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Next ICNP Testing Held in Madrid

The next Iowa Certified Nursery Professional (ICNP) testing will be held on June 13, 2017 at the Iowa Arboretum in Madrid, IA.

Testing time: 9AM—12PM

Any individual who did not successfully complete the ICNP examination in February are able to take a re-examination in June. If an individual passes either the plant identification or written portion of the exam, that passing score is good for one

year. This means that for re-examination, you only need to take the portion you did not pass.

Please see page 4 of this newsletter for testing and re-testing prices. To register complete the form and send with payment to Iowa Nursery & Landscape Association home office or email to joano@agribiz.org.

Click here to download registration form.

INLA Board Meeting Moved to June 13

The INLA Board will meet next on Tuesday, June 13 from noon to 3:00 PM at the Iowa Arboretum in Madrid, IA. The board meeting will follow the ICNP testing. See page 4 for registration information.

INLA members are welcome to attend any board meeting. If you have further questions about the meetings please contact Joan O'Brien - joano@agribiz.org or by calling the office at 515-262-8323.

7th Annual INLA Day of Service - Save the Date!

The fifth annual INLA Service Day will be held the week of September 11, 2017. The project's location is being planned by the INLA Board.

This will be a fun filled event with lunch provided. We had a great group of volunteers at the Iowa Arboretum in Ames last year and we would love to see even more participate this year. More details will be shared throughout the Summer.

Please feel free to call Joan O'Brien with any questions — joano@agribiz.org.



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WNLA Summer Webinars

The Western Nursery & Landscape Association announced 14 upcoming summer and fall webinars, all provided complimentary to members. These webinars address important topics on management, new plants, native plants and the new WNLA plants with purpose initiative.

WNLA members can also view many previously recorded webinars by logging into wnla.org with their membership credentials.

Non-members are invited to join the following webinars for \$50 per webinar – or join WNLA for \$75 and take advantage of all 14 webinars! WNLA's first webinar in their series is on August 9. Topic: "New Plants from the 2017 Spring Trials" with Jessica Feuerbach, McHutchison Horticultural Distributors as the presenter. Sponsored by Greenleaf Nursery Company and Garden Debut.

Registration opens June 1, 2017

More information and how to register at wnla.org or contact Sarah Bibens for more details, sarah@wnla.org or by phone 888-233-1876.

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Researchers: Full Neonicotinoids Ban Poses Risk

by: Horticulture Week

Production of many field crops including vegetables is at risk if neonicotinoid pesticides are more widely restricted or banned completely, Rothamsted Research argues in a position statement published this week.

"Furthermore, if groups of chemistries are limited by legislation, the remaining groups will be more widely used, resulting in an increased risk of pests developing resistance to them," it adds.

The institute's concern follows draft proposals by the EU to replace its temporary restriction on the use of three neonicotinoids on flowering crops with a widespread ban across Europe, potentially covering all field crops, not just flowering ones.

The NFU is urging farmers and growers to make political representatives aware of the "devastating" results of a

blanket neonicotinoid ban on outdoor crops. The union has written to the European Commission outlining the consequences that it says such a ban would have on farmers.

NFU horticultural policy adviser Dr Chris Hartfield says of the research, published in Proceedings of the Royal Society B: "This is another interesting piece to an unsolved puzzle about how neonicotinoids affect bees. But it does not show that under real-life field conditions, where bees forage naturally on treated crops, neonicotinoids are causing widespread declines in pollinator populations. Farmers are well aware of the importance of bees and would not want to cause population declines."

[Full Article Here>>](#)

Iowa Commercial Horticulture Survey Results

By: IDALS

Iowa Secretary of Agriculture Bill Northey and Dr. Craig Chase from Iowa State University Extension and Outreach today announced the release of the Iowa Commercial Horticulture Survey. The data in the report is from the 2015 growing season and was collected in 2016 and analyzed this past winter.

“Overall, the survey shows a vibrant horticulture industry in Iowa, one that is adapting to new technologies and evolving to meet the demands of consumers. It provides a lot of valuable information that can help farmers, researchers, agricultural-related businesses, and the general public in efforts to understand and grow the industry in Iowa,” Northey said. “It has been more than a decade since there has been a similar survey conducted and it is great to have updated information to better understand this section of Iowa agriculture.”

The newly published survey results are from 882 horticulture crop producers across the state. The data

were recorded into an initial dataset by the Des Moines office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service. ISU Extension and Outreach’s Local Foods Program team analyzed the data including an economic impact analysis provided by Dr. David Swenson of the Iowa State Department of Economics. That analysis showed that Iowa’s horticulture industry in 2015 generated more than \$48 million in direct sales with an additional \$32 million in value-added commerce.

The wide-ranging picture gathered by the survey shows that the majority of Iowa’s horticulture farmers are relatively new to this agriculture sector, having grown commercial horticulture crops for 10 years or fewer.

The average horticulture farm size is approximately eight acres in size. Most survey respondents use horticulture crop production as means to supplement family income as opposed to deriving their main income from this type of agriculture.

A full digital version of the document along with additional detailed data appendices can also be found [here](#).

2017 Board Members

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Calendar of Events

2017

June 13

ICNP Exam 9 AM - 12 PM
INLA Board Meeting 12 PM – 3 PM
Iowa Arboretum, Madrid, IA

July 15-18

[Cultivate ‘17](#)
Columbus, OH

Fall

Heartland Native Plant Summit

WLNA Bus Trip

Sept

INLA Day of Service, TBD

2018

Jan 17-19

[WNLA Western](#)
Kansas City, MO



Iowa Certified Nursery Professional Testing Registration Form

June 13, 2017 - Iowa Arboretum
9AM—12PM

Name: _____ Company: _____

Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

ICNP Exam Fees: (Please Select One)

	Member Price	Non-Member Price
Complete Test	<input type="checkbox"/> \$75.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$150.00
Retest (Plant ID and or T/F Multiple Choice)	<input type="checkbox"/> \$40.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$80.00

Re-Examination

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