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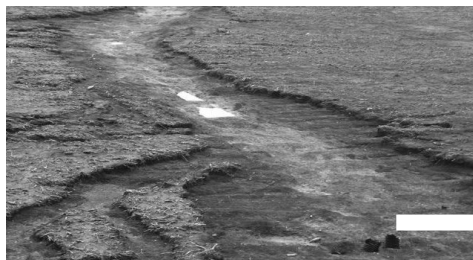
2016

Iowa Soil and Water Conservation
District Commissioners
70th Annual Conference
70 years of progress

August 29 & 30

Prairie Meadows Conference Center
1 Prairie Meadows Drive, Altoona

FREE
Commissioner
registration
and lodging!



FREE Farm
Progress Show
ticket for all
commissioners
who register!

Farm Progress Show to follow, August 30 - September 2, Boone

Agenda

Sunday, August 28

- 1:00 PM Registration and Credentials Tables Opens
Quarter Horse Races Begin
- 3:00 PM CDI Board Meeting
Registration and Credentials Table Closes
- 5:00 PM Dinner on your own, reservations at
Prairie Meadows Triple Crown Eatery
approximate cost, \$16.95 plus tax
- 6:00 PM Prairie Meadows Casino Activity



Quarter horse races begin at 1PM and run until 5PM on Sunday. Come view the races FREE of charge! Join us for a **casino activity** or just enjoy the many **gaming options** Prairie Meadows has to offer.

Monday, August 29

- 8:00 AM Registration and Credentials Tables Open
Exhibits Open
Auction Items Accepted
- 9:00 AM Conference Begins & Guest Tour Departs
Welcome from CDI & SSCC
CDI Business Meeting
- 11:00 AM Break & Exhibits
- 11:30 AM Speaker, Lunch and Farmer Awards
Bill Northey, Iowa Secretary of Agriculture
Iowa's water quality: Progress made, progress needed
- 1:00 PM Break & Exhibits
- 1:30 PM Legislative Panel with Q&A
A bipartisan panel of Iowa legislators
- 3:00 PM Break & Exhibits
- 3:30 PM Marji Guyler-Alaniz
Founder and President, FarmHer
Women in Agriculture
- 4:30 PM Break
- 5:00 PM Exhibits & Social
- 6:00 PM Awards, Banquet & Live Action
Spotlight on youth in conservation



Secretary of Agriculture Bill Northey talks about Iowa's water quality: Progress made, progress needed.



A bipartisan panel of Iowa legislators share what progress they foresee in the coming session in funding water quality and soil conservation.



After 11 years working at an agricultural insurance company **Marji Guyler-Alaniz** started **FarmHer** to showcase women in agriculture. What started as a photography enterprise has turned into so much more!



Spotlight on youth in conservation in the evening with teacher awards, CDI youth program acknowledgements and District youth projects and programs on display.

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Tuesday, August 30

- 6:30 AM Breakfast Buffet with your CDI Region
7:15 AM Conservation Leadership Panel with media moderator
8:15 AM Break
Silent Auction Ends, Checkout Silent Auction Items
8:30 AM Conservation Short Course 1 - detail on following page
9:10 AM Conservation Short Course 2- detail on following page
9:50 AM Conservation Short Course 3- detail on following page
10:30 AM Myth Busters Panel
A panel of farmers debunk commonly perceived downfalls of conservation practices
11:30 AM Speaker, Lunch and District Awards
The Nature Conservancy
Water around the World
1:00 PM: Farm Progress Show Highlights & Conference Wrap Up
2:00 PM: SSCC Meeting



Breakfasts with Iowa's leaders is an opportunity for Districts to sit with their regions and share concerns and opportunities with their CDI Regional Directors. The Conservation Leadership Panel follows with updates from IDALS, NRCS, DNR, FSA & ISU, a moderator and Q&A to follow.



We have put together a **panel of farmers** to share their experiences and responses to common perceptions on the challenges of putting in conservation practices including cover crops, third crop rotations and water quality practices.



The Nature Conservancy

As a leading international conservation organization **The Nature Conservancy** works on water issues all over the world. Hear about their initiatives from across the globe to their newest project right here in Iowa!



Just a short jaunt northwest from the conference is the **Farm Progress Show** in Boone. As the oldest and largest ag exhibition in the country, the Farm Progress Show showcases all the newest farm technologies, products and services. During the conference, closing commissioners will receive information about the show from parking logistics, highlights of new technologies and conservation exhibits of interest. Commissioner's receive a **FREE ticket** to the show by registering for the conference! Courtesy of Agri Drain!

Short Courses

Conservation Economics

Profit in Healthy Soil

Soil health pays! The newest findings from experts and farmers who are profiting from healthy soil.

Investing in Iowa's Water Quality

How much does the Nutrient Reduction Strategy Cost? What are the RCPP & HUD Projects? How are cities and agriculture investing together on water quality and flooding issues? A highlight of all the new water quality happenings in Iowa!

Profitability in Conservation

Ag Solver Profit Zone Manager, an innovative computer software tool developed Iowa, helps farmers maximize profits and return on investment by identifying where conservation practices like perennial vegetation can both improve economic and environmental performance. Find out how an Iowa Soil and Water Conservation District is using it with their farmers!

Measuring and Monarchs

Testing Water Quality in Iowa

A compilation of all the resources available for water quality monitoring. Leave with a menu of water monitoring options for your District and farmers.

Testing for Soil Health in Iowa

A compilation of all the resources available for soil health testing. Leave with a menu of soil testing options for your District and farmers.

Pollinator Plight

Discover the threats to pollinators and solutions to increasing their population. Find out what the state of Iowa is doing to increase pollinator populations and learn about the status and potential impact of listing pollinators as endangered species.

