Integrated Nutrient Management Program Work Group
Minutes May 2, 2001

Attending: Greg Albrecht, Danny Fox, Caroline Rasmussen, Elaine Delryple, Karl Czymmek, Paul Ray, Bill Elder, Fred Gaffney

Discussion:
Demonstration of Cornell Cropware - This was a good opportunity to share Cropware development with some of our partners at NRCS.
- Suggestion: allow user to enter N, P, K requirements for vegetables, ornamentals, other crops.
- Put in traps to catch weird rotations (i.e. COS followed by ALT without ALE).

Cropware Training
- Will invite in a group to intensively test Cropware on June 5 in 164 Morrison. Give Paul details and he will go through NRCS channels to identify participants from their agency.
- Target early to mid August for training. Need to find sites now.
- One day, 6 hour training: 2 hours of Power Point presentation to teach fundamentals of biology underlying recommendations and nutrient management plan principles. AnSci 412 materials can serve as basis for this section. 1 hours lunch followed by 2 hours of hands on-manipulation of a case study and 1 hour to work on “what-ifs” on their own and ask questions.
- Announce training sessions on NRCS bulletin and AEM list serve.
- Expect a minimum of 100 people: 46 NRCS, 46 SWCD, 15 Extension + ? Private. Limit training to 20 people /group. Will need a minimum of 4 training sessions. Invite agencies and public. Gauge demand level. Reserve right to limit access to get a balance of users.
- Have one at Cornell. Set up one or two to bookend NYSABA meetings in August.
- Do we need prerequisites for training ? CCA ?
- Set up distance learning for on-going (not initial) training. Need to train site managers for future distance learning sessions. Are SUNY Ag’s available to use for distance learning sites? Can we use them for other 3 training sessions ? Contact Jeff Tikofski re Pro Dairy’s experience with Distance Learning.

Discussion of AEM – CAFO regulation
- AEM as inventory tool. Need to streamline and categorize environmental programs.
- Need an over-view, context to set AEM <-> Toolkit <-> Cropware. We need to clarify how these efforts fit together.
- DEC giving tickets for CAFO violations may alienate producers.
- NRCS interest in variable rate application and temporal allocation of nutrients based on weather conditions.

Next Meeting: Since a large part of our membership is not available for the May 16 meeting, the next meeting will be May 30. Meeting details will be sent before that date.