



# IOWA NURSERY & LANDSCAPE ASSOCIATION

# NEWS

## Horticulture Needs During Drought

Iowa State University Extension specialists have compiled this list of resources to help you deal with drought and other natural disasters.

To view further details on the website please go to: [extension.iastate.edu/topic/recovering-disasters](http://extension.iastate.edu/topic/recovering-disasters)

The above website will feature archives from the webinar held on July 20th regarding drought related issues.

Some of the topics that the webinar addressed were:

### Trees and Shrubs

Jeff Iles, ISU Extension horticulturist, discussed the irrigation intervention needed by newly-planted nursery stock and what might be done for nursery stock that has been in the landscape for two to five years, or more.

### Turf

David Minner, ISU Extension turfgrass specialist, shared an example of a possible drought restriction plan and how it impacts a turf

facility and clients.

### Vegetables and Fruit

Issues growers are experiencing due to drought such as blossom drop in tomatoes, peppers and snap beans were covered by Ajay Nair, ISU Extension vegetable specialist, during his presentation. He also covered management practices that should be considered during drought – drip irrigation, use of plastic mulch, irrigation scheduling, effect of weed management on soil moisture and others. Paul Domoto, ISU Extension fruit specialist,

provided information related to drought-stressed fruits.

Also the USDA has established a website called Disaster and Drought Assistance that is updated on a regular basis.

Also see the national Extension Disaster Education Network (EDEN) **Disaster Preparedness Fact Sheets** on drought.



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## Lighthouse Membership Pays Off

The INLA wanted to take a moment to report something that happened, which is a real tribute to the hard work and steadfastness of ANLA's elected leadership, and especially their outgoing President and incoming Hall of Famer, Bob Lyons.

*"Dom Mondri (executive director of the New Jersey Nursery & Landscape Assn) was in town for a combination of Lighthouse program planning, orientation, and Congressional visits. The first of those was with Rep. Frank LoBiondo, whose district encompasses most of the heart of the Garden State's horticultural production area. Most of our stalwart nursery grower members in the state hail from the district, and for years have pressed Lo Biondo to be supportive of our immigration reform efforts.*

*He met with us personally, and during the conversation, we mentioned how mandatory federal E-Verify without real labor solutions would be a disaster. He basically said in response, "Congressman LaTourette and his nursery industry leaders met with Speaker Boehner, and they convinced him of what you just said. Maybe you already knew that, but they got to the Speaker and so he has kept E-Verify from moving without a labor solution to your problem."*

*Indeed, we indicated to LoBiondo that we were aware of the meeting and the players. ANLA immediate past-president Bob Lyons led the delegation. He, Tom Demaline, and Angelo Petitti dropped everything and flew to Washington last September for the fateful meeting with Boehner."*

In our world, everyone is claiming credit for stopping E-Verify. But you can't beat a direct report from a senior House Republican that it was our team that made the difference. Congratulations to all those involved.

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## News Release: Branstad, Reynolds Pledge Continued Efforts in Addressing the Drought's Impact Iowa

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Gov. Terry Branstad and Lt. Gov. Kim Reynolds used their weekly press conference this morning to highlight the state's ongoing efforts to address the impact of this summer's drought in Iowa.

The most recent USDA drought monitor shows that almost 75% of Iowa is now in the D-2 severe drought stage and roughly 25% in the D-3 extreme drought stage. At the time of the governor and lieutenant governor's drought summit in Mt. Pleasant less than two weeks ago, just 12 percent of Iowa's land was considered in a D-2 severe drought stage.

Joining them at the news conference was Secretary of Agriculture Bill Northey, Department of Natural Resources Director Chuck Gipp, Department of Transportation Director Paul Trombino, and Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management Director Mark Schouten.

Branstad and Reynolds will continue their efforts, and wanted to ensure Iowans were aware of the following measures that have been taken thus far:

- Two weeks ago, the governor sent a letter to USDA Secretary Tom Vilsack informing him of the worsening conditions in Iowa, where he requested the secretary to declare Secretarial Disaster designations for Iowa counties as soon as they qualify. Also in the letter, the governor asked the Secretary to open up CRP lands as soon as federal guidelines allow. Just recently the Secretary announced the USDA will open CRP lands for emergency grazing in 26 counties in Iowa and that CRP lands will be open for the rest of Iowa counties as soon as Aug. 2<sup>nd</sup> for haying and grazing.
- Last week, state-owned land managed by the DNR was opened for our farmers and producers for emergency grazing and haying. Having access to additional 6,000 acres is something that should provide immediate relief to those who are being impacted by these conditions.
- Another item of significant concern was the need to relax certain rules and regulations that would hinder swift relief for those who need it the most. There is an increasing demand for access to hay, straw and stover for our livestock producers. As a result, the governor approved a proclamation that temporarily waives certain weight and width and hours of service requirements for those transporting hay, straw and stover.
- The state opened up DOT roadside ditches as another avenue for our farmers to bail hay. Through this program, farmers can obtain a DOT permit to bail roadside ditches as an economical and efficient way for producers to obtain hay for their livestock.
- The Beginning Farmer Loan Program, through the Iowa Agricultural Development Authority, allows all farmers to obtain low-interest loans to assist them with costs for eligible projects. Despite its name, the program eligibility is not based on the age of the farmer, but rather, the net worth of the applicant.
- Administration staff, along with key state agency staff members, will hold weekly conference calls with leadership of Iowa farmer and producer associations. The purpose of these calls is to ensure that the concerns and questions of our impacted farmers and producers are being heard and addressed.
- The administration has launched a web site, <http://governor.iowa.gov/drought>, to act as a one-stop-shop on all flood-related items and news from state government.

"We want to assure Iowans that every effort will be taken on their behalf with regard to this drought," said Gov. Branstad.

"We will work with federal partners, state agencies and departments, and all Iowans as we combat the effects of this drought. This is a top priority of my administration."

The lieutenant governor noted that the administration is taking a proactive strategy with regard to the drought.

"Our administration firmly believes that the best way to attack any potential disaster is through a proactive strategy," said Reynolds. "We will continue to engage every department and agency that has a role to play in these efforts."

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### VanDerZanden Named CELT Director

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Ann Marie VanDerZanden, horticulture, has been named director of the Center for Excellence in Learning and Teaching.

Associate director of CELT and its interim director since August 1, VanDerZanden will also serve as co-director of the university's learning communities program.

Congratulations Ann Marie!



## 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: [iowanla.org/job-postings/](http://iowanla.org/job-postings/)



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## INLA's First Annual 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.

Please feel free to call Joan O'Brien with any questions. She can be reached by email at [joano@agribiz.org](mailto:joano@agribiz.org) or by calling 515-262-8323.

Hope to see you all there!





## 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 forwards 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](mailto: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 8-7-2012)

*\* Indicates an ICNP dues paying member.*

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**Iowa City landscaping & Garden Center**

Linda Dykstra - Iowa City, IA

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