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NEWS

Next ICNP Testing Held in Madrid

The next Iowa Certified Nursery Professional (ICNP) testing will be held on June 20, 2018 at the Iowa Arboretum in Madrid, IA.

**Testing Day & Time:**  
**June 20, 2018 | 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 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 link to download registration form:**

<http://iowanla.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/ICNP-Test-Reg-form2018.pdf>

**Full information on becoming an INLA Certified Nursery Professional visit us online to learn more:**

<http://iowanla.org/inla-certified-nursery-professional/>



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INLA Annual Day of Service



Annually the association picks an Iowa location to beautify for the "Day of Service". Locations are selected by the INLA Day of Service Planning Committee, and have completed six locations in Iowa to be selected since its inception in 2012.

The INLA board of directors and the planning committee would like to extend a tremendous thank you to all of our volunteers and students

that made our 2017 INLA Day of Service such a success! We'd like to ask you to place the week of September 11 on your calendar - the exact date and location will be announced this summer!

More information and past years photos and locations, visit: <http://iowanla.org/annual-day-of-service/>

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## June INLA Committee Meeting

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The June summer committee and board meeting dates are to be announced soon!

All members are welcome to join our committee meetings. INLA Committees include:

- Annual Trade Show
- Membership
- Iowa Certified Nursery Professional - Education

June meetings traditionally start at 10am (on location) and go until noon. Everyone is invited to stay for lunch. The 2018 INLA board will meet following lunch.

If you would like to participate on a committee or have questions on this process, please contact Joan O'Brien - [joano@agribiz.org](mailto:joano@agribiz.org) or by phone INLA office: 515-262-8323.

### INLA Member Job Board

Have a job opening in your business? Need to get the word out? INLA offers a free job board to members. Please email listings to Joan O'Brien [joano@agribiz.org](mailto:joano@agribiz.org).

Visit [www.iowanla.org/job-postings/](http://www.iowanla.org/job-postings/) for current listings.

Call the INLA office at 515-262-8323/800-383-1682 or email [joano@agribiz.org](mailto:joano@agribiz.org) for more details.

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## Iowa Deputy Secretary of Ag

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Iowa Secretary of Agriculture Mike Naig today announced that Julie Kenney has been hired as the new Deputy Secretary for the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship. She started with the Department on April 2.

"Julie has a passion for agriculture and will be a tremendous asset to the Department. Her background and experience are a natural fit for the Department and I'm excited to have her on our team," Naig said.

As Deputy Secretary, Kenney will assist in management responsibilities for the Department focused on the areas of personnel, budget and policy. She will also support the Department's efforts to be accessible to Iowans by traveling regularly to represent the Department at meetings across the state.

"It's an honor to serve as Deputy Secretary and I look forward to working with Secretary Naig and the team at the Department. The Department plays an important role in protecting consumers, improving our natural resources and promoting Iowa agriculture," Kenney said.

Before joining the Department, Kenney had been active in the agribusiness industry for nearly 15 years, serving in marketing and communications roles for private industry and agricultural associations and checkoff programs. Kenney and her family also own and operate a corn and soybean farm in Story County. Kenney, maiden name Kock, grew up on her family's crop and livestock farm near Lohrville, Iowa.

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## Justice Department to Allow Bayer's Monsanto Takeover

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The Justice Department reached an agreement in principle with Bayer and Monsanto in recent days after the companies agreed to sell more assets, the Wall Street Journal said late on Monday, citing people familiar with the matter.

Under the deal, Bayer agreed to sell additional seed and treatment assets to BASF (BASFn.DE) and agreed to make concessions related to digital agriculture, it said.

The takeover, one of a trio of major deals in the agribusiness sector in recent years, would create a company with a share of more than a quarter of the world's seed and pesticides market. A souring global farm economy has spurred consolidation among

the major players, triggering protests from environmental and farming groups worried about their market power.

Last week, Monsanto said in a quarterly earnings report that it was confident the U.S. and other needed regulatory approvals would be secured within the second quarter. Monsanto did not host its usual conference call with analysts to discuss the earnings because of the pending merger.

Information from: <https://www.reuters.com/article/us-monsanto-m-a-bayer/bayer-shares-jump-on-report-of-u-s-antitrust-deal-on-monsanto-idUSKBN1HG2ST>

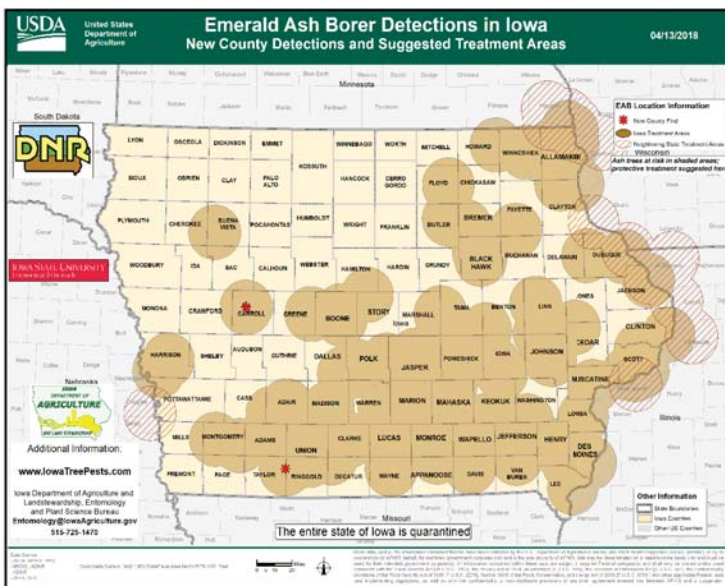
# Does the WPS apply to my operation?

