

# Livestock Manure Management Workshops Offered

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University of Illinois Extension is hosting four livestock manure management workshops in February and March to provide hands-on assistance to Illinois livestock producers and managers in using the Illinois Manure Management Plan (IMMP) website located at [www.IMMP.uiuc.edu](http://www.IMMP.uiuc.edu). The IMMP website offers step-by-step instructions for developing manure management plans that comply with the requirements of the Illinois Department of Agriculture, Illinois Natural Resources Conservation Service, and Illinois Environmental Protection Agency.

"Illinois livestock producers can use the IMMP website as a recordkeeping tool or to develop a full-fledged manure management plan," said Ted Funk, U of I Extension agricultural engineer. "This online resource is free to the user and has tremendous benefits."

The IMMP website was developed with support from the Illinois Livestock Development Group, Illinois Pork Producers Association, Pork Check-off, Illinois Beef Association, Illinois Milk Producers Association, Illinois Farm Bureau, and Illinois Environmental Protection Agency.

"IMMP fills the specific functional and regulatory needs of Illinois livestock producers. Producers can attend a workshop to learn more about how IMMP can help take some of the worry and frustration out of their manure man-

agement tasks," Funk said.

The workshop provides assistance whether individuals are already using the Illinois Manure Management Plan website and have questions or would like to learn how to use the website to develop a plan and keep records.

"If livestock producers or managers are already using the website, they should bring their questions and any relevant information to the workshop. If they are interested in developing a plan, they can bring their livestock facility information and we will get them started. Laptop computers can also be brought to the workshop if they are Internet-ready," Funk said.

Each workshop is scheduled from 8 a.m. to approximately 4 p.m. Dates and locations are:

- Feb. 5 – U of I Extension, Lee County, 280 W Wasson Rd, Amboy
- Feb. 16 – U of I Extension, Marion County, 1404 E Main, Rt 50 East, Salem
- Feb. 26 • U of I Extension, Champaign County, 801 Country Fair Drive, Suite D, Champaign
- Mar. 5 – 1st Farm Credit Services, 2901 E. Jackson, Rt. 136, Macomb

To register, call 1-800-345-6087. Pre-registration is required. The cost per attendee is \$25, which includes lunch and handout materials.

Additional information can be obtained by contacting Randy Fonner at [clmt@illinois.edu](mailto:clmt@illinois.edu) or 217-333-2611. Δ



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