

**Iowa Learning Farm Project
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Integrated Farm and Livestock Management Demonstration Program**

**Year-End Report
January 1-December 31, 2009**

The end of 2009 marks the successful completion of the Iowa Learning Farm's fifth year. Awareness of the program continues to grow; our Culture of Conservation video series, and accompanying curricula, and the new Adapting the Planter for No-till DVDs are regularly requested and mailed out-of-state as well as downloaded worldwide through YouTube, Facebook and the ILF web site.

Our field days have gained in popularity over the course of the program. In 2009, ILF hosted or co-hosted 13 field days and clinics across the state with total attendance of over 760 people. Our rainfall simulator continues to be a popular outreach mechanism for youth and adult audiences. In 2009, it made 20 appearances including Iowa Children's Water Festival, Des Moines and Cedar Rapids Farmers' Markets, RAGBRAI and the federal Hypoxia Task Force. Anticipation is also building for launch of our new interactive Conservation Station outreach trailer in May 2010.



New links to all of our agency partners have been forged and strengthened in 2009, and Iowa Learning Farm is recognized as a valuable advocate for soil and water quality conservation.

The need for a strong soil and water quality conservation voice has never been greater than in the face of current state budget shortfalls. We look forward to drawing upon the well of diverse talent within the Iowa Learning Farm team in 2010, using our voices and hands to sow the seeds of conservation.

—Jerry DeWitt, ILF program manager



No. Cooperators	Field Days=No. in Attendance	Meetings/Presentations=No. in Attendance	Publications/Educational Materials*=Distribution	Web Address/Known Links
29	Planter Clinic, March 4, Emmetsburg=75	PFI Annual Conference, Jan. 10-11=2009 Harpenau staffed ILF display	January= <i>Wallaces Farmer</i> article	http://magissues.farmprogress.com/WAL/WF01Jan09/wal032.pdf
	Planter Clinic, March 31, Cedar Rapids=70	Residue Matters full group meeting, Jan. 13, Des Moines = DeWitt, Harpenau, Brown	February= <i>Wallaces Farmer</i> article	http://magissues.farmprogress.com/WAL/WF02Feb09/wal026.pdf
	Cover crop field day, June 11, Pierson, IA; Woodbury Co. NRCS D.C. Jerry Sindt and farmer Lewis Byers, hosts = 60	Iowa Conservation Education Coalition Winter Solstice conference, Jan. 23-25, Lake Rathbun=Comito staffed display	March= <i>Wallaces Farmer</i> article	http://magissues.farmprogress.com/WAL/WF03Mar09/wal041.pdf
	ILF Field Day, June 17, Gordon Hunter farm, ILF Cooperator Paul Hunter, host, Winneshiek Co= 90	Conservation Partnership Day, Des Moines, Jan. 28 Comito, Olson, cooperators and ISU students staffed display	Winter 2009 Newsletter	
	Field Day, July 7, Clay County Growers site = 114	DNR Listening Session, Jan. 30, Des Moines=18	ILF 2008 Year in Review	
	ILF Field Day, July 23, Max Schmidt farm, Howard County = 35	Cooperator Meeting, Feb. 4, Ames=51	Banner for Legislative Day, in conjunction with Iowa Water Center	
	ILF/PFI field day, July 29, Fred Abels farm, Grundy County = 50	Beginning Farmer Conference, Feb. 7, Ames=125 ILF unstaffed display	March 4 Planter Clinic news release= ISU Extension distribution, NW Iowa newspapers, radio stations, NRCS offices, ISU Ext. Offices; Erin Harpenau interview on Spencer KICD farm program	
	ILF/PFI "Open House" Abbe Hills Farm (Laura Krouse), Linn County, August 2	USDA-CREES National Water Conference, Feb. 8-12, St. Louis=Comito, Helmers, Benning, McGuire	Planter Clinic flyer= NRCS and ISU Ext. Offices, Ag Partners	
	ILF water quality field day, August 5, Rick Juchems farm, Butler County = 52	DNR Listening Session, Feb. 13, Atlantic=11	DNR newsletter Clean Water Starts With Us, March issue=Watershed project story	http://watershed.iowadnr.gov/enews/wisnews0309.pdf
	ILF Field Day, August 27, Nate Ronsiek Farm, Sioux County = 60	DNR Listening Session, Feb. 16, Spencer=10	ISU College of Ag and Life Sciences alumni magazine, Spring edition (mails in June)=Comito, Rick and Liz Juchems featured in ILF article	

