

CRP Conversion to Cropland Portion of Workshop
June 9 - 11, 2009
Nebraska City, NE

Committee:

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Anticipate Audience:

- 80 Participants
- Research and Extension Faculty, State and Federal Environmental Agencies, Watershed Specialist or Conservationist, Field Staff from various state environmental organizations

Logistics:

- Mileage Reimbursement should be optional
- Registration fee between \$50-\$100
- Workshop will cover BMP Cost Effectiveness as well as CRP Conversion to Cropland

Action Items:

- Tom Franti will put together a draft agenda for this portion of the June Workshop. The draft agenda will be shared with the Workshop planning committee for approval.
- The agenda and participant invitation letter will go out by April 1st.

Participant Ideas:

- Have FSA personnel come and give the minimum requirements from their point of view
- Grazing CRP – get a forage person in to speak
- Cover Alternatives to cropland conversion

Identified Speakers and Topics:

- John Gilley – Soil Quality and Erosion – can lead into carbon topic
- David Dukes & Paul Hay – CRP Conversion to Cropland (& possibly grazing) at the Farm Level
- Alternatives to CRP Conversion to Cropland
 - Grazing
 - Organic
 - Hunting, etc.
- Carbon Credit
- Cellulosic Production

- Modeling tools for CRP Conversion
- Ecosystem Services Panel – bioenergy, Water Quality, Grazing - Iowa Energy Center – Norm Clausen (Jean Eells recommendation)

Possible Field Exercise Tour:

- Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center
- possible mixer
- Arbor Day Farm tour
- picnic
- one free night and one of simultaneous training sessions
- Combination of any of the above