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Prevented Planting Meeting on Thursday, June 6th

Donnellson, Iowa—Iowa State University Extension and Outreach will be hosting a meeting regarding the delayed planting and prevented planting options currently facing area farmers. The meeting will be held June 6th, Thursday, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. at the Iowa State Extension Office located at 414 North Main Street, Donnellson, Iowa.

While there was a window for planting some fields in April there are still numerous acres of both corn and soybeans left to be planted. Wet conditions combined with cool soil temperatures and some compaction concerns are preventing farmers from continuing planting progress. There are many agronomic and financial concerns and considerations as the calendar turns to June. June 1 is an early plant deadline for fully insurable corn crops. In addition, potential yields for both corn and soybeans begin a rapid decline post-May. These concerns and other matters including switching of hybrids or crops, acres of eligibility, record keeping, cover or non-cover crop and haying/grazing options will be discussed. The meeting will include resources such as ISU agronomic and farm management specialists, crop insurance agents and adjusters.

While prevented planting decisions will need to be individualized by farming operations there are certainly several considerations that can apply to all. A mutual discussion of the options and sharing of experiences along with updated insurance guidelines will be beneficial to all who attend. The meeting is open to all area farmers and agribusiness representatives. There is no charge for the event. For more information, contact Charles Brown at 515-240-9214 or cbrown@iastate.edu; or Josh Michel at 319-523-2371 or jjmichel@iastate.edu.