

*Iowa State University  
Muscatine Island Research Farm Association*

# **Sugar Beet Field Day**

**Where:** *Muscatine Island Research Farm, 111 North St., Fruitland, IA*

**When:** *Thursday, September 25, 2008, registration 1:30 p.m.*

**What:** A special field day featuring a potential new crop for SE Iowa: bioenergy sugar beets. This will be a unique opportunity to observe field-grown sugar beets and learn about production methods from experienced researchers. There will also be an overview of investigations into other "sugar" crops by Dr. Emily Heaton. Rick Whittaker will report on progress and future plans of the Heartland Renewal Energy ethanol plant in Muscatine.

**Program:**

**Welcome and review of 2008 sugar beet growing experience at the Southeast and Muscatine Island Research Farms**

*- Vince Lawson, Superintendent, Muscatine Island Research Farm*

**Sugar beet production practices, critical management areas and cost inputs**

*- Carl Stael, East Region Sales Manager, Hillebrand/Syngenta Seeds, Glyndon, MN*

**Progress update on Heartland Renewable Energy sugar-based ethanol plant**

*- Rick Whittaker, Vice President, Heartland Renewable Energy, Muscatine*

**Sweet Sorghum and other "sugar" crops for making ethanol**

*- Dr. Emily Heaton, Agronomy Department, ISU*

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