

CONSERVATION INNOVATION GRANTS

Biannual Progress Report

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<b>Project Title:</b> Improving Conservation and Ag Economics with Water Quality Trading and the BMP Challenge	
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<b>Period Covered by Report:</b> October 1, 2007 – March 31, 2008	
<b>Project End Date:</b> July 2009	

Summarize the work performed during the project period covered by this report:

During the period of October of 2007 through March of 2008, we accomplished the following objectives:

PROJECT AND ADVISORY TEAM (See Appendix for current team members)

- Project team continues to meet via monthly conference calls, with a sub-group focused specifically on the BMP CHALLENGE, which meets on at least bi-monthly basis via conference call.
- Advisory group, which functions to review progress reports and plans, continues to meet on a quarterly basis.
- Hired a half time project assistant, Megan Havelka, to provide phone reception, develop contact lists, organize project conference calls and meetings, organize farmer and advisor workshops, assemble curricula and support tools.
- Two Minnesota trainers have worked with the project coordinator to finalize trainer roles and materials.
- Three trainers have been recruited for Minnesota: Shannon Fisher, MN River Board and Water Resources Center; Ed Hohenstein, Seven Mile Creek Watershed Project, and Russ Derickson, MN Dept of Agriculture. Training for these individuals is ongoing.
- In addition to the three trainers, a number of other collaborators including several professionals on our advisory committee are gaining competency in addressing water quality trading and the BMP CHALLENGE with others.

CURRICULA AND SUPPORT MATERIALS

- Held an in-person trainer/project team meeting to cover both BMP CHALLENGE and WQT materials in detail. Revisions of the materials are to follow with an emphasis on linking the BMP CHALLENGE with WQT, as well as providing materials that are focused on the priority questions of producers and agricultural professionals.
- The latest version of the WQT presentations and materials, which are designed to provide a fuller explanation of water quality credit trading were further reviewed and discussed at a Minnesota Trainer Meeting with the trainers and project team.
- Support materials package for trainers currently includes 2008 BMP CHALLENGE enrollment and implementation forms, PowerPoint files and print-outs, curriculum outline with notes, water quality

trading references, BMP CHALLENGE FAQ sheets and additional BMP information (i.e. alternative credit generating BMPs and management information.)

- The BMP CHALLENGE website is updated regularly, with current documents and information: new trainer information, updated BMP CHALLENGE forms for the 2008 growing season, and newly revised FAQ page.

#### WORKSHOPS & MEETINGS

- Held three MN BMP CHALLENGE and WQT workshops for state agency, SWCD, crop advisors, NRCS, watershed groups and other professionals who work with producers in MN. Ninety-seven participants total attended the three workshops with five to seven presenters providing information on the BMP CHALLENGE, an introduction to WQT, rule development for trading in MN, and local perspectives on water quality issues and experience with the BMP CHALLENGE and WQT at each workshop. Evaluations attached.
- Jim Klang presented WQT and the BMP CHALLENGE in Alexandria, MN on December 18, 2007 and presented “Water Quality Credit Trading 101 and the BMP CHALLENGE” at the Cannon River Watershed Partnership Board meeting in Cannon Falls, MN on January 7, 2008.
- Brian Brandt presented the BMP CHALLENGE on January 14, 2008 in Sidney, OH.
- Tom Green presented information on the BMP CHALLENGE and WQT at the MN Association of SWCD Annual Meeting and the 2007 Missouri Crop Management Conference.
- Shannon Fisher presented on the BMP CHALLENGE and WQT at the Hawk Creek Watershed Information & Appreciation Meeting.
- Jim Klang presented “Improving the MN River: The BMP CHALLENGE and WQT” at the MN Air Water and Waste Conference in Bloomington, MN on February 27, 2008; and presented “Emerging Conservation Tools: Market Based Incentives and the BMP CHALLENGE” at the Sauk Watershed District Rules Committee meeting on February 28, 2008 and on March 18, 2008 in Sauk Center, MN.
- Brian Brandt presented on Advancing Farmer-Friendly, Highly Effective Nutrient Use Efficiency Tools in Napoleon, OH on March 3, 2008.
- Tom Green presented the BMP CHALLENGE in Marion, IA on March 14, 2008 hosted by the Cedar Rapids/Linn County Solid Waste Agency.
- Carrie Raber presented the BMP CHALLENGE at the Stearns County History Museum for Stearns County dealers and crop consultants on March 20, 2008.
- Tom Green presented the BMP CHALLENGE at the Iowa Lakes Community College on March 28, 2008 hosted by the Palo Alto SWCD.
- Jim Klang presented on WQT and the BMP CHALLENGE at a Rural Advantage sponsored information meeting on March 31, 2008 in Faribault, MN.

