IPCM Website Updated

The Integrated Crop and Pest Management website has moved to a new server and has been entirely updated. If you visit http://ipcm.wisc.edu you will notice a new style interface, however, all of the same information is still there. Since IPCM is the host for the Wisconsin Crop Manager newsletter, WCM also received the update. Don’t worry if you are subscribed to the email list for the WCM newsletter; you will still get the email updates as that list has not changed.

One big change to the website is the way the information is displayed will change when a user browses using a smartphone or tablet device. This makes it very easy to read on a smaller screen when you are away from your desk. Another change is that for now, WCM articles older than October of last year are located in the PDF files from newsletter issues they appeared in last years’ publications.

Besides the WCM newsletter, the IPCM website is host to program information about the University of Wisconsin Nutrient and Pest Management Program, the University of Wisconsin Integrated Pest Management Program, and the University of Wisconsin BioIPM program.

Fee Schedule for Analytical Services to be Updated

John Peters, Director, UW Soil Testing Laboratories

The UW Soil and Plant Analysis Laboratory and UW Soil and Forage Analysis Laboratory are in the process of revising their fee schedule for analytical services. There will be some modest changes in fees charged for some of the analytical services and others will remain as is. Also, the labs will be offering volume discounts for all services. These new rates and discount program will go into effect March 1, 2012. Clients of the laboratories will be getting an email detailing these changes in the coming weeks. If you have any questions about this please contact either laboratory. The contact information is listed below. Thank you for your continued
patronage of our laboratories and we look forward to continuing to serve you.

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U of M Conservation Tillage Conference in Rochester, Feb. 7-8

How-to information, expert advice, practical tips

Learn how conservation tillage can save soil, time, fuel — and money.

University of Minnesota Extension will host the seventh annual Conservation Tillage Conference and tradeshow Feb. 7 and 8, at the International Event center in Rochester, MN.

The day-and-a-half-long conference will provide practical, how-to information on nearly every aspect of conservation tillage.

Experts from the University of Minnesota, and neighboring states will present the results of extensive research comparing tillage systems, including strip tillage. In addition, experienced conservation tillage farmers will answer questions and provide management tips.

Conference topics include: precision ag solutions, weed species shift and control, nutrient management in high residue systems, strip intercropping management, soil health with reduced till systems, and vendor sessions: learn about new equipment and technology.

More information, including schedules, maps, contacts and exhibitor registration is available at www.TillageConference.com. Or contact Jodi DeJong-Hughes at 507-337-2800 or dejon003@umn.edu.

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