



**Date Range:** June 1 – 30, 2016

## Key Accomplishments

- Director Position Filled – Lisa Holscher
- Remaining Case Studies Completed. To be launched in Pairs:
  - June 13 - Rulon + Huffmeyer
  - July 11 – Wenning + Shuter
  - Aug 8 – Werling + Brocksmith
- Advanced Conservation Cropping Systems dates, location, speakers, general agenda set
- Advanced Cover Crops, general topics, date, location set

## Targeted goals through Sept 1

- Finalize Program Manager, Communications Manager Job Descriptions; Fill Agronomist, Program Manager, Communications Manager positions.
- Draft Final CIG Report
  - Publication w/ Steve Werblow, contracted writer
  - JBW's CIG Reporting requirements
- Develop draft Plan of Work with targeted timelines, responsibilities
- Field Component of Research
  - Complete Soil Health Sampling, INFA Imagery
  - Set-up Werling, Mills new strip trials
  - Finalize Scott conventional comparison strip locations
  - Collect spring/early summer input information from farmers
- Draft strategies w/ DSSs to
  - Reach out to SWCDs less engaged w/ CCSI
  - Follow-up on Ag-Retailer Outreach (from spring region meetings)
  - Roller-crimper Initiative – provide coordination, not lead
    - 5-6 Counties (SWCDs, Extension) interested
    - Rental similar to no-till drills. Different sizes depending on region (i.e. Morgan/Monroe looking for 10ft; Urban = walk-behind; Jasper = 10 and/or 20 ft)
    - Trainings through SARE to insure *good* support to growers
- Re-launch / Re-communicate Speakers Bureau support
- SARE Plan of Work – Soil Health Focus Area to Roy Ballard, IN SARE Coordinator (this funds Core Cover Crops, Advanced Cover Crops / Conservation Cropping Systems, Presentation and Media Skills trainings, etc)
- IASWCD Resolution for CCSI Funding – Meet w/ Sponsoring SWCDs, Draft Letter of Request
- Draft strategy w/ LaCrosse Seed (others, too?) to provide cover crop management training to their retailers/distributors.



### Meetings / Visits / Appearances

#### Past

- Indiana TNC – Soil Health Meeting w/ ISDA, IASWCD, NRCS, June 7, Indianapolis
- 4R Nutrient Summit, June 15-16, Indianapolis
- ISDA DSS Strategy Meeting, June 16, Indianapolis
- Wenning Field Day Planning, June 27, Greensburg
- Presentation and Media Skills, June 28, Noblesville
- Werling Field Day / Amish Workshop Planning, June 30, Decatur

#### Upcoming through August 31

- Joe Anderson, Purdue Agronomy Dept Head + Eileen Kladviko, W Lafayette, July 11
- Indiana TNC Board of Trustees, July 15, New Harmony
- SWCS Annual Meeting, July 25-27, Louisville
- Cover Crops Masters Class, Aug 2, Greensburg
- Roger Wenning Workshop, Aug 3, Greensburg
- Holding Manure's Value via Compost and Cover Crops, Aug 9, Rensselaer
- 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
- Werling Field Day, Aug 24, Decatur
- Amish Workshop, Aug 24 Decatur area
- Wabash SWCD Field Day, Aug 25
- 3-Day Soil Health Training, Aug 30 – Sept 1

#### General Assistance Provided:

- Speakers – What's Happening in Modern Ag, June 21. Thorntown
- Speakers – Goghnaur Ag / Marshall Co SWCD, Aug 23, Marshall Co
- Speaker (Penn State) – Jamie Scott Field Day, Sept 20, Pierceton
- Locating Cooperators – Wally Tyner Cover Crop Economics project
- Identifying Potential Partners for Krupke Pollinator Habitat project