#### MAILINGS

- A BMP CHALLENGE brochure, 2008 corn price update inserts, and an informational cover letter were distributed in February to 5500 contacts.

- To date, 35,825 BMP CHALLENGE program brochures have been printed with approximately 33,500 distributed to program contacts to date.
- WQT informational brochures will be developed and distributed once trading rules have been finalized.
- The seventh edition of an electronic newsletter containing both BMP CHALLENGE program information and recent agricultural and conservation news will be distributed to 5000 contacts over the course of two separate mailings in March.
- Per the 2008 Outreach plan, a brochure and electronic newsletter schedule with designated dates of dispersal and topic outlines has been developed. Potential future E-newsletter topics include: MN Trading Court Ruling, Update on the Farm Bill, EPA Non-point Source Outreach Toolbox, implications of the EPA CO<sub>2</sub> regulation mandate for BMP CHALLENGE, a highlight on a main contact for a particular region, fall applications/tillage info, and updates on upcoming workshops, enrollment procedures, etc.

**Describe significant results, accomplishments, and lessons learned. Compare actual accomplishments to the project goals in your proposal:**

**BMP CHALLENGE**

- Nutrient BMP guarantees have been implemented on approximately 141 farmer fields, resulting in an average 25% reduction in nitrogen fertilizer use.
- Reduced tillage was implemented on the first 14 fields in 2006 and on 13 fields in 2007. Conservation equivalents not yet quantified.
- With the goal of expanding the Enhanced Nutrient Management option (15% N reduction below BMP rates) beyond PA for the upcoming growing season, Brian Brandt is currently exploring a potential partnership with Environmental Defense in OH to add approximately 20 farmers. We have requested and been approved to apply grant funds to guarantees for Enhanced Nutrient Management going forward.
- All results are recorded in a database.
- Approximately 48 fields with an estimated area of 3,128 acres were enrolled for 2007; 16 fields in the nutrient guarantees, 13 for tillage guarantees, and 19 for enhanced nutrient (Nitrogen) guarantees.
- The 2007 growing season was the final season for the CIG grant awarded to project partner American Farmland Trust (AFT); we will be attributing crop advisor supervision costs and some guarantee fees for 2007 acres to that grant. Other expenses including staff time are attributed to the Agflex CIG. Costs for Pennsylvania acres are covered by grants from PA Dept. of Environmental Protection, Chesapeake Bay Commission and PA Dept. of Agriculture State Conservation Commission, which are cash matches applied to the Agflex CIG.
- 2008 guarantee fees will be increased based on higher than projected farmer payments due to higher corn prices and slightly higher net returns losses.

**WATER QUALITY CREDIT TRADING**

- The white paper draft has been delivered to MPCA for use in drafting WQT trading rules. The paper identifies significant issues and represents compiled input from stakeholders in Minnesota and case studies.

- Developed timeline for WQT brochure development, printing and mailing; and WQT workshops for remainder of project.
- WQT team meets monthly by conference call.

WITHIN THE NEXT SIX MONTHS WE WILL:

- Continue project team and advisory meetings by conference call.
- Recruit additional advisors representing point sources.
- Review and revise curriculum based on experience using it at workshops this winter and early spring.
- Continue to compile our contact database including completing remaining states and adding point source contacts in Minnesota.
- Develop a brochure on water quality credit trading.
- Hold a workshop for point source professionals in Minnesota.
- Jim Baird will present the BMP CHALLENGE at the DEP Agricultural Advisory Board at the PPL Montour Preserve in Danville, PA on April 14, 2008.
- Jim Klang is scheduled to present WQT and the BMP CHALLENGE at the Lake Pepin TMDL Policy Forum on April 10, 2008.
- Jim Baird will be presenting at the DEP Agricultural Advisory Board at the PPL Montour Preserve in Danville, PA on April 16, 2008.
- Hire additional part-time staff for the Madison office for contact database development, meeting and mailing coordination, and BMP CHALLENGE program administration.

