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2011-12 certified livestock manager training workshops to be held statewide

URBANA - The 2011-12 Certified Livestock Manager (CLM) Training Workshop dates have been set with the first workshop scheduled for December 7 in Bloomington, Illinois. Eleven additional CLM Training workshops, sponsored by University of Illinois Extension, have been scheduled throughout the state from January through early March. The Illinois Livestock Management Facilities Act, passed in 1996, requires producers with more than 300 animal units in their operation to be certified in livestock manure management. Certification issued by the Illinois Department of Agriculture is valid for three years and then must be renewed.

According to Dale Baird, University of Illinois Extension specialist with the CLM program, the focus of the CLM training workshops is to share techniques and new research in manure management with Illinois livestock producers.

“Topics to be presented at this winter’s workshops include winter manure storage and management under adverse weather conditions, problems and solutions concerning feed storage runoff control and manure application in no-till systems,” said Baird. “Additional discussion topics will include manure pit storage foaming issues, carcass composting, nitrogen management of livestock manure and planning tools for manure management.”

All workshops will be presented by University of Illinois Extension specialists, and Brad Beaver, manager of the Illinois Department of Agriculture (IDOA) Livestock Facilities Program will discuss regulations and rules in the Livestock Management Facilities Act. The IDOA Certified Livestock Manager exam will be offered at the conclusion of the training program.

Workshop pre-registration is strongly encouraged, as seating may be limited. To register or purchase a CLM Training Manual or CD, call (800) 345-6087. Registration and manual prices are listed below and producers can register via credit card. If producers have a 2003 CLM manual or newer, they will not need to purchase a new manual. The Illinois Department of Agriculture certification exam is based on the CLM manual.

CLM Training Workshop Registration: \$30 per person; same farm registration \$30 for the first person and \$20 for each additional individual if registered at the same time.

CLM Manual Only: \$55 plus \$7.50 postage and handling, limited quantities available.

CLM CD Only: \$25 plus \$7.50 postage and handling

CLM Manual and CD: \$80 plus \$7.50 postage and handling

Workshop Walk-Ins: \$45 per person

The complete 2011-12 CLM Training Workshops brochure is available at www.livestocktraining.com. For additional information contact Dale Baird, Extension Specialist, Certified Livestock Training Program at clmt@illinois.edu or call (815) 978-2844. The CLM Training Workshop dates and locations are as follows:

December 7, 2011, Bloomington, IL

Location: McLean County Farm Bureau Building, 402 N. Hershey Rd., Bloomington, IL. For directions go to <http://web.extension.illinois.edu/lmw/findus.html> or call the McLean County Extension Office at (309) 663-8306. Registration will start at 8:30 am and the workshop presentations will begin at 8:50 am. **Participants arriving after 9:20 am cannot be certified for attending the workshop.** The Illinois Department of Agriculture written exam will be offered at 1:00 pm.

January 11, 2012, Simpson, IL

Location: University of Illinois Dixon Springs Agriculture Center, located on Illinois Route 145, 25 miles south of Harrisburg; from I-24, take exit 16 and go east on Illinois Route 146 about 11 miles, to Illinois Route 145, then 3 miles north. Registration will start at 8:30 am and the workshop presentations will begin at 8:50 am. **Participants arriving after 9:20 am cannot be certified for attending the workshop.** The Illinois Department of Agriculture written exam will be offered at 1:00 pm.

January 18, 2012, Newton, IL

This workshop has a swine emphasis.

Location: Sunrise Community Center, 1401 Clayton Avenue, Newton, IL (Jasper County Extension Office). For directions go to <http://web.extension.illinois.edu/cefi/findus.html> or call the Jasper County Extension Office at (618) 783-2521. This workshop will primarily be aimed at Swine producers with examples and discussion, but is open to ALL producers. Registration will start at 8:30 am and the workshop presentations will begin at 8:50 am. Participants arriving after 9:20 am cannot be certified for attending the workshop. The Illinois Department of Agriculture written exam will be offered at 1:00 pm.

January 19, 2012, Nashville, IL

This workshop has a swine emphasis.

Location: St. Paul's United Church of Christ, 330 N. Buhrman Street, Nashville, IL. For directions call the Washington County Extension Office at (618) 327-8881. This workshop will primarily be aimed at Swine producers with examples and discussion, but is open to ALL producers. Registration will start at 8:30 am and the workshop presentations will begin at 8:50 am. Participants arriving after 9:20 am cannot be certified for attending the workshop. The Illinois Department of Agriculture written exam will be offered at 1:00 pm.

January 25, 2012, Galesburg, IL.

This workshop has a swine emphasis.

