

# Livestock Manager Training Program Sets Winter Workshops

**URBANA, ILL.**

This year, the sponsors of the Certified Livestock Manager Training (CLMT) workshops are going the extra mile to assist producers in their efforts to comply with the Illinois Livestock Management Facilities Act and other environmental regulations.

"The first person to register from a facility will pay \$30," said Randy Fonner, U of I Extension specialist and coordinator of the workshops. "Additional registrants from the same facility will only be charged \$20."

Although Fonner emphasized that each facility is only required to have one person certified, "there is value in larger facilities having multiple people certified," he noted. "If one person leaves for a week, and a second employee is certified, you've got yourself covered."

Fonner also believes there is educational value in having employees hear the message and participate in the workshops. "This is an opportunity to provide additional training for your employees, and that's always a good thing," he said. "Everything we talk about, whether it's safety, odor, land application, regulations – it's all important information for anyone who works at the facility."

Since the Livestock Management Facilities Act was passed in Illinois in May of 1996, certification in livestock manure management is required for producers with more than 300 animal units, and must be renewed every three years.

Some of the topics that will be addressed at this year's workshops include concrete construction and the value of manure as fertilizer.

"We want to help producers with quality construction that also meets state regulations," said Fonner. "You need to make sure the work gets done right so the approval process with the Department of Agriculture goes smoothly."

Fonner also said the value of manure as fertilizer is a hot topic these days.

"With the increase in the cost of commercial fertilizer, manure is a little more valuable in people's eyes," he said.

But Fonner said it is important to know how to apply manure efficiently, with an eye to environmental risk. "You need to know what's in the manure," he said, "and you need a good soil test to show you where you should apply it, and where you shouldn't. If you variably apply nutrients, you're putting them where you need them and getting the most 'bang for your buck.' You're also reducing the risk of unused nutrients going into surface or ground water."

Other topics will include approved carcass disposal methods and management practices, using manure on forage crops, practical odor control strategies, the latest odor-management research, and innovative manure storage and process technologies.

To register for a workshop or purchase a manual or CD, call (800) 345-6087. Prices are listed below and you may pay by credit card. If you have a manual, 2003 or newer, you will not need to purchase a new manual.

CLM Workshop Registration: \$30 per person; same farm registrations will be charged \$30 for the first registration and \$20 for each additional if registered at the same time.

- CLM Manual only: \$55.00 + \$7.00 s&h = \$62.00

- CLM CD only: \$25.00 + \$7.00 s&h = \$32.00

- CLM Manual & CD: \$80.00 + \$7.00 s&h = \$87.00

- Workshop walk-ins: \$92.00 per person (includes CLM manual)

A workshop brochure is available at [www.livestocktraining.com](http://www.livestocktraining.com). If you have questions, contact Fonner at (217) 333-2611 or e-mail him at [clmt@illinois.edu](mailto:clmt@illinois.edu).

- December 10, 2008 – Bloomington

Location: McLean Co. Farm Bureau Bldg., 402 N. Hershey Rd., Bloomington, Ill. For directions, call the McLean Co. Extension Office at (309) 663-8306. Registration: 8:15 a.m. Workshop starts: 8:50 a.m. Participants arriving after 9:20 a.m. cannot be certified for attending the workshop. IDOA written exam: 1:30 p.m.

- January 7, 2009 – Harrisburg

Location: Gallatin/Pope/Hardin/Saline County Extension Office, 34 Veterans Drive, Harrisburg, Ill. For directions call the Gallatin/Pope/Hardin/Saline Co. Office at (618) 252-8391. Registration: 8:15 a.m. Workshop starts: 8:50 a.m. Participants arriving after 9:20 a.m. cannot be certified for attending the workshop. IDOA written exam: 1:30 p.m.

- January 14, 2009 – Galesburg &mdash; Focus on SWINE

Location: Knox County Extension Office, 180 S. Soangetaha Rd., Suite 108, Galesburg, Ill. For directions call the Knox County Extension at (309) 342-5108. Registration: 8:15 a.m.

Workshop starts: 8:50 a.m. Participants arriving after 9:20 a.m. cannot be certified for attending the workshop. IDOA written exam: 1:30 p.m. This workshop will primarily be aimed at SWINE producers, but is open to all producers.