**In the space below, provide the following in accordance with the Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP) and CIG grant agreement provisions:**

***The following information has been added to the report to the NRCS CIG office:***

- a. A listing of EQIP-eligible producers involved in the project, identified by name and social security number or taxpayer identification number;*
- b. The dollar amount of any direct or indirect payment made to each individual producer or entity for any structural, vegetative, or management practices. Both biennial and cumulative payment amounts must be submitted.*

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## **Trainers**

Three Minnesota and three Pennsylvania public agencies or NGO professionals who will be trained to offer the BMP CHALLENGE and WQ Credit Trading curriculum developed as part of this project. Goal is to identify individuals whose current role would be enhanced by this capacity. ***Pennsylvania Trainers yet to be determined.***

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**Minnesota BMP CHALLENGE<sup>SM</sup> & Water Quality Credit Trading (WQT) Workshop Evaluation**

*November 26, 2008*

*Owatonna, MN*

Please take few minutes to complete this evaluation. Your comments provide invaluable feedback to the organizers, so they can better provide information that best meet your needs. No personal information is needed, just your feedback. Thank you.

**Presentations – General Impressions**

1. How would you rate today's overall workshop experience?

1                      2                      3                      4                      5  
Poor                      Fair                      Excellent

- **Range = 3-5**
- **Mean = 4.27**

2. How relevant was this topic to your needs and interests?

1                      2                      3                      4                      5  
Not Relevant                      Somewhat Relevant                      Very Relevant

- **Range = 3-5**
- **Mean = 4.45**

3. How useful will today's workshop be for you in your current role?

1                      2                      3                      4                      5  
Not Useful                      Somewhat Useful                      Very Useful

- **Range = 4-5**
- **Mean = 4.27**

4. How objective (fair, unbiased, non-partisan) were the presenters?

1                      2                      3                      4                      5  
Not Objective                      Somewhat Objective                      Very Objective

- **Range = 3-5**
- **Mean = 3.79**

**Specific Presentation Impressions**

5. How useful was the presentation by **Jim Klang** on an Introduction to Water Quality Credit Trading (WQT 101)?

1                      2                      3                      4                      5  
Not Useful                      Somewhat Useful                      Very Useful

- **Range = 3-5**
- **Mean = 4.21**

6. How useful was the presentation by **Marco Graziani** on an Introduction to Water Quality Credit Trading Development in Minnesota?

1                      2                      3                      4                      5  
Not Useful                      Somewhat Useful                      Very Useful

- **Range = 3-5**
- **Mean = 4.21**

7. How useful was the presentation by **Brian Brandt** on BMP Mechanics and the new Nutrient Recommendations?

1                      2                      3                      4                      5  
Not Useful                      Somewhat Useful                      Very Useful

- **Range = 2-5**
- **Mean = 3.71**

8. How useful was the presentation by **Lyn Nelson**, the Sauk River Watershed Partnership experience with Water Quality Credit Trading in Minnesota?

1                      2                      3                      4                      5  
Not Useful                      Somewhat Useful                      Very Useful

- **Range = 3-5**
- **Mean = 3.71**

9. How useful was the presentation by **Lyn Nelson**, the Sauk River Watershed Partnership experience with Water Quality Credit Trading in Minnesota?

1                      2                      3                      4                      5  
Not Useful                      Somewhat Useful                      Very Useful

- **Range = 3-5**
- **Mean = 3.96**

10. How useful was the presentation by **Lyn Nelson**, the Sauk River Watershed Partnership experience with Water Quality Credit Trading in Minnesota?

1                      2                      3                      4                      5  
Not Useful                      Somewhat Useful                      Very Useful

- **Range = 3-5**
- **Mean = 3.67**

11. How useful was the presentation by **Lyn Nelson**, the Sauk River Watershed Partnership experience with Water Quality Credit Trading in Minnesota?

1                      2                      3                      4                      5  
Not Useful                      Somewhat Useful                      Very Useful

