

Summary of Regional Collaborative Efforts and Opportunities Breakout for Topic 2 -
Conversion of CRP to Crop Production

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Suggestions and Opportunities

1. Compile and evaluate research results and materials on CRP conversion.
2. Need an examination of CRP analysis tools.
3. Develop a regional website containing materials across the region.
4. Need to develop tools to evaluate CRP conversion, e.g. publications, computer software tools.
5. Look at alternatives to converting CRP to cropland, e.g. livestock production, organic Certification.
6. Need to determine ecosystem services of CRP.
7. Develop system and materials on identifying critical/sensitive areas within fields.
 - develop tool to identify critical areas
8. Facilitate farmer to farmer discussion.
 - meetings
 - webcast
9. Collaborate with other information providers, e.g. fertilizer and pesticide dealers, commodity organizations.

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