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Webinar to highlight bioreactors, conservation practices



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Farmers looking to learn more about water conservation practices like bioreactors can tune in for a webinar Monday, July 21 at 10:00 a.m.

The webinar is hosted by the Black Hawk Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) as part of the Miller Creek Water Quality Improvement Project. Although the webinar is focused on the Miller Creek Watershed, the conservation practices and general information are applicable across the state.

“The motive for this webinar was the result of a watershed survey that showed producers are interested in bioreactors and would like to learn more about them,” said Shane Wulf, watershed project coordinator for the Black Hawk SWCD. “With the help of the Iowa Soybean Association (ISA), we hope to provide producers with information to help them understand this new and intriguing practice.”

The day’s presenters will be Keegan Kult, ISA environmental programs manager, and Chad Ingels, extension watershed specialist for Iowa State University Extension. The topics to be covered include bioreactor installation and expectations, along with general discussion and an in-depth question and answer period.

To take part in the webinar visit the following link: <https://connect.extension.iastate.edu/waterquality/>

Participants will also have to call in and enter a pass code to hear the conversation. Call (866) 809-4014 and when prompted enter 2947801#. Once logged in there will be a chat feature allowing observers to interact with presenters and ask questions. The link and the teleconference line will become live at 9:40 a.m., and the presentation is expected to last around an hour.

People interested in bioreactors but unable to tune in on Monday will have the opportunity to view the webinar online later next week. The presentation will be archived and available on ISA's website. A link will be sent out in a future ISA e-Weekly.

"Collaborating with ISA on the edge of field water monitoring program has opened the eyes of our producers on the effectiveness of conservation practices and their ability to hold nutrients in their fields," Wulf said. "ISA's partnership with the Miller Creek Water Quality Improvement Project has been extremely beneficial."

For more information about the webinar or the Miller Creek Water Quality Improvement Project, contact Shane Wulf, shane.wulf@ia.nacdn.net. For more information about the Iowa Soybean Association water quality practices, contact Keegan Kult, kkult@iasoybeans.com.



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