- **Range = 4-5**
- **Mean = 4.21**

## Overall Workshop Impressions

12. What do you see as your role in helping to set or support policies that help farmers in management strategy decisions?
- By having a Water Quality Trading program in Minnesota, the public will better understand how to improve water quality.
  - I visit with farmers to fill out the River Friendly Farmer Survey for the Cannon River Watershed Partnership in Northfield, MN. I explain the BMP Challenge to them one on one and leave them a Water Quality Improvement info packet.
  - Promoting through use of media and educating farmers on good practices
  - Can present the idea and see if they use it
  - I am a SWCD supervisor. I help set EQIP programs and conservation programs
13. What did you like most about the workshop?
- Water Quality Trading credits
  - The info on the U of M recs. That they are proving to be beneficial
  - Great location
  - Good timely topics
  - The dedication and enthusiasm
  - Very useful information presented – cutting edge!
  - All the good info on Water Quality Trading and how I can bring the Ag world into Water Quality practices
14. What did you like least about the workshop?
- Shorten each presentation a few minutes and save questions until noon lunch
  - Power point presentations! Can be a great tool or can be detrimental
  - Explain more about how long the program was going to last
  - Looking under the hood at the BMP was a repeat of what Brian Williams said
15. How will you use the information from today's workshop?
- Work with SWCD/NRCS/FSA staffs to establish credit trading and info to land owners
  - Present this to county farms
  - Implementing BMPs in our county
  - In my one on one conservation sales visits with farmers to try reduced or no till methods and reduced nutrient application
  - Get more people to your next two meetings and get water quality trading established in Minnesota
- Please feel free to share any additional comments.
- Lori either needs to speak up louder or use a microphone

**Thanks again for your time and comments, they are both greatly appreciated!**

## Minnesota BMP CHALLENGE<sup>SM</sup> & Water Quality Credit Trading (WQT) Workshop Evaluation

Tuesday, December 18, 2008

Alexandria, MN

Please take few minutes to complete this evaluation. Your comments provide invaluable feedback to the organizers, so they can better provide information that best meet your needs. No personal information is needed, just your feedback. Thank you.

### Presentations – General Impressions

16. How would you rate today's overall workshop experience?

1                      2                      3                      4                      5  
Poor                      Fair                      Excellent

- **Range = 3-5**
- **Mean = 4.00**

17. How relevant was this topic to your needs and interests?

1                      2                      3                      4                      5  
Not Relevant                      Somewhat Relevant                      Very Relevant

- **Range = 2-5**
- **Mean = 3.94**

18. How useful will today's workshop be for you in your current role?

1                      2                      3                      4                      5  
Not Useful                      Somewhat Useful                      Very Useful

- **Range = 2-5**
- **Mean = 3.84**

19. How objective (fair, unbiased, non-partisan) were the presenters?

1                      2                      3                      4                      5  
Not Objective                      Somewhat Objective                      Very Objective

- **Range = 1-5**
- **Mean = 3.69**

### Specific Presentation Impressions

20. How useful was the presentation by **Jim Klang** on an Introduction to Water Quality Credit Trading (WQT 101)?

1                      2                      3                      4                      5  
Not Useful                      Somewhat Useful                      Very Useful

- **Range = 3-5**
- **Mean = 4.03**

21. How useful was the presentation by **Marco Graziani** on an Introduction to Water Quality Credit Trading Development in Minnesota?

1                      2                      3                      4                      5  
Not Useful                      Somewhat Useful                      Very Useful

- **Range = 3-5**
- **Mean = 4.13**

22. How useful was the presentation by **Brian Brandt** on BMP Mechanics and the new Nutrient Recommendations?

1                      2                      3                      4                      5  
Not Useful                      Somewhat Useful                      Very Useful

- **Range = 2-5**
- **Mean = 3.91**

23. How useful was the presentation by **Lyn Nelson**, the Sauk River Watershed Partnership experience with Water Quality Credit Trading in Minnesota?

1                      2                      3                      4                      5  
Not Useful                      Somewhat Useful                      Very Useful

- **Range = 2-5**
- **Mean = 3.75**

### Overall Workshop Impressions

24. What do you see as your role in helping to set or support policies that help farmers in management strategy decisions?

- Encourage the local SWCD board and staff to promote BMP's and inform county commissioners to attend and be informed
- Incentives for landowners
- My role is primarily supporting farmers in managing natural resources in environmental and economic ways. I am a farmers friend and WQT seems most beneficial to people seeking NPDES permits
- Education and understanding
- Provide the technical assistance to help landowners implement BMPs
- Aside for permitting potential projects, I do not think that my office will have much of a role in the entire process.
- I do not support watershed control.
- Share information at various events across the state

10. What did you like most about the workshop?

- The format: start mid morning, coffee, lunch and back to sessions for part of the afternoon and recess early and on time
- I think the SRWD presentation was most beneficial to me. It was the most local and feasible tool. I think people will be willing to work with SRWD in WQT.
- Good representation of water quality trading and pieces that can help implement the program, including the local component

