, Malta, IL, for further information contact Greg Clark, Whiteside County Extension Unit, 815-772-4075, [gmclark@illinois.edu](mailto:gmclark@illinois.edu)

### **Regional, State & National Meetings**

- May 12, 2009: Safer Pest Management for Illinois Schools, Integrated Pest Management Workshop, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm, The Gateway Building, 200 NE Water Street, Peoria, IL, for further information call 773-878-7378, ext 207, [www.spcpweb.org/training](http://www.spcpweb.org/training)
- May 14, 2009: Tree Fruit Twilight Meeting, 5:30 pm, Eckert's Orchard, Grafton, IL, Jersey County
- May 16, 2009: Evaluating Soil Quality & Soil Maps, 1:30 pm – 4:30 pm, Prairie Fruit Farms, Champaign, IL, <http://web.extension.uiuc.edu/smallfarm/events.cfm>
- May 20, 2009: Pond Management Workshop, 6:00 pm – 8:30 pm, McCully Heritage Project, Kampsville, IL, for further information contact University of Illinois Extension, Calhoun/Jersey Unit, 618-576-2293, <http://web.extension.uiuc.edu/county/eventdetail.cfm?id=48278&OfficeID=54&InterestAreaID=&ProgramArea=>

- May 21, 2009: Chickens 101 – Basics of a Backyard Flock, 6:00 pm – 8:30 pm, McCully Heritage Project, Kampsville, IL, for further information contact University of Illinois Extension, Calhoun/Jersey Unit, 618-576-2293, <http://web.extension.uiuc.edu/county/eventdetail.cfm?id=48329&OfficeID=54&InterestAreaID=&ProgramArea=>
- May 23, 2009: Equipment for Small Farms, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm, Spence Farm Fairbury, IL, Livingston County, <http://web.extension.uiuc.edu/smallfarm/events.cfm>
- May 23, 2009: Grape Growers Workshop, 10:00 am, Lazy L Grape Ranch, Mechanicsburg, IL, Sangamon County, pre-registration requested, for further information contact Elizabeth Wahle, 618-692-9434, [wahle@illinois.edu](mailto:wahle@illinois.edu)
- June 2-4, 2009: National Value Added Agriculture Conference, Moline, IL <http://nvaa2009.homestead.com/>
- June 11, 2009: Illinois Summer Horticulture Day, 8:30 am, Royal Oak Farm, Harvard, IL, McHenry County, pre-registration requested, for further information contact Illinois State Horticultural Society, 309-530-7678, [ilsthortsoc@yahoo.com](mailto:ilsthortsoc@yahoo.com)
- June 18, 2009: Beekeeping Basics, 6:00 pm – 8:30 pm, McCully Heritage Project, Kampsville, IL, for further information contact University of Illinois Extension, Calhoun/Jersey Unit, 618-576-2293, <http://web.extension.uiuc.edu/county/eventdetail.cfm?id=48549&OfficeID=54&InterestAreaID=&ProgramArea=>
- June 21-23, 2009: American Forage and Grassland Council Annual Conference, Amway Grand Plaza Hotel, Grand Rapids, MI, [www.afgc.org](http://www.afgc.org)
- June 25, 2009: Small Grains Program, 5:30 pm, University of Illinois Northern Illinois Agronomy Research Center, Shabbona, IL, to pre-register contact the Illinois Wheat Association, 309-557-3662, [lenschow@ilfb.org](mailto:lenschow@ilfb.org)
- June 30, 2009: University of Illinois Dudley Smith Farm Field Day, University of Illinois Extension Christian County, <http://web.extension.uiuc.edu/christian/index.html>
- July 14-16, 2009: InfoAg 2009, Crowne Plaza, Springfield, IL, <http://www.infoag.org/>
- July 22-24, 2009: American Society of Agronomy, North Central Branch Meeting, Kalahari Resort, Wisconsin Dells, WI, <https://www.crops.org/membership/branches/northcentral/>
- July 31, 2009: Illinois Forage Expo, Keith Meier Farm, 205 North Dakota Road, Ridott, IL, Stephenson County, for further information contact University of Illinois Extension, Stephenson County Unit, 815-235-4125.
- August 6, 2009: Farmland Preservation Conference, LaSalle/Peru area, for further information contact John Church, [churchj@illinois.edu](mailto:churchj@illinois.edu)
- August 10-13, 2009: Visions of a Sustainable Mississippi River Conference, Double Tree Hotel, Collinsville, IL, <http://www.conferences.uiuc.edu/mississippiriver/index.html>
- August 14-23, 2009: Illinois State Fair, Springfield, IL, <http://www.agr.state.il.us/isf/>
- September 1-3, 2009, Farm Progress Show, Decatur, IL, <http://www.farmprogressshow.com>
- September 15-17, 2009: National Small Farm Conference, Hilton Springfield & Prairie Capital Convention Center, Springfield, IL <http://www.conferences.uiuc.edu/conferences/conferenceviewer2/view.cfm?conf=20033>
- October 14-17, 2009: Midwest Environmental Education Conference (sponsored by Environmental Education Association of Illinois), I Hotel & Conference Center, Champaign, IL [http://www.eeai.net/annual\\_conf.htm](http://www.eeai.net/annual_conf.htm)

- October 20-22, 2009: 12<sup>th</sup> Biennial Conference on the Management of the Illinois River System, Pere Marquette, Peoria, IL <http://www.isws.illinois.edu/hilites/confinfo/bgcmirs/>
- November 1-5, 2009: American Society of Agronomy/Crop Science Society of America/Soil Science Society of America Annual Meetings, Pittsburgh, PA, <https://www.acsmeetings.org/>
- December 1-2, 2009: Illinois Ag Masters Conference, I Hotel and Conference Center, Champaign, IL

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