	ILF/LCSA Field Day, September 2, Neal Smith Wildlife Refuge, Jasper County = 50	DNR Listening Session, Feb. 20, Washington=15	Poster to Grundy County Ext. for display at Hawkeye Farm Show, Cedar Falls	
	ILF/PFI Field Day, Oct. 2:Whiterock Conservancy, Coon Rapids = 35	DNR Listening Session, Feb. 20, Manchester=10	Poster to Virgil Schmitt for ILF display for ISU Ext. Council meetings	
	Field Day, Nov. 19, Iowa Lakes Community College, Emmetsburg = 48	Residue Matters full group meeting, Feb. 24, Des Moines=Brown, Harpenau	ILF Display to Jim Patton for exhibit at Dayton Farm Show, Feb. 13	
	Soil and Water Quality Workshop, Dec. 22, Cherokee = 23	Iowa Water Conference, March 9-10, Ames ILF Display: Comito, Harpenau, Lundvall, Brown staffed Lasley, Helmers presenters	Article in <i>The Witness</i> , Archdiocese of Dubuque, March 22 publication	http://www.arch.pvt.k12.ia.us/Witness/PDFs/Culture%20Of%20Conservation.pdf
		Quad Cities Environmental Film Festival, March 28, Rock Island, IL=62 DeWitt hosted ILF films	March 31 Planter Clinic news release=ISU Extension distribution, NE Iowa newspapers, radio stations, NRCS offices, ISU Ext. Offices	
		Stormwater and Erosion Control presentation, March 19, Black Hawk County, Al-Kaisi and Dietzel=15	April=ILF Watershed stickers reprint (to give away at rainfall simulator demonstrations)	
		ISU Agribusiness Education Program Crop Advantage Series Meetings; Helmers presentation "Impacts of Extreme Precipitation Events on Performance of Conservation Practices"; Jan. 21, Ottumwa=35; Jan. 27, Carroll=55; Jan 29, Atlantic=85	April= <i>Wallaces Farmer</i> article (No-till/strip-till program)	http://magissues.farmprogress.com/WAL/WF04Apr09/wal021.pdf
		April 9, ILF Communications meeting	April=CDI Newsletter, Juchems and Gisleson profiles	http://www.cdiowa.org/PDF%20Documents/Newsletter%20April%2009.pdf
		April 16, PI presentation for 20, Ames, with Lemke, Ilvess, Gillespie, Hopkins	May= <i>Wallaces Farmer</i> article (economics article)	http://magissues.farmprogress.com/WAL/WF05May09/wal018.pdf
		April 22, Edgewood-Colesburg Community Schools Outdoor Classroom (rainfall simulator)	May =ILF Spring Newsletter	
		April 28-May 7, Ag and Environment Days, Eagle Grove (rainfall simulator)	May=Iowa Environmental Council newsletter (video story)	

