



**Date Range:** July 1 - 31, 2016

## **Key Accomplishments**

- Staffing
  - Agronomist interviews completed. Offer made to one individual, but turned down. Job to be reposted.
  - Program Manager posting closed July 29. Several strong applicants.
  - Communications Manager posting closed July 29. Several strong applicants.
- Draft Plan of Work started
- First Draft CIG Final Report / Outline started
- Research
  - Soil Health sampling run - Mills left
  - Scott comparison site finalized

## **Targeted goals through Oct 1**

- Staffing
  - Agronomist – position to be re-posted
  - Program Manager – phone and in-person interviews. August
  - Communications Manager – in-person interviews involving ICP PR/Communications personnel. August
  - Post-Doc (Purdue position) – funding being pursued.
- Plan of Work with targeted timelines, responsibilities
- Draft Final CIG Report. 2 Versions: 1 NRCS report, 1 public “guide”
- Field Component of Research
  - INFA Imagery, CNST run
  - Set-up Werling, Mills new strip trials
  - Collect spring/early summer input information from farmers
- Finalize 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
- 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). Will include roller-crimper training component
- IASWCD Resolution for CCSI Funding – Meet w/ Vermillion SWCD (final sponsoring SWCD), Draft Letter of Request
- Develop training plan w/ LaCrosse Seed (others, too?) to provide cover crop management training to their retailers/distributors.

## Meetings / Visits / Appearances

### Past

- Warren County SWCD, July 8, Williamsport (IASWCD Resolution)
- Joe Anderson, Purdue Agronomy Dept Head + Eileen Kladvko, July 11, W Lafayette,
- Chad Watts, Exec Director CTIC, July 11, W Lafayette
- Agronomist – Telephone Interviews, July 13
- Indiana TNC Board of Trustees, July 15, New Harmony
- Agronomist – In-Person Interviews, July 18 Indy
- Fountain County SWCD, July 18, Attica (IASWCD Resolution)
- Parke County SWCD, July 19, Rockville (IASWCD Resolution)
- SSCB, July 22, Indy
- Aly Wells, Indiana Corn Marketing Council / Indiana Soybean Alliance, July 22, Indy
- SWCS Annual Meeting, July 25-27, Louisville

### Upcoming through Sept 30

- 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
- 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
- Justin Schneider, IFB, Aug 17, Indy
- Crop 63 / Ceres Solutions, Aug 18, Vermillion Co
- Supervisor/Staff Summit, Aug 23, Danville
- IFB/IASWCD Event, Aug 23, Brownsburg
- Werling Field Day, Aug 24, Decatur
- Amish Workshop, Aug 24 Decatur area
- Wabash SWCD Field Day, Aug 25
- 4R Certification Planning, Aug 26, Indy
- 3-Day Soil Health Training, Aug 30 – Sept 1, W Lafayette
- NRCS State Soil Health Team, Sept 8, Indy
- Advanced Cover Crops – Sept 19, Pierceton
- JA Scott Cover Crop Field Day – Sept 20, Pierceton



## **General Assistance Provided:**

- Speakers / Tech Support, Economic Case Studies – Tri-Green Tractor Harvest Expo
- Speaker Funding - Holding Manure's Value via Compost and Cover Crops
- Economic Case Studies - Crop 63
- Speakers Marshall Co SWCD / Gochenour Ag Field Day