- January 15, 2009 – Quincy

Location: Adams/Brown County Extension Office, 330 S. 36th St., Quincy, Ill. For directions call the Adams/Brown Co. Extension Office at (217) 222-8380. Registration: 8:15 a.m. Workshop starts: 8:50 a.m. Participants arriving after 9:20 a.m. cannot be certified for attending the workshop. IDOA written exam: 1:30 p.m.

- January 29, 2009 – Newton &mdash; Focus on SWINE

Location: Sunrise Community Center, 1401 Clayton Ave., Newton, Ill. For directions, call the Jasper Co. Extension Office at (618) 783-2521. Registration: 8:15 a.m. Workshop starts: 8:50 a.m. Participants arriving after 9:20 a.m. cannot be certified for attending the workshop. IDOA written exam: 1:30 p.m. This workshop will primarily be aimed at SWINE producers, but is open to all producers.

- January 30, 2009 – Nashville &mdash; Focus on SWINE

Location: St. Paul's United Church of Christ, 330 North Buhman St., Nashville, Ill. For directions, call the Washington Co. Extension Office at (618) 327-8881. Registration: 8:15 a.m. Workshop starts: 8:50 a.m. Participants arriving after 9:20 a.m. cannot be certified for attending the workshop. IDOA written exam: 1:30 p.m. This workshop will primarily be aimed at SWINE producers, but is open to all producers.

(Please notice time change for BEEF/DAIRY workshops.)

- February 17, 2009 – Breese &mdash; Focus on BEEF/DAIRY

Location: Clinton County Extension Office, 1163 North 4th St., Breese, Ill. For directions call the Clinton Co. Extension Office at (618) 526-4551. Registration: 9:30 a.m. Workshop starts: 10:00 a.m. Participants arriving after 10:20 a.m. cannot be certified for attending the workshop. IDOA written exam: 2:00 p.m. This workshop will primarily be aimed at BEEF/DAIRY producers, but is open to all producers.

- February 18, 2009 – Effingham &mdash; Focus on BEEF/DAIRY

Location: Effingham County Extension Office, 1209 Wenthe Dr., Effingham, Ill. For directions call the Effingham Co. Extension Office at (217) 347-5126. Registration: 9:30 a.m. Workshop starts: 10:00 a.m. Participants arriving after 10:20 a.m. cannot be certified for attending the workshop. IDOA written exam: 2:00 p.m. This workshop will primarily be aimed at BEEF/DAIRY producers, but is open to all producers.

- February 25, 2009 – Freeport &mdash; Focus on BEEF/DAIRY

Location: Stephenson County Farm Bureau Building, 210 W. Spring St., Freeport, Ill. For directions call the Stephenson Co. Extension Office at (815) 235-4125. Registration: 9:30 a.m. Workshop starts: 10:00 a.m. Participants arriving after 10:20 a.m. cannot be certified for attending the workshop. IDOA written exam: 2:00 p.m. This workshop will primarily be aimed at BEEF/DAIRY producers, but is open to all producers.

- February 26, 2009 – Mt. Carroll &mdash; Focus on SWINE

Location: Carroll County Farm Bureau, Naaman Diehl Auditorium, Rt. 64 & 78, Mt. Carroll, Ill. For directions call the Carroll County Extension Office at (815) 244-9444. Registration: 8:15 a.m. Workshop starts: 8:50 a.m. Participants arriving after 9:20 a.m. cannot be certified for attending the workshop. IDOA written exam: 1:30 p.m. This workshop will primarily be aimed at SWINE producers, but is open to all producers.

- March 3, 2009 – Sycamore

Location: DeKalb County Farm Bureau Building, 1350 W. Prairie Dr., Sycamore, Ill. For directions call the DeKalb Co. Extension Office at (815) 758-8194. Registration: 8:15 a.m. Workshop starts: 8:50 a.m. Participants arriving after 9:20 a.m. cannot be certified for attending the workshop. IDOA written exam: 1:30 p.m.

- March 9, 2009 – Springfield

Location: Sangamon/Menard County Extension Office, Illinois State Fairgrounds, South Gate, Bldg. 30, Springfield, Ill. For directions call the Sangamon/Menard Co. Extension Office at (217) 782-4617. Registration: 8:15 a.m. Workshop starts: 8:50 a.m. Participants arriving after 9:20 a.m. cannot be certified for attending the workshop. IDOA written exam: 1:30 p.m.

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