		May 5, Residue Matters meeting, Federal Bldg, Des Moines (DeWitt, Brown)	June=Woodbury Co. Field Day flyers (emailed to local Ext., NRCS and SWCD offices)	
		May 7, Presentation to State Soil Conservation Committee, Wallace Bldg, Des Moines (DeWitt, Brown)	June=Woodbury Co Field Day news release	
		May 7, Conservation Partner Day planning meeting, Des Moines (Brown)	June=Winneshiek Co. Field Day postcards (mailed to NRCS office)	
		May 8, Fremont SWCD 5th Grade Outdoor Classroom, Waubonsie State Park (rainfall simulator)	June=Winneshiek Field Day flyers (mailed to Winneshiek Ext., SWCD and NRCS local offices)	
		May 8, ILF team meeting	June=Winneshiek Co. Field Day news release	
		May 12, NRCS/SWCD Outdoor Classroom, Buena Vista County Conservation Park, Peterson	June=Information sheets (4) and supplement sheets (8)	
		May 13, Communications team meeting	June=ISU College of Ag Alumni magazine, STORIES, ILF article	http://www.ag.iastate.edu/stories/archives/2009spring/PartnerILF.php
		May 13, NRCS/SWCD Outdoor Classroom, Clay Co., Kindlespire County Park, Webb (rainfall simulator)	June=Curriculum booklet for middle school and curriculum booklet for high school/jr college	
		May 14, Iowa Children's Water Festival, DMACC, Ankeny (rainfall simulator)	June= <i>Wallaces Farmer</i> article (ILF/PFI cover crop group)	http://magissues.farmprogress.com/WAL/WF06Jun09/wal030.pdf
		May 22, Steering Committee meeting, Des Moines	June=Iowa Environmental Council newsletter (field day story and listing)	
		May 22, Residue Matters meeting, Des Moines (DeWitt, Brown, Harpenau)	July 7 Clay County Growers Field Day press release and flyers	
		May 27, ILF Communications Meeting	Summer 2009 ILF Newsletter July 17	
		June 6, Rainfall Simulator at Des Moines Farmers Market	July 23 Schmidt Field Day press release, postcards and flyers	
		June 8, Presentation at ACE National Conference, Des Moines (Comito, McGuire, Jon Anderson)	July= <i>Wallaces Farmer</i> article (I-FARM)	http://magissues.farmprogress.com/WAL/WF07Jul09/wal038.pdf
		June 9, Presentation to 90 high school delegates, Iowa Agricultural Development Authority Youth Conference, Ames	August 2 Krouse Open House press release	ILF videos: Missouri & Mississippi Divide RC&D http://www.mmdividercd.org/
		June 18, ISU NE Iowa Research Farm Field Day, Nashua (rainfall simulator)	PowerPoint presentation design for Jim Penney	
			August 5 Juchems field day press release and flyers	

		June 23, Iowa Association of Agricultural Educators Conference, Ames (Comito, Brown, Holmes, Miller)		
		June 24, Project AWARE, Mt Vernon area (Comito, Holmes, Harpenau, Olson)	August 26: Farm Bureau <i>Spokesman</i> annual Harvest edition feature	
		June 24, Jefferson County Fair, Fairfield (rainfall simulator)	August 27 Ronsiek field day press release, postcards and flyers	
		June 25, Residue Matters meeting, Storm Lake (Brown, Harpenau)	August= <i>Wallaces Farmer</i> article (Videos to youth, fact sheets)	http://magissues.farmprogress.com/WAL/WF08Aug09/wal044.pdf
		June 26, Worth County Fair, Northwood (rainfall simulator)	September 2 Neal Smith field day press release, postcards and flyers	
		June 18, SARE residue training workshop, NE Research Farm (Al-Kaisi, Dietzel, Helmers)=24	Sept. 12-18: ILF display materials at Clay County Fair Ag Learning Center	
		June 24, SARE residue training workshop, SE Research Farm (Al-Kaisi, Dietzel, Herringshaw)=60	September= <i>Wallaces Farmer</i> article (Women Caring for the Land)	http://magissues.farmprogress.com/WAL/WF09Sep09/wal055.pdf
		July 1: Residue Matters meeting with ISU Ext., NRCS, SWCD, AgPartners; Cherokee (Brown, Harpenau) = 35	Fall 2009 Newsletter September 29	
		July 8-9: Rainfall Simulator at Winneshiek County Fair (staffed by local SWCD educators)	October 2 Whiterock Conservancy Field Day news release, flyers, postcards	
		July 10: Rainfall Simulator at Winnebago County Fair	October= <i>Wallaces Farmer</i> article	http://magissues.farmprogress.com/WAL/WF10Oct09/wal024.pdf
		July 16: ILF Communications Meeting	November= <i>Wallaces Farmer</i> article	http://magissues.farmprogress.com/WAL/WF11Nov09/wal076.pdf
		July 18: Rainfall Simulator at Cedar Rapids Farmers' Market	Planter DVD booklet and DVD face design.	
		July 22: Rainfall simulator with NRCS tent on RAGBRAI route, Lucas County	December= <i>Wallaces Farmer</i> article	http://magissues.farmprogress.com/WAL/WF12Dec09/wal045.pdf
		July 24: January 13 Conference planning committee meeting		
		July 28, SARE residue training workshop, SW Research Farm (Al-Kaisi, Dietzel, Hanna, Herringshaw) =14	News release and flyers for Iowa Lakes Field Day	
		July 28: Rainfall Simulator at Johnson County Fair	Brochure and flyers for Dec. 22 workshop. News release for workshop	