Location: Knox County Extension Office, Knox Agri-Center Building, 180 South Soangetaha Rd., Suite 108, Galesburg, IL. For directions go to <http://web.extension.illinois.edu/hkmw/findus.html> or call the Knox County Extension Office at (309) 342-5108. This workshop will primarily be aimed at Swine producers with examples and discussion, but is open to **ALL** producers. Registration will start at 8:30 am and the workshop presentations will begin at 8:50 am. **Participants arriving after 9:20 am cannot be certified for attending the workshop.** The Illinois Department of Agriculture written exam will be offered at 1:00 pm.

January 26, 2012, Quincy, IL

Location: Adams County Extension Office, 330 S. 36th St., Quincy, IL.

For directions go to <http://web.extension.illinois.edu/abhps/findus.html> or call the Adams County Extension Office at (217) 223-8380. Registration will start at 8:30 am and the workshop presentations will begin at 8:50 am. **Participants arriving after 9:20 am cannot be certified**

for attending the workshop. The Illinois Department of Agriculture written exam will be offered at 1:00 pm.

February 8, 2012, Breese, IL.

This workshop has a beef/dairy emphasis.

Location: Clinton County Extension Office, 1163 North 4th Street, Breese, IL.

For directions go to <http://web.extension.illinois.edu/bcjmw/findus.html> or call the Clinton County Extension Office at (618) 526-4551. This workshop will primarily be aimed at Beef/Dairy producers with examples and discussion, but is open to **ALL** producers. Registration will start at 9:30 am and the workshop presentations begin at 9:50 am. **Participants arriving after 10:20 am cannot be certified for attending the workshop.** The Illinois Department of Agriculture written exam will be offered at 2:00 pm.

February 9, 2012, Effingham, IL.

This workshop has a beef/dairy emphasis.

Location: Effingham County Extension Office, 1209 Wenthe Drive, Effingham, IL.

For directions go to <http://web.extension.illinois.edu/cefj/findus.html> or call the Effingham County Extension Office at (217) 347-7773. This workshop will primarily be aimed at Beef/Dairy producers with examples and discussion, but is open to **ALL** producers. Registration will start at 9:30 am and the workshop presentations begin at 9:50 am. **Participants arriving after 10:20 am cannot be certified for attending the workshop.** The Illinois Department of Agriculture written exam will be offered at 2:00 pm.

February 20, 2012, Sycamore, IL.

Location: DeKalb County Farm Bureau Building, 1350 W. Prairie Drive, Sycamore, IL.

For directions go to <http://web.extension.illinois.edu/bdo/findus.html> or call the DeKalb County Extension Office at (815) 758-8194. Registration will start at 8:30 am and the workshop presentations will begin at 8:50 am. **Participants arriving after 9:20 am cannot be certified for attending the workshop.** The Illinois Department of Agriculture written exam will be offered at 1:00 pm.

February 21, 2012, Mt. Carroll, IL.

This workshop has a swine emphasis.

Location: Carroll County Farm Bureau Building, Rt 64 & Rt 78, 811 S. Clay Street, Mt Carroll, IL. For directions contact the Extension Office at (815) 835-2070. This workshop will primarily be aimed at Swine producers with examples and discussion, but is open to **ALL** producers.

Registration will start at 8:30 am and the workshop presentations will begin at 8:50 am.

Participants arriving after 9:20 am cannot be certified for attending the workshop. The Illinois Department of Agriculture written exam will be offered at 1:00 pm.

February 22, 2012, Freeport, IL.

This workshop has a beef/dairy emphasis.

Location: Stephenson County Farm Bureau Building, 210 W. Spring Street, Freeport, IL.

For directions call Stephenson County Extension Office at (815) 235-4125. This workshop will primarily be aimed at Beef/Dairy producers with examples and discussion, but is open to **ALL** producers. Registration will start at 9:30 am and the workshop presentations begin at 9:50 am. **Participants arriving after 10:20 am cannot be certified for attending the workshop.** The Illinois Department of Agriculture written exam will be offered at 2:00 pm.

March 7, 2012, Springfield, IL.

Location: Illinois Department of Agriculture Building, Auditorium, Illinois State Fairgrounds, South Gate, Springfield, Illinois. For directions call the Sangamon County Extension Office at (217) 782-4617. Registration will start at 8:30 am and the workshop presentations begin at 8:50 am. **Participants arriving after 9:20 am cannot be certified for attending the workshop.** The IL Department of Agriculture written exam will be offered at 1:00 pm.

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Local Contact: University of Illinois Extension, Rachelle Hollinshead, County Extension Director, 618/283-2753