

## Break out by State

### Nebraska

Representatives from NRCS, UNL, Extension, ARS, EPA, and NRDs were present.

Issues of importance and coming to the forefront:

1. Nitrates in groundwater, continued work needed, new technology is coming on line that can help match crop (corn) need and supply.
2. Water quality/quantity issues: interaction between reduced tillage and runoff; effects stream flows; conflicts with Kansas, upcoming atrazine contamination in specific watersheds
3. Uneven adoption of reduced tillage in several areas in Nebraska
4. Invasive species big issues statewide.

Discussion of methodology included the following:

1. Comment on auction idea indicated the need to recognize that economics and resources of some farmers might not allow for competitive bids.
2. Critical areas in specific watersheds for issues is still a valid methodology. Watersheds have to be small enough so people feel ownership and responsibility.
3. Need to educate and make the connections between water quality and profitability where it is not obvious.
4. Early adopters are still very important in creating change.
5. Peer pressure also helps when applied by respected neighbors.

We did not discuss actual educational needs (except in general, as in point 3 above.)