		July 30, SARE residue training webinar (Al-Kaisi, Hanna) =35		
		July 30: Rainfall Simulator at Jackson County Fair		
		July 30: Iowa Women in Ag Conference, Huxley (Brown)		
		July 31: Rainfall Simulator at Des Moines County Fair		
		Aug. 10: Jim Penney presentation to Kiwanis, Spencer		
		August 6: Rainfall Simulator at Clayton County Fair		
		August 11: ILF Communications Meeting		
		August 18, SARE residue training workshop, Buena Vista County Extension office (Al-Kaisi, Dietzel)=33		
		ILF and Iowa Water Center Biofuel Workshop Conversations with farmers and ethanol industry members; August 26, (Marshalltown) and August 28 (Emmetsburg)=42		
		August 30: Rainfall Simulator at Pelican Festival, Jester Park		
		September 3: ILF Full Team Meeting		
		September 9, SARE residue training workshop, Polk County Extension office (Al-Kaisi, Hanna, Dietzel)=16		
		September 10: ILF Communications Meeting		
		September 12: Residue Matters Kick off event, Clay County Fair, Spencer (DeWitt)		
		September 15: Rainfall Simulator at Buchanan County Extension/NRCS 5th Grade Environmental Day, Fontana Nature Center, Hazleton		
		Sept. 23-24: Gulf of Mexico Hypoxia Task Force in the Des Moines area (DeWitt, Comito, Lundvall, Helmers) = 100		
		September 25: Iowa Environmental Council Annual Conference (Brown,		

		Holmes) = 200		
		September 27: Rainfall Simulator at “Sunday at the Quarry” Waterloo = 1,500 (staffed by SWCD educators)		
		Oct. 1: Jan. 13 planning meeting Comito, Brown, Miller, DeWitt		
		Oct. 8: ILF Communications meeting		
		Nov. 4: Residue Matters meeting, Des Moines Brown, Harpenau		
		Nov. 5: Conservation Partnership Day meeting, Des Moines Comito, Brown		
		Nov 7: Water Under Siege Film Festival, Des Moines=60 Comito, showed two water videos		
		Nov. 11: ILF Communications meeting		
		Nov. 20: ILF Team Meeting		
		Nov 23: 3 Classroom presentations in Iowa City= Helmerts & Staudt, gave presentation showed videos		
		Dec. 2-3: CDI Conference, Ames =150 Comito, Helmerts presenters, 2 exhibit booths		
		Dec. 2-3: ICM conference, Ames = Helmerts, Hanna presenters		
		Dec. 2-3: Farm Bureau Annual Meeting, Des Moines = Miller		
		Dec. 10: ILF Communications meeting		