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59th Annual ISU - Shade Tree Short Course & INLA Trade Show

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The INLA Board of Directors and staff are deep in the process of planning and finalizing this year's 2015 INLA Trade Show in conjunction with the ISU Shade Tree Short Course, taking place at the Scheman Building on the ISU Campus, **February 24-26, 2015!**

If you are interested in displaying your wares at the show or having a presence via sponsorship, please see the attached Exhibitor & Sponsor Prospectus Packet.

The Trade Show has been well attended in the past and offers several social/networking

opportunities with fellow industry members and customers.

Attendee information will be available on the STSC website soon and if you have interest in being an exhibitor or a sponsor you may contact Joan O'Brien at joano@agribiz.org or go to: <http://iowanla.org/2014/10/2015-inla-exhibitor-full-registration-packet/>

We would like to take a moment to thank those companies that have already committed to supporting the show for 2015:

Alta Falls & Pond Supplies
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If you have questions you may contact the office at 800-383-1682/515-262-8323.

For **HOTEL RESERVATIONS** call the **Holiday Inn Ames Conference Center**. To reserve a room use the following information: Holiday Inn Ames Conference Center | 515-268-8808 | \$119 per night/plus tax.

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Couple Cite Two-year Nightmare Involving Deer Disease

By: Laura Bird - Global Gazette

A plowed-under field surrounded by an eight-foot-tall fence is all that remains two years after chronic wasting disease (CWD) was linked to Tom and Rhonda Brakke's deer breeding facility in Cerro Gordo County.

"We probably won't ever own another piece of livestock in the state of Iowa," Rhonda Brakke said. "We put too much into it and lost too much."

Calling the past two years a nightmare, the couple questions how the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship (IDALS) and Iowa Department of Natural Resources handled the situation.

In July 2012, a buck harvested the preceding December at the couple's hunting preserve in Davis County in southern Iowa tested positive for CWD. The buck had come from their breeding facility near Clear Lake.

The testing fell under the Iowa Department of Agriculture's voluntary CWD Surveillance Inventory Program, which requires CWD surveillance, reporting and testing of farmed cervidae (deer, elk, moose) 16 months of age and older that die from any cause.

The Brakkes stopped participating in the program at the breeding facility at the end of 2011 because they'd had a closed herd for 10 years and only raised deer for the hunting preserve. The hunting preserve remained part of the program.

In August 2012 the couple agreed to put down any does that had been with the buck. One tested positive for CWD. Both properties were also placed under quarantine by the Iowa DNR and the Brakkes were required to build a second fence around the hunting preserve.

In summer 2012 the Brakkes said they offered to take all of their deer to the hunting preserve and let scheduled hunts or they themselves depopulate both herds. Hunts were already scheduled to start in August 2012.

Doing so would also fit in with the Iowa Department of Agriculture's and Iowa Department of Natural Resources' Chronic Wasting Disease Plan, which calls for "all cervids within facilities having documented chronic wasting disease case will be depopulated within 60 days" regardless of the ability to secure indemnity funds.

However, Brakke said the Department of Agriculture refused to let them move the deer from the Clear Lake breeding facility to the hunting preserve.

Instead, all 230 deer at the hunting preserve were depopulated by the end of January 2013. Of those deer, 208 were tested (the fawns were not) and two were found positive for CWD. Both were traced back to the breeding facility and were not part of the resident herd at the hunting preserve. CWD can only be determined after an animal is dead.

It wasn't until summer 2014 that all parties came to an agreement on a herd plan for the breeding facility, Brakke said. USDA indemnity funds also became available at that time. All 356 deer were killed in August with 284, or 79

percent, testing positive for CWD.

She said the two-year wait created an incubator for the disease and she questions why Iowa's CWD response plan wasn't followed.

After depopulation was completed at both facilities, the Brakkes cleaned them up as agreed upon.

The USDA provided an indemnity of \$917,100 for the 356 deer depopulated at the breeding facility. The appraised value of the herd was \$1,354,250, according to a press release from the Iowa ag department.

Brakke said they did not receive indemnity for the deer located at the hunting preserve and have filed litigation against the Iowa Department of Agriculture seeking it.

