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Minnesota BMP CHALLENGESM & Water Quality Credit Trading (WQT) Workshops

Ag professionals: Learn about new tools to help your farmer clientele reduce costs and meet stewardship goals at one of these three workshops.



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Monday, November 26, 2007

Cabela's Retail Store

Owatonna, MN

10:00am until 2:00pm

Registration fee: \$29, lunch included

Upcoming Workshops

Tuesday, December 18, 2007
in Alexandria

Thursday, January 10, 2008
in Redwood Falls

Who should attend?

This workshop is open to all. We especially encourage participation by individuals in Extension, Soil and Water Conservation Districts, USDA-NRCS, local government, watershed programs, and farm co-ops.

Certified Crop Advisor Continuing
Education Credits pending
for current MN CCAs

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Owatonna Workshop Schedule

Minnesota River Watershed: Opportunities for Progress

Shannon Fisher, PhD, Executive Director, MN River Board/MSU Water Resources Center
Dr. Fisher will present information on the MN River watershed project, including current environmental issues, a progress report, and opportunities for improvement

BMP Challenge and Water Quality Trading: Opportunities for Farmers, Advisors and Educators

Tom Green, PhD, CCA and President, Agflex

Dr. Green will introduce a project funded by USDA NRCS has opened innovative opportunities for farmers to try Best Management Practices (BMPs) without risk to income, and earn incentives from water quality credit trading.

Water Quality Credit Trading 101

Jim Klang, PE, Senior Project Engineer, Kieser & Associates, LLC

Water quality credit trading can be confusing and is often misunderstood. Mr. Klang will clarify how trading can provide cash to farmers, including upcoming opportunities for Minnesota Farmers.

Water Quality Credit Trading Rule Development in Minnesota

Marco Graziani, Pollution Control Specialist, MN Pollution Control Agency (MPCA)

Building on an introduction of WQT, Mr. Graziani will present on the rationale and goals for the development of Minnesota's water quality trading rules.

Minnesota Nutrient Management Initiative

Brian Williams, Water Planning Coordinator, MN Dept of Agriculture

Mr. Williams will provide information on another tool for available to producers in Southern MN to reduce risk and increase stewardship, as well as information on new Extension recommendations.

Looking under the Hood at the BMP CHALLENGE: Understanding the Mechanics

Brian Brandt, Director, Agricultural Conservation Innovation Center

Mr. Brandt will provide a roadmap to how educators and advisors can take advantage of the BMP CHALLENGE as a stewardship tool for use with corn farmers concerned about income risk.

Experience with the BMP CHALLENGE in Minnesota

Dave Legvold, Executive Director, Cannon River Watershed Partnership

Mr. Legvold will introduce the Partnership and share his experience with the BMP CHALLENGE in the Cannon River Watershed.