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Register Now for "Strategic Farming-Maximizing Return on Investment" Workshops By Lizabeth Stahl, Extension Educator-Crops, and Seth Naeve, Soybean Extension Specialist

WORTHINGTON Minn. (1/2/2019) In crop production, what is the likelihood of seeing a positive economic return from a foliar fungicide application or a "build and maintain" soil fertility program? Which strategies are worth the time and money when managing soybean aphid? What seed and technology trait decisions are the most important for your operation?

Hear the latest University of Minnesota research and information addressing these questions and more at the 2019 "Strategic Farming – Maximizing Return on Investment" workshops. Not only will key cost factors in crop budgets be reviewed, but tips will also be provided to help you evaluate ag research and marketing claims in order to make the best management decisions on the farm.

Registration is now open at <u>z.umn.edu/strategic-farming</u> for these workshops sponsored by University of Minnesota Extension and the Minnesota Soybean Research and Promotion Council. **Registration at least 7 days prior to each event is strongly encouraged** in order to guarantee a seat, handouts, and a meal.

## Locations include:

- Alexandria, Broadway Ballroom Event Center, January 22
- Wheaton, American Legion, February 5
- Paynesville, American Legion, February 6
- Fairmont, Knights of Columbus, February 14
- Austin, Riverland Community College, Austin West Bldg, Room 237/240, February 20
- Slayton, 4-H Bldg, Murray County Fairgrounds, February 21
- Owatonna, Community Center, Steele County Fairgrounds, February 26
- McIntosh, McIntosh Community Center, February 26
- North Mankato, South Central College, Heritage Hall, February 27
- Montevideo, American Legion, March 7
- **Hutchinson**, Hutchinson Event Center, March 12

All programs will run from 9:00 am to 12:30 pm (except for the **Owatonna** program which will run from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm), and include lunch. Private Pesticide Applicator Recertification will run concurrently at the **Alexandria**, **Fairmont**, and **McIntosh** locations where attendance until 2:30 pm is required to receive recertification. Bonus crop production topics will be presented at the **Owatonna** location from 12:30-2:00 pm. The Small Grains Program will follow from 12:30 – 4:00 pm at the **Slayton** location. More details can be found on the registration site at: z.umn.edu/strategic-farming.

If you farm or work with farmers and want to learn more about crop management strategies to maximize return on investment, these workshops are for you! For more information, please contact Liz Stahl at 507-372-3900 or <a href="mailto:stah0012@umn.edu">stah0012@umn.edu</a>, or Seth Naeve at 612-625-4298 or <a href="mailto:naeve002@umn.edu">naeve002@umn.edu</a>.

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