The Brakkes claim the case falls under a constitutional taking because their private business was taken to protect the wild deer population.

The DNR, however, argues in court documents that the couple cannot bring claims against the state for damages due to a quarantine. It cites Iowa Code 669.14(3).

The Brakkes have also filed a judicial review challenging an emergency injunction the DNR issued regarding the hunting preserve property in June 2013.

In spring 2013 the couple began removing the fence at the hunting preserve; however, the DNR issued an emergency order stating that the fence must be put back and the property remained quarantined until 2017.

The Brakkes argue that the DNR has no jurisdiction to quarantine it for that long and that they deserve compensation because the quarantine qualifies as a taking. An administrative law judge ruled that the DNR didn't have the authority to issue the emergency order; however, after an appeal, the Iowa Natural Resource Commission (NRC) reversed the decision, according to court documents.

Kevin Baskins, DNR spokesman, said the department issued the five-year quarantine based on the "best science we currently have available," which states that the prions from infected deer can live in the soil up to five years.

"...Preventing access to wild deer is essential to helping stop the spread of the disease," Baskins said.

The Brakkes are now asking for a judicial review of the NRC's decision.

Brakke said they are unsure what they are going to do with the hunting preserve now. She noted that it's 80 percent timber, has a 100 foot ravine and creek bed.

"No one is going to want a recreational ground that has an 8-foot fence around it," she said.

As for the former breeding facility, the couple plans to farm corn and soybeans on it once the quarantine ends.

To view the entire article go to: globegazette.com/news/local/couple-cite-two-year-nightmare-involving-deer-disease/article

INLA Job Board

The INLA Job Board is a handy tool!

This feature will be a great benefit 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 post a job or a resume please contact Joan O'Brien at joano@agribiz.org

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



AmericanHort Updates

Pollinators:

During the week of October 20, AmericanHort participated in the USDA Honeybee Forage Summit and the North American Pollinator Protection Campaign (NAPPC). Many stakeholders were present, including representatives from federal agencies, non-governmental organizations, beekeepers, and other agricultural interests.

AmericanHort took advantage of the opportunity of having a diverse group of interests in the same room, and successfully coordinated a research project proposal that brings together AmericanHort, American Beekeeper Federation, American Honey Producers Association, American Seed Trade Association, and Pollinator Partnership.

If funded, the project will identify which plants already available in the trade are the most valuable forage sources for bees at different times of the year. The results will help

identify plants for which growers might decide to be especially cautious with systemic and long-residual insecticides, and help inform the public about which landscape plants they can purchase from their local garden centers for helping pollinators in their area.

Labor:

The Horticulture industry has been in the U.S. Department of Labor's sights lately, and Wage & Hour audits are on the rise. The nature of our industry makes us especially vulnerable to employee classification problems, overtime violations, and more. Back wages and fines are too often the result. This summer, AmericanHort and the New Jersey Nursery & Landscape Association teamed up to offer a wage & hour compliance boot camp. To view a video of the bootcamp go to: americanhort.theknowledgecenter.com/OnDemand/

Keep in mind that the video gives general compliance guidance. Individual operations may have specific circumstances that require specific legal advice.

Place an Ad in The INLA Newsletter



Placing an ad within the INLA monthly newsletters is a great way to reach fellow industry-men across the state and beyond.

Whether you're selling products or services, we'll help you get the word out.

Call the office at 515-262-8323/800-383-1682 or email Joan O'Brien for more details.

Dear INLA Members,

As we are well into our 2015 Dues Year we'd like to remind you that the participation for this year will require an update of your membership. The third mailing-reminder for update went out mid October.

If you have not yet updated your membership for this year and/or have not been receiving your dues packet you may call the office at 515-262-8323 and inquire. You may also update your membership info and your dues over the phone by calling the same number.

Hope you'll join us for a fun and promising year!

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 2014 - 2015 dues!

We appreciate your support of the Iowa Nursery and Landscape Association!

If you have not yet renewed your membership please keep your eye out for the second round of dues invoices which will be sent shortly. The following renewals have been received **through 11-25-14**

** Indicates an ICNP dues paying member.*

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