

Speakers Confirmed for 2007 Conference

■ Greg Binford, Ph.D., associate professor, soil fertility, University of Delaware. Greg's work as a graduate student in Iowa provided the foundation for the end of the season stalk nitrate test. Greg is a current collaborator with ISA doing similar activities in Maryland in Delaware as part of a larger project.

■ Tom Morris, Ph.D., associate professor, soil fertility, Department of Plant Science, University of Connecticut. Tom's work as a graduate student in Iowa focused on soil nitrate testing and stalk testing in NE Iowa in the Big Spring Basin project. Tom is a current collaborator with ISA doing similar activities in Pennsylvania as part of a larger project.

■ Tracy Blackmer, Ph.D., director of research, Iowa Soybean Association. Tracy directs the ISA On-Farm Network™.

■ Randy Pearson, Ph.D., chairman, Geography Department, University of Southern Illinois Edwardsville. His expertise in remote sensing and geographical information systems (GIS) has made him a valuable resource and consultant to the On-Farm Network™.

■ Natalia Rogovska, Ph.D., research associate, Iowa State University. Natalia has done extensive research into soil acidity in the Des Moines Lobe and with calcareous soils. She is currently working on a joint research project between ISU and ISA on soil acidity and liming.

■ Peter Kyveryga, Ph.D, senior research associate, Iowa Soybean Association. Peter has been working on the analysis of the ISA data and has worked on tools like the nitrogen calculator used by the ISA On-Farm Network™.

■ Patrick Reeg, CCA, field research operations manager, at the Iowa Soybean Association. Pat coordinates the implementation of the ISA On-Farm Network™ trials with our partners, contractors and growers.

■ Heath Ellison, CCA, agricultural and environmental specialist, Iowa Soybean Association. Heath works with producers in developing environmental farm plans as part of the Certified Environmental Management Systems for Agriculture (CEMSA).

■ Steve Brinkman, CCA, state nutrient management specialist, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service. Steve is a member of the On-Farm Network Advisory Council and oversees the NRCS nutrient recommendations for Iowa.

■ John McGuire, precision ag technologist, John McGuire Technology Services. John has worked on processing data

to delineate zones within fields. The tools used to map fields and how they can be used is part of the larger strategy in the ISA On-Farm Network™.

■ Gaylia Ostermeier, graduate research assistant, Iowa State University. Gaylia has been working on various trials nitrogen trials for her masters and doctoral program at ISU for the last five years under Antonio Mallarino and the late Alfred Blackmer. Her work has been part of the ISA On-Farm Network™.

■ John Oenick, director, project manager & hardware development, John Deere Agri Services. John Deere Agri Services provided all of the imagery for the ISA On-Farm Network™.

■ Hal Tucker, CCA, Tucker Consulting, Storm Lake, and MGT Envirotech. Hal is a partner in MGT, which manages the Iowa Soybean Association's crop scouting network.

■ Carol Balvanz, director of member services, Iowa Soybean Association. Carol coordinates the defining and implementation of policy for ISA.

■ Mark Glady, agronomist, TSM-Wensman Seed Company, Mankato, Minnesota. Mark worked with the Iowa Soybean Association On-Farm Network™ while completing his M.S. in Agronomy at Iowa State University in 2004.

■ Rhonda Birchmier, Pioneer sales rep. Rhonda has coordinated a group of growers who participate in On-Farm Network™ trials near Maxwell, Iowa.

■ Brad Van De Woestyne, Ph.D., John Deere AMS. Brad studied at Iowa State University under the late Alfred Blackmer and was involved in the nitrogen trials as part of the ISA On-Farm Network™.

■ Micah Eidem, application engineer, Flow controls Division, Raven Industries. Micah has extensive expertise in GPS and Raven controllers that are used extensively in the ISA On-Farm Network™.

■ Roger Wolf, director of environmental programs, Iowa Soybean Association. Roger is responsible for the design, development and administration of environmental programs and projects at ISA. He plays a key role in working with public and private sector partners.

■ Todd Sutphin, state watershed coordinator, Iowa Soybean Association. Todd works with farmers and landowners in the design and implementation of agricultural environmental programs and performance based environmental management plans for farms and watersheds.