The Worker Protection Standard (WPS) is a EPA regulation designed to protect employees working on agricultural establishments (farms, forests, nurseries, greenhouses) from exposure to agricultural pesticides, both general and restricted use. The rule protects primarily workers (people employed to perform work activities related to the production of agricultural plants) and pesticide handlers (people employed to mix, load, or apply pesticides for use on agricultural establishments in the production of agricultural plants).

The WPS applies whenever a pesticide is used in the production of agricultural plants that has an "Agricultural Use Requirements" section on the product label. To determine if the WPS applies to you and your employees, visit the Pesticide Educational Resources Collaborative (PERC) website at: <http://pesticideresources.org/wps/doesitapply.html> and answer a series of questions about your operation.

For more information please contact; Betsy Buffington, Extension Program Specialist, [bbuffing@iastate.edu](mailto:bbuffing@iastate.edu), (515) 294-7293.

## EAB Confirmed in Taylor and Carroll Counties, Iowa



EAB-infested ash trees can include branch dieback in the upper crown, water sprouts along the trunk and main branches, vertical bark splits, D-shaped emergence holes, S-shaped tunneling under loose bark, as well as woodpecker damage. EAB larvae kill ash trees by tunneling under the bark and feeding on the part of the tree that moves nutrients up and down the trunk. Ash trees usually die within 2-4 years.

The State of Iowa continues to track the movement of EAB on a county-by-county basis. Citizens who suspect EAB as an introduction to your area are encouraged to contact one of the following: Iowa Dept. of Agriculture & Land Stewardship, State Entomologist Office: 515-725-1470, Iowa Department of Natural Resources: 515-725-8453, Iowa State University Extension and Outreach, Entomology: 515-294-1101

If a landowner is interested in protecting a valuable and healthy ash tree within 15 miles of a known infestation, the treatment window for protecting an ash tree begins very soon. Soil treatments should be made from mid-April to mid-May. Basal trunk sprays should be applied mid-May to mid-June. Trunk injections begin once the tree has a full canopy.

Full details are available in Iowa State University Extension and Outreach publication PM2084: <https://store.extension.iastate.edu/product/13114>

To learn more about EAB and view maps of its distribution, please visit [www.iowaTreePests.com](http://www.iowaTreePests.com).

For more information contact any of the following:

Mike Kintner, IDALS EAB coordinator, 515-745-2877, [Mike.Kintner@iowaAgriculture.gov](mailto:Mike.Kintner@iowaAgriculture.gov); Robin Pruisner, IDALS state entomologist, 515-725-1470, [Robin.Pruisner@iowaAgriculture.gov](mailto:Robin.Pruisner@iowaAgriculture.gov); Donald Lewis, ISU Extension and Outreach entomologist, 515-294-1101, [drlewis@iastate.edu](mailto:drlewis@iastate.edu); Jeff Iles, ISU Extension and Outreach horticulturist, 515-294-3718, [iles@iastate.edu](mailto:iles@iastate.edu).

Information from: <https://www.iowaagriculture.gov/press/2018press/press04132018.asp>



# ICNP Retest - June 20

## Areas of Specialization

The Iowa Certified Nursery Professional (ICNP) program includes a core certification training and two areas of specialization:

1. Garden Center
2. Landscape

The ICNP exam is given in conjunction with the annual convention in February. Any individual who doesn't successfully complete the INLA ICNP exam, has the option to re-test when the next time the exam is offered.

## ICNP Re-testing Fees

	Member Price	Non-Member Price
Retest Plant ID	\$40.00	\$80.00
Retest T/F		
Multiple Choice	\$40.00	\$80.00

Please see attachment page for registration OR [www.iowanla.org/inla-certified-nursery-professional/](http://www.iowanla.org/inla-certified-nursery-professional/) for downloads and information.

# 2018 Board Members

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Unilock Chicago Inc.

Nick Reiter  
Escapes Landscape & Design

# Calendar of Events

## 2018

**June 20** ICNP Exam | 9 AM  
Iowa Arboretum, Madrid, IA

**July 14-17** Cultivate'18  
Greater Columbus Convention Center  
Columbus, OH

## 2019

**Jan 17-18** 2019 Western  
Crown Center Exhibit Hall  
Kansas City, MO

**Feb 19-21** ISU STSC & INLA Trade Show  
Ames, IA

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**EROSION CONTROL:** Wood Blankets, Straw Blankets, Geojute, Sod Staples, Silt Fence, Grass Seed & Sediment Logs.

**CONTRACTORS:** Edging, Fabrics, Low Voltage, Lighting, Retaining Wall Systems, Pavers, Bulk Materials, Safety Supplies and Wheelbarrows.



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# Iowa Certified Nursery Professional Testing Registration Form

**June 20, 2018**

**Iowa Arboretum, Madrid**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**ICNP Exam Fees: (Please Select One)**

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

**Re-Examination**

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**Payment Options: (Please select one)**

- Invoice Me       Check Enclosed       Credit Card (complete form)

**Credit Card Information**

- Visa       MasterCard       Discover

Name as it appears on the card: \_\_\_\_\_

Billing Address of the card: \_\_\_\_\_ City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp date: \_\_\_\_\_ 3-Digit Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to Iowa Nursery & Landscape Association, send form to:  
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