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2010 Agribusiness Showcase & Conference

Innovation  Industry  Technology

The 2010 Agribusiness Showcase and Conference will feature innovative opportunities for Certified Crop Advisers (CCAs) to earn Continuing Education Units (CEUs). Two days of CEUs will offer CCAs up to 14 credit hours. The first day of the convention is the Ag Industry and Crop Management Conference where CCAs will have the chance to earn CEUs by attending various workshops and seminars. Speakers were chosen with the input and assistance of the Iowa Certified Crop Advisers; they are specialists from industry, academia, and regulatory bodies.

On the evening of the first day, February 9, the All Industry Reception, AAI Annual Meeting and CCA Awards Banquet will take place at Prairie Meadows Racetrack and Casino in Altoona. During the

Banquet Former U.S. Trade Ambassador, Allen Johnson will be presenting.

The second day of the 2010 Agribusiness Showcase and Conference will offer CEU credit hours as part of the innovative "indoor field day." The indoor field-day is a CEU event that will allow CCAs to visit with vendors about emerging technologies, innovative applications, and cutting edge stewardship practices. The Showcase floor is also open to any industry professional wishing to view the latest innovations and technology.

For additional information and to register, go to: <https://agribiz.org/content/category/11/48/140/>.

Attend the AAI Grain and Feed Forum!

AAI has assembled some of the best speakers in the nation to talk about industry trends and problems. The Grain and Feed Forum will be held February 9th, during the Agribusiness Showcase and Conference at the Varied Industries Building on the Iowa State Fairgrounds in Des Moines.

The Grain and Feed Forum speakers include: **Bob Trogele**, PhD, North America Director for FMC Agricultural Products; **Dr. Charles Hurburgh**, Director of the Grain Quality Lab at ISU; **Jim Tobin**, Director of Biotech Business Development, Monsanto; **Anjie Erbson**, Commercial and Agribusiness Leasing division of Wells Fargo Financial Services; **Kendall Keith**, President and COO of the National Grain and Feed Association; **Jim DeLong**, National Sales Manager for Bayer CropScience; and

Ambassador Allen Johnson, Ambassador and Chief Agriculture Negotiator for the United States from April 2001 until September of 2005

The event includes lunch, snack breaks, the AAI Industry Reception and Banquet at Prairie Meadows for \$75.00. In addition, everyone attending the forum will be eligible for the "Banquet Shotgun Giveaway" (Benelli shotgun).

This is an unprecedented event for our Grain and Feed members.

Please call the AAI office at 515.262.8323 with any questions or to register. Registration is available online at: <http://www.agribiz.org/showcase>.

Win more than **\$10,000** in shotguns



at the 2010 Agribusiness Showcase & Conference!

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Commercial Pesticide Applicator Training Recertification Being Offered at the Agribusiness Showcase & Conference

AAI will now be offering "Spring Commercial Pesticide Applicator Training Recertification" at the 2010 Agribusiness Showcase and Conference on February 10th!

Commercial applicators attending recertification training at the Showcase will be admitted to the tradeshow FREE (Showcase and Conference Admission is \$20.00).

Starting at 8:00 AM, certified commercial pesticide applicators may meet their yearly certification credits in the following categories:

- 1A Weed Control
- 1B Insect Control
- 1C Disease Control
- 10 Demonstration and Research

The training lasts for 2.5 hours. ISU Extension will be assisting AAI Staff during the training at the Showcase. Extension staff require that all participants seeking recertification be in the room by 8:10 am.

The program will include:

- Safe Handling and Storage of Pesticides and PPE
- Laws and Regulations
- Pests and Pest Management
- Pesticide Stewardship

This program is offered by Iowa State University Extension Pest Management and the Environment Program (PME).

Upcoming AAI Committee Meetings & Events

- AAI Board Meeting:
Feb. 9, 2010, 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm, Varied Industries Building
- Grain & Feed Forum:
Feb. 9, 2010, 1:30 pm - 5:00 pm, Varied Industries Building
- AAI Annual Meeting:
Feb. 9, 2010, 6:00 pm, Prairie Meadows Racetrack & Casino

For additional information and to view more upcoming events, go to the AAI website at www.agribiz.org for.

preregistered with a county extension office should ask the county to send Kathy Wilson an email with the applicator's name so that extension has an accurate participation list.

Kathy's contact information is:

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Applicators who have pre-registered for the extension's training should contact their local county extension staff and inform them of their interest in changing their viewing location to the 2010 Agribusiness Showcase and Conference in Des Moines.

Please inform AAI if you will be attending the training session at the Agribusiness Showcase and Conference by emailing Jackie Haley (jackie@agribiz.org) the following information: company name, contact name, contact email, phone number, number of attendees, attendee names.

Extension will be providing all the necessary paperwork and program materials at the Agribusiness Showcase and Conference in Des Moines. AAI would like to personally thank ISU Extension for providing commercial applicators the flexibility to earn recertification at the 2010 Agribusiness Showcase and Conference.

For any questions, clarifications, or assistance transferring venues please call AAI staff at (515) 262-8323. We look forward to seeing you at the 2010 Agribusiness Showcase and Conference.

Participants that have already

Senators seek to Derail EPA Authority to Regulate Greenhouse Gas Emissions

In a widely anticipated move, Sen. Lisa Murkowski, R-Alaska, on Jan. 21 introduced a joint resolution that would effectively ban the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) from regulating greenhouse gas emissions. Joined by 38 other senatorial cosponsors -- including three Democrats (Sens. Mary Landrieu, D-La., Blanche Lincoln, D-Ark., and Ben Nelson, D-Neb. -- Murkowski's resolution of disapproval would apply to EPA's greenhouse-gas endangerment finding under which the Obama administration has reserved the right to regulate carbon dioxide as a pollutant if Congress fails to enact climate-change legislation. Murkowski argued that passage of the resolution would give Congress more time to debate energy legislation and prevent a "wave of damaging new regulations." Nearly 140 agricultural organizations issued a joint letter of support of Murkowski's resolution; a similar letter was sent to the House, where Reps. Earl Pomeroy, D-N.D., and Joe Barton, R

-Texas, have introduced an identical joint resolution disapproving of EPA's endangerment-finding declaration.

Enactment of Murkowski's resolution is considered doubtful, particularly given the need to secure at least 51 Senate votes -- although she said she was in discussion with a "couple dozen" other potential Democratic supporters -- as well as subsequent approval by the House and administration. But its introduction further put in doubt the enactment of any climate-change legislation in the current session of Congress. It also focused attention among Republicans and Democrats alike on an alternative climate-change bill developed by Sens. Maria Cantwell, D-Wash., and Susan Collins, R-Maine, that would cap greenhouse gas emissions but not implement a cap-and-trade approach; instead, the Cantwell-Collins bill would implement a carbon tax and return a majority of the revenues raised directly to consumers.