- Presenters
- All of it
- It was nice an actual on the ground example
- Presentation of Lynn Nelson – very successful programs
- Topic, location, time, trading has pros and cons

11. What did you like least about the workshop?

- Lunch – soup was less than good and tables were too crowded
- It was hard to hear presenters at times. Presentations were more of a lecture and not very interactive. A lot of redundancy went on, but repetition deepens the impression so it could be good. There were no breaks other than lunch.
- The food.
- Time crunch
- Seemed like there was more information that could have been discussed, but the time allotment was not there.
- Farmers involved
- All good
- No definite answers about rules
- A couple presentations were quite technical

12. How will you use the information from today's workshop?

- Inform local entities, urge involvement.
- Information and understanding at this time.
- I will forward the knowledge to landowners.
- As a tool to implement BMPs with-in an impaired watershed.
- Water quality trading implementation
- Stearns – Eco-services Trading Pilot
- Engineering, form practice recommendations
- Working rule makers try to keep “local” – not PCA statewide one size fits all
- This will assist me in my work with local units of government

Please feel free to share any additional comments.

- Have time cards to hold up to keep presentation time, have a remote for the projector and hold BMP workshops on various days, other than Tuesday so commissioners could attend
- It is lots of information to take in because the rules are being set this is a great time to be on

**Thanks again for your time and comments, they are both greatly appreciated!**

## Minnesota BMP CHALLENGE<sup>SM</sup> & Water Quality Credit Trading (WQT) Workshop Evaluation

Thursday, January 10, 2008

Redwood Falls, Minnesota

Please take few minutes to complete this evaluation. Your comments provide invaluable feedback to the organizers, so they can better provide information that best meet your needs. No personal information is needed, just your feedback. Thank you.

### Presentations – General Impressions

25. How would you rate today's overall workshop experience?

1                      2                      3                      4                      5  
Poor                      Fair                      Excellent

- Range = 2-5
- Mean = 4.00

26. How relevant was this topic to your needs and interests?

1                      2                      3                      4                      5  
Not Relevant                      Somewhat Relevant                      Very Relevant

- Range = 2-5
- Mean = 3.85

27. How useful will today's workshop be for you in your current role?

1                      2                      3                      4                      5  
Not Useful                      Somewhat Useful                      Very Useful

- Range = 2-5
- Mean = 3.59

28. How objective (fair, unbiased, non-partisan) were the presenters?

1                      2                      3                      4                      5  
Not Objective                      Somewhat Objective                      Very Objective

- Range = 3-5
- Mean = 4.26

### Specific Presentation Impressions

29. How useful was the presentation by **Shannon Fisher** on Water Quality Issues in the MN River Basin?

1                      2                      3                      4                      5  
Not Useful                      Somewhat Useful                      Very Useful

- Range = 3-5
- Mean = 3.88

30. How useful was the presentation by **Jim Klang** on an Introduction to Water Quality Credit Trading (WQT 101)?

1                      2                      3                      4                      5  
Not Useful                      Somewhat Useful                      Very Useful

- **Range = 2-5**
- **Mean = 3.78**

31. How useful was the presentation by **Marco Graziani** on Water Quality Trading Rule Development in Minnesota?

1                      2                      3                      4                      5  
Not Useful                      Somewhat Useful                      Very Useful

- **Range = 2-5**
- **Mean = 3.89**

32. How useful was the presentation by **Brian Williams** on the MN Nutrient Management Program?

1                      2                      3                      4                      5  
Not Useful                      Somewhat Useful                      Very Useful

- **Range = 2-5**
- **Mean = 4.07**

33. How useful was the presentation by **Brian Brandt** on BMP Mechanics and the new Nutrient Recommendations?

1                      2                      3                      4                      5  
Not Useful                      Somewhat Useful                      Very Useful

- **Range = 2-5**
- **Mean = 4.00**

### Overall Workshop Impressions

34. What do you see as your role in helping to set or support policies that help farmers in management strategy decisions?

