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registration fee courtesy of the Wisconsin CCA Board. A link to the brochure that contains an agenda and registration information is: <http://tinyurl.com/loturb>.

The TNMP workshops are a joint effort of the University of Wisconsin-Extension, UW-Madison Department of Soil Science, Discovery Farms Program, Nutrient and Pest Management Program, the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, and the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service.

For more information about the workshop or to request registration materials, contact Scott Sturgul at 608-262-7486, ssturgul@wisc.edu. To register for the workshop, contact Carol Duffy at 608-262-0485, cjduffy@wisc.edu.

Crop Diagnostic Training Center 2009 Workshops Approaching

Download the two page workshop flyer and registration form >>> [CDTC 2009 brochure](#)

Crop & Pest Management Workshop

A multi-disciplinary and in-depth workshop covering agronomic concerns ranging from identification of crop and pest production problems to management options within production systems.

Registration Fee: \$50 (2 tiered fee: \$50 by 7/18/09; \$60 after 7/18/09)

Date: July 28, 2009

Location: Arlington Ag Research Station

CCA CEU's: 1.5 Nutrient Management, 1.5 Crop Management, 4.5 Pest Management

Diagnostic Troubleshooting Workshop

This Workshop gives you the opportunity to fine tune your crop diagnostic skills in a fun and interactive setting. Small groups will rotate through field problems with UW Specialists role playing as farmers.

Registration Fee: \$50 (2 tiered fee: \$50 by 8/8/09; \$60 after 8/8/09)

Date: August 18, 2009

Location: Arlington Ag Research Station

CCA CEU's: to be determined

Training for Nutrient Management Planners Workshops

Scott Sturgul, NPM Program

Two workshops designed for current and potential nutrient management plan writers in Wisconsin will be offered in late summer and early fall. The intent of these two-day workshops is to provide in-depth training on the preparation of quality nutrient management plans. The program is designed for production agronomists and county-based conservation staff involved in nutrient management programs. Others are welcome to attend as well. Participants will work in small groups to prepare a functional plan for a real Wisconsin farm. The workshops will be held on August 31 and September 1, 2009 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Madison on September 28 and 29, 2009 at the Stoney Creek Inn in Wausau.

The 2009 *Training for Nutrient Management Planners Workshops* are revised versions of similar programs offered in 2000, 2001, 2003, and 2005. Updated topics include: 1) Current federal and state program requirements. 2) Introduction to new nutrient management planning tools. 3) Overview of the SNAP-Plus nutrient management planning software program.

Enrollment in each workshop is limited to 80 participants. Advance registration for the workshop is required and the registration fee is \$200 per person. The registration deadlines are August 21, 2009 for the Madison workshop and September 18, 2009 for the Wausau workshop. Wisconsin Certified Crop Advisors (CCAs) will receive a \$50.00 discount on the

Healthy Grown Certified Potato Farms Develop Ecological Restoration Standard

Deana Knuteson, NPM Program, UW-Madison

The Healthy Grown eco-label program has added a natural community standard to restore non-agricultural lands and privately owned farmlands. In 2007, the new ecosystem conservation section to the standards called the Natural Community Standard was unveiled. To obtain certification, each farm develops a grower plan for managing selected natural areas and documenting activities. During the 2008 growing season, over 400 acres were restored due to this standard. This growing season should see expansion to the acres in the program, and to ensure credibility, growers are asked to maintain records to promote proper execution of their individual farm plans.

The standard consists of targets identified in the Central Wisconsin regional plan that protect specific habitats (oak savanna, river bottom forest, prairie, oak/pine barrens, sedge meadows, and Karner blue butterfly areas). Growers must perform restoration activities on prioritized lands on their farms. These activities (such as cutting, burning, planting of native species, and/or controlling invasive species) will ensure the protection of the ecosystem targets, enhancing the biodiversity within the growers landscapes and ultimately for the entire region. The protections of these areas are audited by verifying specific activities done by growers on their individual farms.

For more information about the program, contact Deana Knuteson at dknuteson@wisc.edu or 608-265-9798. For specific ecological and conservation questions, contact Alison Duff (ecosystem coordinator at the International Crane Foundation) at alison@savingcranes.org or 608-356-9462 ext. 157.

Wisconsin Vegetable Crop Update, 2009-3

Alvin J. Bussan, Potato and Vegetable Cropping Systems Specialist, UW-Madison, Department of Horticulture

Vegetable Crop Update newsletter issue three is out! This marks the third newsletter of the 2009 year. Weekly updates should be available as disease, insect, weed, fertility, and crop progress changes.

Upcoming events include:

Friday, July 17, 2009 – Lelah Starks Foundation Seed Farm Tour, Rhinelander

Thursday, August 6, 2009 – Potato Field Day, Hancock Ag Research Station

Friday, August 7, 2009 – Langlade Co. Potato Field Day, Antigo

The third issue has been posted on the IPCM web site on a new page titled appropriately: The Vegetable Crop Update

page. Look for a new menu item under "WCM-News" to find this page, or click here >>>

<http://ipcm.wisc.edu/WCMNews/VegCropUpdate/tabid/115/Default.aspx>

UW-Extension/Madison Plant Disease Diagnostic Clinic (PDDC) Update

Brian Hudelson, Ann Joy, Amy Gibbs, and Brooke Weber, Plant Disease Diagnostics Clinic

The PDDC receives samples of many plant samples from around the state. The following diseases/disorders have been identified at the PDDC since June 24, 2009:

PLANT /SAMPLE TYPE	DISEASE /DISORDER	PATHOGEN	COUNTY
FIELD CROPS			
Corn	Eyespot	<i>Aureobasidium zeae</i>	Dane
Wheat	Powdery Mildew	<i>Oidium</i> sp.	Green
FRUIT CROPS			
Apple	Black Rot	<i>Sphaeropsis</i> sp.	Dane

For additional information on plant diseases and their control, visit the PDDC website at pddc.wisc.edu.

