



IOWA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

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*Get expert tips on construction, maintenance and repairs to help preserve your hog buildings. Join other hog producers to learn from Extension and DNR presenters at an August workshop.*

## Coming Soon: Protect Your Swine Building Investment

Keeping up with maintenance—from concrete pits to roofs and moisture management—can prolong the life of your swine barns. Starting mid-August, ISU Extension and Outreach will partner with DNR and industries to host four workshops on this important topic.

One of the highlights is a session covering new ways to ventilate attic space and prevent structural damage. Other topics include concrete pit construction, truss management and repairs to help extend the life of the building. Paul Petitti, DNR engineer, will provide tips for owners to use as the pit is built.

Livestock producers, building owners, contractors, engineers and designers can benefit by attending a workshop. Each session has the same content and agenda; meeting from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Participants should pre-register and pay the \$20 fee at the local Extension office at least two days before the meeting. If paying by credit card, please call 515-832-9597 for all locations. The registration fee covers handouts, refreshments and lunch. Walk-in registration is \$25 and will be accepted only if space is available.

- Aug. 17: Plymouth County Extension Office, 251 12th St. S.E., Le Mars, IA 51031. Call 712-546-7835 to register.
- Aug. 18: Hamilton County Fairgrounds, Ed Prince Building, 1200 Bluff St., Webster City, IA 50595. Call Hamilton County Extension Office at 515-832-9597 to register.

- Aug. 19: ISU Northeast Research Farm, 3327 290th St., Nashua, IA 50658. Call Floyd County Extension office at 641-228-1435 to register.
- Aug. 20: Washington County Extension Office, 2223 250th St., Washington, IA 52353. Call 319-653-4811 to register.

To register online or find more information, go to the [ISU website](#).

## MAC training reminder

If you haven't already taken annual training for your manure applicator certification, now is the time. Before land application starts, find three ways to complete certification on DNR's [manure applicator certification](#) pages.

## MMP Appendix A updated

Notice for those preparing manure management plans (MMPs): The county average yields now cover yields from 2016 to 2020. Find the updated yield data in Appendix A to the manure management plan (form 542-4000a) on the DNR's [AFO forms](#) page.

Almost all MMP preparers use the county average yields to calculate manure application rates. Some preparers use their own yields, but must meet certain requirements to do so.

MMPs are required for confinement (totally roofed) feeding operations that land apply manure in Iowa and have an animal unit capacity of more than 500 animal units (1,250 finishing hogs or 500 beef or immature dairy cattle). MMPs are based on the nitrogen (or phosphorus) uptake needs of the planned crop.

Find out more on the [Confinements webpage](#), including how to use the [online eMMP](#) option to file annual MMP updates.