

CROP ADVANTAGE SERIES

DAVENPORT | January 16, 2026

Rhythm City Casino Resort
7077 Elmore Ave, Davenport, Iowa

Crop Advantage meetings provide a solid foundation of current, research-based crop production information to help make smart, informed decisions for the farming operation. Each location features topics selected for **your** fields and **your** growing conditions.

I look forward to seeing you on January 16th.



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Davenport Crop Advantage Series
location sponsors:



**Scott County Farm
Bureau**

Register early and save

\$75 early registration ends midnight,
January 9.

Late or on-site registration is **\$100.**

For more information
and to register, visit:

[https://go.iastate.edu/
cropadvantage](https://go.iastate.edu/cropadvantage) or scan

the QR code.

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Program

- 8:30** Registration opens
- 8:55** Welcome – *Virgil Schmitt, extension field agronomist*
- 9:00** 2026 Crop Climate Outlook – *Josh Bendorf, WI extension climate outreach specialist (CM)*
- 10:00** Crop Market Outlook for 2026 and Beyond – *Chad Hart, professor and extension ag economist (CM)*
- 10:50** Managing Stress on the Farm – *Barb Dunn-Swanson, human sciences specialist in family wellbeing*
- 11:05** Break
- 11:15** Waterhemp Management and Resistance Concerns – *Aaron Hager, associate professor and extension weed science specialist, UIUC (PM)*
- 12:15** Lunch (provided)
- 1:00** **Session A** (select one topic)
- Decision Support in Agriculture: Harnessing AI – *Dennis Bowman, extension specialist in digital agriculture, UIUC (CM)*
- Soil Fertility Priorities with High Input Prices and Low Commodity Prices – *John Jones, assistant professor, crop sciences and ext. specialist, agronomy and soil fertility, UIUC (NM)*
- Managing Bt Resistant Corn Rootworms and Other Corn Pests – *Nick Seiter, assistant professor and field crop entomologist, UIUC (PM)*
- 2:00** **Session B** (select one topic)
- Robots and Drones – *Dennis Bowman, extension specialist in digital agriculture, UIUC (CM)*
- Soybean Sudden Death Syndrome and Southern Rust of Corn in 2025 – *Daren Mueller, extension plant pathologist (PM)*
- Managing Bt Resistant Corn Rootworms and Other Corn Pests – *Nick Seiter, assistant professor and field crop entomologist, UIUC (PM)*
- 2:50** Break
- 3:10** **Session C** (select one topic)
- Soil Fertility Priorities with High Input Prices and Low Commodity Prices – *John Jones, assistant professor, crop sciences and ext. specialist, agronomy and soil fertility, UIUC (NM)*
- Playing Limbo with Soybean Seeding Rates and Row Spacing – *Mark Licht, associate professor and extension cropping systems specialist (CM)*
- Soybean Sudden Death Syndrome and Southern Rust of Corn in 2025 – *Daren Mueller, extension plant pathologist (PM)*
- Iowa Private Pesticide Applicator Continuing Instruction Course. **Additional fee applies. Applicators must attend the entire meeting to receive recertification credit.** – *Virgil Schmitt, extension field agronomist*
- 4:10** Meeting adjourns

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The Davenport Crop Advantage Series meeting is
presented by **Iowa State University Extension and
Outreach** in cooperation with **Illinois Extension.**



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Registration | 2026



Save time and register online at <https://go.iastate.edu/cropadvantage>

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| company or organization | | | |
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| e-mail (registration receipt and confirmation is sent via email) | | | |

*Iowa State University Extension and Outreach programs are partially funded by the USDA and are required to provide participants the opportunity to **voluntarily** self-report ethnicity, race, and gender information. This information will not be used for determining participation eligibility but rather to improve educational offerings. Information remains confidential to the extent permitted by law.*

What is your race?

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| American Indian or Alaskan Native | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Asian | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Black or African American | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| White | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Prefer not to respond | <input type="checkbox"/> |

What is your ethnicity?

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| Hispanic or Latino origin | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Not of Hispanic or Latino origin | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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What is your sex?

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| Male | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Female | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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- Registration includes lunch, refreshment breaks and CCA credits.
- Private pesticide applicator recertification is a separate \$30 fee, collected at the meeting. Applicator recertification is not included in Crop Advantage registration.
- Registrations are not accepted by phone. Register online or mail form with check.
- Early registration: \$75. Less than 7 days prior to the meeting or at the door: \$100.
- To receive the early registration price, registration must be post-marked by the early registration date.
- To switch meeting locations or to cancel your registration, email registrations@iastate.edu or call (515) 294-6222.
- If weather forces a cancellation or you cannot travel due to hazardous conditions you may switch to a remaining meeting or receive a refund.

Select location(s)

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| Sioux Center | January 6 | <input type="checkbox"/> | Davenport | January 16 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Storm Lake | January 7 | <input type="checkbox"/> | Ankeny | January 21 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Burlington | January 8 | <input type="checkbox"/> | Atlantic | January 22 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Mason City | January 9 | <input type="checkbox"/> | Iowa City | January 27 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Estherville | January 13 | <input type="checkbox"/> | Le Mars | January 28 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Waterloo | January 15 | <input type="checkbox"/> | Carroll | January 29 | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Payment

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| Early registration | \$75 per location | \$ |
| Late registration | \$100 (less than 7 days prior to meeting) | \$ |
| TOTAL | | \$ |

Are you attending the **private pesticide applicator** continuing instruction course at Crop Advantage?

– There is a separate **\$30 fee**, collected at the meeting and you must attend the entire Crop Advantage meeting to qualify.

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| yes | no |
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**Complete this form, include check payable to Iowa State University and mail to:
Registration Services, 2121 State Ave, Ames, IA 50011-3611**