The Integrated Field Crops PWT - Bill Cox

- History: In the 1980’s Inter-department committee started to plan November In-service, agent training and field crop dealer meetings. In 1990’s Statewide Program Committee was started which included stakeholders, NRCS, SWCD, crop consultants, vendors, farmers and extension field staff. The Statewide Program Committee was in place until 2000. It met 2 times/year in March and December. Morphed into Program Work Team. Moved from an advisory role to a partnering committee.
- Integrated Field Crops PWT and NYS Corn Growers association put on Field Crops Industry Day. This year they focused on dairy community. Are working with ProDairy, NE Dairy Producers.
- Bill sees IFC PWT as a mainline information system – they have a built in audience – it’s easy to deliver their program though established channels such as “What’s Cropping Up” and Field Crop Dealer meetings. Are currently working with Quirine and Karl to work with dairy producers. Unfortunately do not have a link to AEM (AgEcon) currently.
- How can PWTs connect to be more effective?
  - they felt a disconnect with REAP program. How can we address NMP for cash crops? veggies? grapes? Corn following clover/ wheat – are we over fertilizing?
  - PSNT not validated in on-farm research.
  - Harold looking at precision ag in P, K and pH; Bill looking at precision ag in N.
  - Need a project or tool as vehicle to get collaboration.
- Is there a clearing house for PWT information exchange?
  - Statewide program committee chairs used to meet regularly. PWT chairs have only met to present annual summary – only informal discussion.
  - Councils and chairs used to review Hatch – now just chairs and administration. Can we get Chairs of Ag related PWTs to meet?
- How can ICS PWT link with Dairy and Ag Econ?
  - Larry Chase and 3 dairy farmers on ICS PWT.
  - Joint Inservice Agent Training? DEL does scheduling now.
  - AEM – risk management, ethanol, economics of safety factors in crop fertilization and rations.

Action Steps:

- Suggestion for Joint Meeting with Corn Growers Association and NYSABA the 1st week in January in Syracuse. Featured speaker is Francis Childs – farmer who has 412 bu/a corn. 2 day event.
- Suggestion for chairs and co-chairs of ag-related PWTs to meet to improve communication, link up for collaboration and fill in gaps in research.
- Hold joint Dairy and Field Crops Inservice session in November. Possible topic could be copper in soils.
**Upcoming Meetings:**
All of our meetings for the rest of the semester will be in 133 Emerson Hall from 12:00 to 1:30. The following discussion leaders are tentatively scheduled:

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