



## **USDA-CSREES 2006 National Water Quality Conference**

### **Release of Comprehensive Nutrient Management Planning Core Curriculum and Associated Training Materials**

The land grant universities from Iowa, Idaho, Indiana, Michigan and Tennessee along with NRCS employees from state, regional and national levels have worked cooperatively to develop a core CNMP educational curriculum and supporting course materials. The materials were pilot tested in November 2004 and 2005. The curriculum and training materials will be publicly released in spring 2006. Materials will be available for free via download from the internet, and will be available for purchase as a complete set for a small fee from the Midwest Plan Service at Iowa State University. Topics covered in the nine training sections include; Conservation Planning, Land Treatment Practices, Manure and Wastewater Storage and Handling, Nutrient Management, Feed Management, Record Keeping, Air Quality, Alternative Utilization, and Technical Service Provider Certification and Registration. The released product will include an outline and lesson plan for each section, scripted presentations that can be altered to fit the needs of the user, in-class learning examples to support the topics, an example CNMP developed for a real farm, and supporting resource materials. This presentation will provide 1) information about the topics supported by the training materials, 2) examples of the product to be released, 3) examples of how the content can be altered to fit the users needs, and 4) information about how and where to obtain the materials.

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