

Working group discussion topics

1. Plan for a June workshop to address ‘the value of “ecosystems services” of CRP and converting CRP to cropland’ for water quality protection: objectives, topics, resource people, practical exercises
2. Explore opportunities for regional and/or inter-institutional research on optimizing the value of CRP and/or conversion from CRP to cropland. Suggestion:
 - a. Select recorder and facilitator.
 - b. Brainstorm: pitch and record of concisely stated ideas with no discussion (5 min)
 - c. Select one or two ideas and develop a strategy for moving forward including follow-up roles and activities.
3. Explore opportunities for regional and/or inter-institutional collaboration aimed at identifying and better applying information and tools for optimizing the value of CRP and/or conversion from CRP to cropland, including Heartland activities such as a regional extension publication, webcasts and educational materials. Suggestion:
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