Developing your District

Leading Locally

Learn how to conduct a locally-led meeting and the need for farmer networks to move conservation forward in Iowa.

Staffing your District

Learn about resources available to commissioners and Districts for employing and managing staff effectively.

Prioritizing Cost Share Dollars

Learn how use your cost share dollars to most efficiently address your local resource concerns.

Guest Tour

Monday, August 29 - 9AM-4:30PM

Neal Smith Wildlife Refuge - Experience the site's vast, beautiful prairie through a driving tour. Keep your eye out for wildlife including the refuge's bison herd! View the nature art exhibits and enjoy a one of a kind shopping experience at the gift shop which features unique educational toys, apparel, art and photographs of the refuge from local artists, in addition to many new specialty items. Enjoy a delicious lunch at the education center.

Summerset Winery - Located just minutes outside of Des Moines, Summerset Winery in Indianola produces award winning Iowa wine from locally grown, central Iowa grapes. Participants will get a wine cellar tour and tasting of 6 select Summerset wines, cheeses and crackers. Everyone leaves with a Summerset Winery wine glass.

Garden Barn - Opening just for our group, the Garden Barn is a gift shop housed in an 1886 post and bean barn surrounded by gardens that offers nature inspired decor, garden art, floral accents, wreaths and miniature fairy gardens. They also carry quality bath and beauty products, unique gifts and antiques. A one of a kind shopping experience!

FarmHer - We are so excited to bring guests back to Prairie Meadows to listen to the inspirational Marji Guyler-Alaniz! After 11 years at an agricultural insurance company, Marji started FarmHer to showcase women in agriculture. What started as a photography enterprise has turned into so much more! Learn more at www.farmher.com

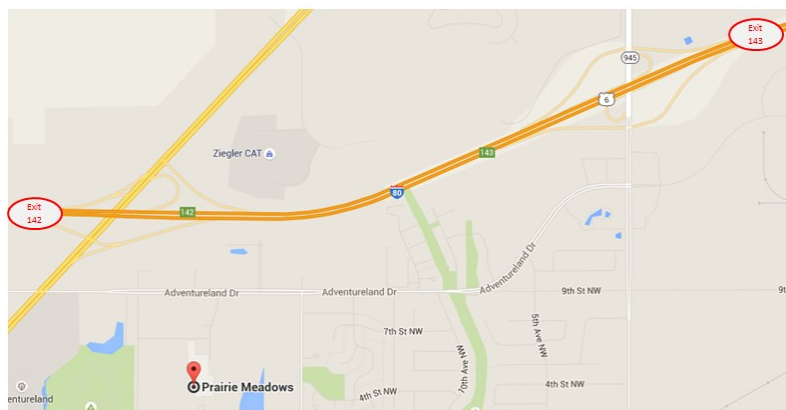
Goody bags for all guest tour attendees!



Directions & Accommodation Information

From I-80E Exit 142, right onto NE Hubbell Avenue, left onto Adventureland Drive, right to Prairie Meadows

From I-80W Exit 143, left onto NE 72nd Street, right onto Adventureland Drive, left to Prairie Meadows



Prairie Meadows Hotel, Altoona

Call 515-957-3000 to reserve a room. Ask for the "CONSERVATION DISTRICTS OF IOWA" block for the special rate of \$101.00 or at www.prairiemeadows.com using the group code "082816CON_001".

Reservations must be made by August 8th to guarantee this rate!



Early Registration Deadline: August 18, 2016

Registrant Name (please print) _____ Guest Name _____

Title _____ District/Organization/Agency _____

Address _____ City _____

State _____ Zip Code _____ Phone _____ Email _____

Physical or Dietary restrictions? Yes No If yes, please indicate: _____

Attention Commissioners and Assistant Commissioners: Please register but do not send payment unless you are registering a guest. Payment is due at time of registration for all others planning to attend. The additional \$20 late fee for commissioners registering after August 18th must be incurred by the commissioner.

Registration (includes all meals and materials)

Early Rate – through 8/18/16:

2 Day Conference Registration - **\$225**

Day 1 (August 29) Registration - **\$165**

Day 2 (August 30) Registration - **\$100**

Regular Rate – after 8/18/16:

2 Day Conference Registration - **\$245**

Day 1 (August 29) Registration - **\$185**

Day 2 (August 30) Registration - **\$120**

Guest Registration (includes all meals and materials)

Early Rate – through 8/18/16:

2 Day Conference Registration - **\$140**

1 Day Conference Registration - **\$100**

Guest Tour- **\$25** (free with paid two day guest registration)

Regular Rate – after 8/18/16:

2 Day Conference Registration - **\$160**

1 Day Conference Registration - **\$120**

Free Farm Progress Show Ticket - Limit, one per commissioner registration

Exhibitor Exhibitor space - \$50 with 2 day Conference Registration

Grand Total: \$ _____

Total number of people attending each event:

August 28 Dinner _____
Casino Activity _____
(not included in your registration)

August 29 Lunch _____
Guest Tour _____
Banquet _____

August 30 Breakfast _____
Lunch _____

Register and return completed form and payment to:

Conservation Districts of Iowa
Attn: Annual Conference
945 SW Ankeny Road, Suite A
Ankeny, IA 50023

Due to contract commitments made to service providers, no refunds will be issued for conference registrations canceled after **August 18, 2016**.



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Conference Planning Committee:

Conservation Districts of Iowa

State Soil Conservation Committee

Iowa Department of Agriculture and
Land Stewardship - Division of Soil
Conservation & Water Quality

Natural Resources Conservation Service

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Iowa's 100 Soil and Water Conservation Districts &
500 elected Commissioners

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