

**Bootheel Nutrient Management Coalition
Conference Call
12-11-09
Notes**

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1. Corn Growers Meeting. 100 in attendance. Seemed to be interested in corn stalk sampling. 40 tillage CDs picked up by participants. Christa can get sign in sheet from Anthony (?)
2. Irrigation Meeting. 50 ppl in attendance. 80% of land is irrigated in bootheel. Try steak dinner for Malden meeting. Scott met John Masco who might be a good speaker at the Malden meeting (remote and real-time sensing imagery technology.)
3. CCA Meeting. Michelle Gross gave presentation on nutrient management project. Doug put together sheet with follow-up info on his presentation. Maybe some thought hypoxia was a sham? National Academies report will come out in spring. David has had more requests for Perry's ppt on nutrient loading. What is getting into water from erosion?
4. Corn stalk sampling. Scott gave update . Has not met with all advisors. Dec. 30 meeting with all advisors. Will pitch program details. Will get letter out on Monday. Add bullet about how student participation in project will look good on college applications. Superintendent proposing simple MOU rather than contract. 4-H could help if FFA cannot participate? FFAs seem to be excited about project. One SWCD chair will bring it up at meeting—though he would get support from board. Several SWCD employees seem positive about participating. Need to do outreach material for producer/SWCD. Submit articles to newsletters. Can send info out to 3000. CTIC can set up website –include video from Penn State? How to train kids? ½ classroom, ½ hands-on. Reimburse David? Combine schools for training. One per county would be 5. Could limit to four at different locations. Ask advisors about how best to do training (on Dec. 30.) Print up 2-shirts for kids? Discuss with advisors how to bring issue full-circle for kids. Water quality testing? Students could come to David's lab to get help with science fair projects. Scott would like to have survey on how successful project is. From producer and from FFA advisor perspectives. Go into December 30 meeting with ideas for evaluation measures/metrics. Kat will develop straw-man evaluation. Bob—monitoring program could be paid for through MRBI funding. On field or edge-of-field. Needs to be partner driven. Contact Gerry Davis, John Ford (DNR), Robert Larch (ARS). Ask how to develop water quality monitoring plan for our watershed. There is an online course. Can pay landowner to do monitoring. Could include MO Environmental Resources Coalition. Also brings in watershed.
5. Malden meeting—February 24, 2010. Add telemetry guy to agenda. Need to improve PR. Content—need to focus on N enhancers and field day summer. Come up with something

different. Need to focus on financial benefit to producers. Scott will check with David Guethle on date. Need to get newspaper to do interview with one speaker and plug meeting with article.

6. MRBI. Look at Lower St. Francis because of 2 state involvement. Funding to cost-share (NRCS). Can identify land owners in watershed on a map? Have to initiate request to FSA thru FOIA—probably will not work. Could ask producers to sign release. CARES?? When will RFP come out? Latter part of Jan.? TA not provided thru MRBI—cannot move money-
7. Rice Conference March 3.

Next call Jan. 8 at 10AM Central.