- Gathering opinions; relaying to those who set the policies; determining the potential in our watershed
- We have impaired waters in our watershed
- With being a watershed manager we help farmers better water quality
- Educate and implement BMPs
- Policy development; education
- Assist landowners to implement programs that provide economic sustainability and water quality improvement
- Work through SWCD staff
- Build awareness of possibilities for them to increase income while still conserving our resources, as well as helping out our treatment plants

11. What did you like most about the workshop?

- Info I had not heard before
- Every presenter was “real” with useful information
- BMP Challenge
- Broad range of presenters
- Brian Williams presentation
- Information of BMP Credits
- Presented good, progressive approaches including some that are available now
- Very useful and informative presentations
- I thought it was all very helpful
- Fits with our program
- Each presentation was short and to the point

35. What did you like least about the workshop?

- Nothing
- It was all very good
- Lunch and some material was tough to follow
- Water Quality Trading
- I have no objection

36. How will you use the information from today's workshop?

- To relay the message and the availability of program to our landowners
- I may possibly include some of this info in our upcoming workshops
- Teaching about twenty-five kids on the MN river statute
- Apply BMP Challenge to growers and clients
- Working with farmers as a CCA and TSP on BMPs with nutrients, manure and pesticide use on their farms
- Provide information to technicians for use with watershed landowners
- Possibly implement trading into ditch improvements
- Share with colleges
- To educate my constituents
- Implement WQT and BMPs in the Sauk River Watershed
- It will help to make good decisions
- We are beginning implementation of a legal? impairment and are writing a 10 year overall plan
- It will help to make good decisions

Please feel free to share any additional comments.

It was the best workshop I have attended. There were very few questions which, tells me everybody was well informed. I think it was more for farmers.

Jim's presentation had very good information, but I really struggled to grasp many of the concepts. I really wanted to understand, but I am not sure if I did. Could the information be presented in more general terms! Brandt's font was too small. All presenters had too much text.

**Thanks again for your time and comments, they are both greatly appreciated!**

# The BMP CHALLENGE<sup>SM</sup> Workshop Evaluation

*Friday, March 28, 2008*

*Emmetsburg, IA*

Please take few minutes to complete this evaluation. Your comments provide invaluable feedback to the organizers, so they can better provide information that best meet your needs. No personal information is needed, just your feedback. Thank you.

## Presentations – General Impressions

37. How would you rate today's overall workshop experience?

1                      2                      3                      4                      5  
Poor                      Fair                      Excellent

- **Range = 3-5**
- **Mean = 4.07**

38. How relevant was this topic to your needs and interests?

1                      2                      3                      4                      5  
Not Relevant                      Somewhat Relevant                      Very Relevant

- **Range = 2-5**
- **Mean = 4.27**

39. How useful will today's workshop be for you in your current role?

1                      2                      3                      4                      5  
Not Useful                      Somewhat Useful                      Very Useful

- **Range = 2-5**
- **Mean = 4.00**

40. How objective (fair, unbiased, non-partisan) were the presenters?

1                      2                      3                      4                      5  
Not Objective                      Somewhat Objective                      Very Objective

- **Range = 2-5**
- **Mean = 3.80**

## Overall Workshop Impressions

41. What do you see as your role in helping to set or support policies that help farmers in management strategy decisions?

- I am not opposed to doing what is best for the land and producer.

- Advisory
- I am a farmer, so my role is to participate in these programs and convince my friends and neighbors to do the same. Lead by example.
- I am a farmer and CCA, so I am directly involved with crop plans.
- Low.
- Player.
- Another source of information for the farmer.
- I work as a CCA. I've used the BMP Nutrient Management program for several years for N and P.
- Watershed Project Coordinator.

42. What did you like most about the workshop?

- The BMP CHALLENGE presentation.
- Good ideas.
- Manure application in strip till.
- Examples of actual farm trials.
- Various programs available.
- Informative and pertinent and the snacks.
- Informative.
- Ability to combine two programs.
- The presenters were well prepared, for questions too.
- Workshop mentioned negatives as well as positives.
- CRWP Representative.

43. What did you like least about the workshop?

- ISA
- Have Todd talk to the audience not the screen.
- The negative PR no-till got.
- Would like more on the sign up process.
- It sounds like you expect a lot from crop consultants without any benefit to them.
- Length.
- Time.
- Nothing.

44. How will you use the information from today's workshop?

- I look for new ways to do things.
- Fine time to till.
- If someone asked about these programs, I can give them some information.
- I believe I will implement a CHALLENGE on a farm or two.
- Hopefully implement.
- Incorporate more strip-till and no till in my operation.

Please feel free to share any additional comments.

- Very good workshop.
- In our area, we get a lot of negative PR about livestock and livestock manure. I think the strip till application is a great way to combat the odor issue with hog manure application.
- Thank you.

**Thanks again for your time and comments, they are both greatly appreciated!**