

Nutrient & Pest Management

2003 Accomplishments
 Communication enhanced between regional stakeholders through a multi-institutional steering committee

 Priorities identified as: cost effectiveness of BMPs, nutrient criteria, and technical service provider development

 Web site developed with NPM information and educational resources

Partners
Steering Committee:
 NRCS, State Environmental Agencies, Departments of Agriculture, Sustainable Agricultural Advocates, Natural Resource Districts
Target Audience:
 Agency personnel responsible for Technical Service Provider certification/training; agency staff responsible for NPM planning; land-grant faculty on- and off-campus

Planned Outcomes

- Increase accessibility to science-based nutrient and pesticide management information for agencies, and public/private entities involved in water quality regulation and protection
- Increase availability of land-grant university education resources on NPM for agency and service provider professional development programs

Community Involvement

2003 Accomplishments
 Active collaboration among work group members created groundwork for regional network

 Literature review of research conducted on successful community involvement in watershed management

 Web architecture developed for presenting literature reviews and mapping network resources

Partners
Steering Committee:
 Land-grant university extension specialists from four states, EPA Region 7
Target Audience:
 Extension, agency, and other personnel involved in watershed planning and management

Planned Outcomes

- Establish regional network of individuals with knowledge and experience to facilitate increased community involvement in watershed management
- Increase accessibility to science-based information on successful community involvement to watershed planning efforts

Animal Manure Management

2003 Accomplishments
 Two CAFO workshops held on integrating science into state rules and facilitating interstate and interagency communication on CAFO rules

 Web site and monthly online newsletter developed to supplement workshops

 Regional agency interaction on CAFO rules increased

Partners
Steering Committee:
 EPA Region 7; Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, and Nebraska State Environmental Agencies; NRCS
Target Audience:
 State Environmental Agency staff involved with CAFO rules; advisors to the livestock industry

Planned Outcomes

- Integrate land-grant university science into CAFO rules
- Assist livestock community in implementation of CAFO rules

Collaborations and Connections



IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY



Other 2003 accomplishments: Regional Web site, fact sheet, poster, and online reporting system developed by IDEA: Information Development-Expanding Awareness



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