



Denison FFA Chapter Wins 2012 State FFA Nursery/Landscape Career Development Event

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News Release - The Denison FFA Chapter was named the Champion Team in the annual Iowa FFA Nursery/Landscape Career Development Event held at Kirkwood Community College in Ankeny on June 12, 2012. Members of the first place team included: Drew Haase, Lexi Houston, Timothy Riessen and Calvin Snitker. Their agriculture education instructors and FFA advisors are Mr. Randall Kuhlmann, Mis. Dana Weeda and Mr. Tim Baughman. They will represent Iowa at the National Nursery/Landscape Career Development Event



in Indianapolis, Indiana, in October. The Wapello FFA Chapter was named the Reserve Champion Team. Members of the second place team included: Emma Kroeger, Alyson Martens, Jack Walker and Sean Mears. Their agriculture education instructor and FFA advisor is Mr. Irvin Meier. Calvin Snitker, Denison FFA, Denison, was named the High Individual Overall in the competition.

FFA Teams from 9 chapters including 31 individuals participated in this year's Career

Development Event designed to provide students and opportunity to display their agricultural knowledge and skills in the area of landscape drawing activity, identification of nursery materials (plants, disorders, equipment and supplies) and situation assessment and solution.

The Iowa FFA Nursery Landscape Career Development Event was made possible through the Iowa FFA Foundation with support from the Iowa Nursery and Landscape Association. Arysta LifeScience North America,

Kubota Tractor Corporation and STIHL, Inc. through the National FFA Foundation sponsored the Champion Team Plaque.

Kirkwood Community College hosted the event and provided lunch to all participants. The Nursery Landscape Career Development Event was coordinated and conducted by Shawna Moss and the faculty and staff at Kirkwood Community College in Cedar Rapids.

First Annual INLA Service Day

The first Annual INLA Service Day will be September 12, 2012. The project will take place on the State Capitol grounds and will be a fun filled all day event.

We encourage you to put this on your calendars, so our first service day will be a successful event.

More details will be shared throughout the Summer. Please feel free to call Joan O'Brien with any questions. She can be reached by email at joano@agribiz.org or by calling 515-262-8323.

Hope to see you all there!



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State Sets Out Traps to Monitor for Walnut Twig Beetle

By: Dar Danielson

State conservation officials are on the lookout for a tiny bug that could do damage to the state's black walnut trees. D.N.R. forestry specialist, Tivon Feeley, says the pest that's causing concern is the walnut twig beetle.

"It's a very, very small beetle, it's less than two millimeters long or about one-sixteenth of an inch long. They kind of congregate together so they attack walnut trees all at once. They carry a fungus with them called *geosmithia* that causes a tiny canker on the branches," Feeley says.

A canker is a sunken region under the bark of the tree where the material has been killed off by the fungus. One canker isn't a problem, but the infestation eventually leads to what's called the "thousand cankers" disease.

Feeley says, "There are just thousands of small cankers that show up to the point where there are just no resources that can flow through that tree."

Trees die off within three to five years. The beetle and cankers have hit trees in Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, and Washington in the 1990s.

And was recently confirmed in Pennsylvania, Tennessee and Virginia. Feeley says they're putting out traps to be ready if the bug moves into Iowa.

He says it's strictly precautionary and they use a trap with a pheromone that attracts the walnut twig beetle. "We've scoured the state so far and found nothing. And we keep moving our traps to different location each month, so the great news is so far we've found nothing but native ambrosia beetles," Feeley says.

Feeley says if you notice a trap, you should leave it alone so it will work. He says there's nothing you can do to prevent the beetles from getting on your trees. He says there's no fungicide or insecticide or other cure, the best thing to do is make sure the walnuts are planted in good soil so they can be healthy.

Not all of the walnut twig beetles carry the fungus. Feeley says Iowa has the largest stand of walnut trees in the U.S. He says there's not a big walnut harvesting industry in the state as most of Iowa's trees are used for lumber.



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Attached is the order form for INLA catalogs. If you would like to order any catalogs, please fill out the form and return it to the INLA office. If you have any questions, please call the INLA office at 515.262.8323.

Scouting for the Japanese Beetle

By: *Erin Hodgson*

Adult Japanese beetles first emerged in some areas of Iowa around the end of May. This is very early compared to a normal year. At the same time, many other beetles in this large insect family (Scarabaeidae) are becoming active and causing confusion with identification. In general, scarabs are stout beetles that are boxy in shape, have clubbed antennae and thick legs adapted for digging. Adults can be active during the night or day depending on the species; regardless, they are clumsy fliers. Some species are scavengers that feed on dung, carrion or decomposing organic materials; others can be significant plant pests. In most years, adult scarabs emerge mid-June and can be active until August.



Japanese beetle

Adults are just over ½ inch in length. These scarabs have one generation per year. Probably the most diagnostic features are the white tufts of hairs along the sides of the abdomen and metallic green head and bronze forewings.

The forewings do not fully cover the tip of the abdomen. Adults have a very wide host range (>300 plants), including roses, fruit and shade trees, grapes, corn and soybean. Japanese beetles are skeletonizers and feed between leaf veins. View this online slideshow for more information on [Japanese beetle management](#).

False Japanese beetle

Also known as a sandhill chafer, false Japanese beetles closely resemble true Japanese beetles. They are about the same boxy shape and size (½ inch in length). The body is dark



brown and shiny, but is not metallic green and bronze. They can have white hair along the side of the abdomen, but the hair is evenly spread out instead of in tufts. These scarabs have one generation per year. False Japanese beetles feed on the flowers, foliage and fruit of many plants, but they are not typically considered field crop pests.

Masked chafers

There are several masked chafers in Iowa. These scarabs have one generation per year. Adults are about ½ inch in length and oval in shape. Masked chafers can be dark yellow or tan in color with dark markings on the head. The body, legs and wings can be hairy. Adult masked chafers are not known to significantly feed on plants.



May/June beetles

There are several scarabs with the common names of May or June beetles in Iowa. Most have a two to four year life cycle, but some have one generation per year. Adults are 1 inch in length and oval in shape. Body color can range from chestnut brown to red. Adult May/June beetles feed on a wide variety of tree foliage and are not considered field crop pests.



To view the article online please go to: www.extension.iastate.edu/CropNews/2012/0612hodgson.htm

INLA Job Board

The INLA has a new job board feature on the website.

This feature will be a great tool if you are in the market for a new job or if you are a company looking for talent! Both resumes and job postings are welcome.

Our hope is to create a more efficient way for our industry to interact, when it comes to employment and sustaining our level of professionals.

To access the job board on the website please go to: <http://iowanla.org/job-postings/>

2013 INLA Dues

Dear INLA Members,

We are beginning a new year as of July 1, and as you may have noticed the 2013 dues invoices have been sent out via post office.

If you have not received yours yet or would like to save a stamp, you may call the office and renew over the phone, by paying with credit card.

If you would like to choose the appropriate blank invoice, which are attached, you can fill out your info and send in your payment that way.

We look forward to a promising and exciting new year for our members and hope you will join us.

If you have questions please contact Joan O'Brien at joano@agribiz.org or by calling the office at 515-262-8323.



Thank you to Members Who Have Renewed Their Commitment to INLA!

INLA strives to promote certified Garden Center and Landscaping professionals, so thank you to the following INLA members who have already renewed their membership and paid 2012—2013 dues! We appreciate your support of the Iowa Nursery and Landscape Association!

If you have not yet received your dues invoice via mail, please feel free to use the attached blank invoice to send in with your payment.

(received as of 7-10-2012)

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