



Date Range: August 1 - 31, 2016

Key Accomplishments

- Staffing
 - Taylor Lord hired as Communications Manager.
 - Started 8/30 at 3 Day Soil Health Training
 - Will be on-boarding w/ IASWCD, NRCS, ISDA 9/2-12
 - Agronomist interviewed and verbal offer made.
 - Program Manager
 - Telephone interviews conducted 8/29
 - 3 individuals selected for in-person interviews
 - Post-Doc
 - Funding secured through NRCS National Soil Health Division for 1-year post-doc to assist with analysis of data.
- CCSI joined Nutrient Reduction Strategy Task Force
- IASWCD Resolution – met with last of sponsoring Districts

Targeted goals through Nov 1

- Staffing
 - Finalize Agronomist Offer
 - Hire Program Manager
 - On-boarding of new staff with ICP agencies, top farmers
- Plan of Work with targeted timelines, responsibilities
 - Immediate = Onboarding of Staff
 - Immediate = Initial Communications Plan
- Final Draft of CIG Report. 2 Versions: 1 NRCS report, 1 public “guide”
- Field Component of Research
 - CNST run
 - Collect input, yield information from farmers
- Nutrient Reduction Task Force
 - Pilot – Outreach w/ Ag Retailers
 - Identify 1 Watershed / Region (Big Pine, St Mary’s + 2 Southern)
 - Engage ICP Field Staff / CCSI Teams
- Finalize strategies w/ DSSs to
 - Reach out to SWCDs less engaged w/ CCSI
 - Follow-up on Ag-Retailer Outreach (see Nutrient Reduction, above)
 - Roller-crimper Initiative – provide coordination, not lead (See SARE PDP)
- Re-launch / Re-communicate Speakers Bureau support
- Finalize Soil Health Track of SARE Professional Development Plan of Work 2017-18
 - 3 Tracks: Commodity Crop Production, Specialty Crop Production, Livestock/Manure Mgmt / Composting



- IASWCD Resolution for CCSI Funding – Meet w/ Vermillion SWCD (final sponsoring SWCD), Draft Letter of Request

Meetings / Visits / Appearances

Past

- Cover Crops Masters Class, Aug 2, Greensburg
- Roger Wenning Workshop, Aug 3, Greensburg
- Tri-Green Tractor Harvest Expo, Aug 3,
- Holding Manure's Value via Compost and Cover Crops, Aug 9, Rensselaer
- LaCrosse Seed Retailer Training Planning, Aug 9, Terre Haute,
- Vermillion Co SWCD, Aug 9, Newport (IASWCD Resolution)
- Advanced Conservation Cropping Systems Aug 10, 11, Brownsburg
 - 2 Sessions
 - For Staff only (so they are COMFORTABLE asking questions)
 - Phil Needham + AJ Adkins on Equipment Set-up and Adjustments
 - *We don't expect staff to be experts – just more comfortable talking with farmers about potential equipment needs*
- Equipment Set-up and Modifications for Farmers, Aug 10, Brownsburg
- Miami Co Cover Crop Workshop, Aug 17, Peru
- Crop 63 / Ceres Solutions, Aug 18, Vermillion Co
- Ag 101, Aug 18, Peru
- Supervisor/Staff Summit, Aug 23, Danville
- Justin Schneider, IFB, Aug 23 Brownsburg
- IFB/IASWCD Event, Aug 23, Brownsburg
- Werling Field Day, Aug 24, Decatur
- Wabash SWCD Field Day, Aug 25
- Indiana Nutrient Reduction Task Force, Aug 26, Indy
- 3-Day Soil Health Training, Aug 30 – Sept 1, W Lafayette

Upcoming through Sept 30

- NRCS State Soil Health Team, Sept 8, Indy
- Program Manager Interviews, Sept 15, W Lafayette
- Advanced Cover Crops – Sept 19, Pierceton
- JA Scott Cover Crop Field Day – Sept 20, Pierceton
- SSCB – Sept 21, Indianapolis

General Assistance Provided:

- Economic Cast Studies – Various Districts
- Speakers – Daviess-Martin SWCDs