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Carol Hays

Illinois Stewardship Alliance
Woody Woodruff

Illinois Corn Growers Association
Rodney Weinzierl

Nutrient Research and Education Council
Julie Armstrong

MWRDGC
Guanglong Tian
Watershed Coordinators Update:
Haley Haverback and Jennifer Woodyard, University of Illinois Extension
Science Team New Practice Adoption Procedure
Laura Christianson and Reid Christianson, University of Illinois Extension
Spreadsheet: Thank you for those who submitted it for the first half of the year.

Next due date: DEC 31, 2018  Ok to submit it early
Implementation Data:

FSA – Cover Crop, CRP Wetland, CRP Buffers, Perennial/Energy Crop Reporting
NRCS – EQIP, CSP, ACEP
IDNR – CREP
IEPA – 319 Grants
NASS – 2019 NASS Survey
IFB – Bioreactors, other BMPs
IFCA – 4R Metrics Survey
Other partner data

Due date: DEC 31, 2018

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Partner Project Updates:

Existing Initiatives

- State Programs and Projects
  - Section 319
  - State Revolving Fund
  - CREP
  - Partners for Conservation Cost-Share Program
  - Streambank Stabilization and Restoration Program
  - NASS
SURVEY TIMING AND DATA COLLECTION PLAN

First mailing: January 1
  Questionnaire printed on yellow paper
Second mailing: February 1
  Only to non-respondents
  Working on a 2nd request cover letter
Phoning: March 20 – March 31
Data analysis: March 1 – April 15
Summary and publication: April 15 – June 1
1,096 total farms
Field crops producers
   Trying to exclude fruits, vegetables
At least 100 acres of cropland
Less than 5,000 acres of cropland
Staffing decisions made for:
Visual / manual review of forms
Data entry
Computer programming
Software needs

• Calling (done)
• computer editing (started)
• Analysis (started)
• Summary (started)
• Publicity

• Lyndsay Ramsey (IL Farm Bureau) reached out to me
  • Creating a brochure for Annual Meeting
  • I gave her the basic facts
Partner Project Updates (con’t):

Existing Initiatives

- Federal Programs and Projects
  - EQIP
  - Conservation Stewardship Program
  - Easement Programs
  - Regional Conservation Partnership Program
  - Cost-Share and Technical Assistance Funding
  - Mississippi River Basin Initiative
  - Driftless Area Landscape Conservation Initiative
  - National Water Quality Initiative
  - Upper Macoupin Watershed Regional Conservation Partnership Program Project
Partner Project Updates (con’t):

Existing Initiatives

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New in 2017

- 4R4U
- Illinois Farm Bureau Nutrient Stewardship Mini-Grant Program
- Lake Vermillion Watershed Project
- 4R Metrics
- PCM Program
- Illinois Cover Crop Programs
- Field Laboratories
- Free, Confidential Water Testing Program
Partner Project Updates (con’t):

Existing Initiatives

- Non-Profit Program and Projects
  - Illinois Buffer Partnership
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Existing Initiatives

- Non-Profit Program and Projects
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New in 2017

- Advanced Soil Health Training for Illinois Professionals
- Leadership for Midwestern Watersheds
- Building Connections with Absentee Farmland Owners
- The Sustainable Agriculture Partnership at Illinois Central College
Partner Project Updates (con’t):

New Initiatives?
- University of Illinois Extension Watershed Coordinators
- S.T.A.R.
- Others?
Please submit half page to a page. Include a webpage link.

Project partner updates
Due date: DEC 31, 2018
kgardin2@illinois.edu
## NLRS Biennial Report Timeline

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Future topics and Next meetings

Next meeting: April 23 or 30

Next year’s NLRS Conference: Nov 5-6, 2019, Springfield
Meet back in
Monsanto Room (here)
for 1:30 pm session