

## **You are cordially invited to the Second CRP Benefits Webinar.**

Dr. William Crumpton- Iowa State University will be presenting “***Wetlands, Water Quality, and Agriculture: Case Studies of N Removal Efficiency***”.

The Webinar will be held Tuesday January 15<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 Eastern time.

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USDA’s Farm Service Agency (FSA) administers the 27.1 million acre Conservation Reserve Program (CRP), a program that improves water quality, enhances wildlife populations, sequesters carbon, reduces erosion, and provides other environmental benefits. The CRP does this by working with producers and landowners to identify and protect fragile croplands by placing them into conserving covers. FSA’s Economic and Policy Analysis Staff (EPAS) has established a Monitoring, Assessment, and Evaluation project to quantify and document the multiple benefits generated when lands are placed into the CRP, and to identify successful innovative practices.

EPAS, the National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA), Iowa State University (ISU), and our partners are collaborating to present a series of webinars. The series will highlight the monitoring and assessment activities of FSA and how partnerships within and outside USDA are working together to fill critical gaps and develop tools to better inform policy and management decisions. You are cordially invited to the first webinar of 2013, ***Wetlands, Water Quality, and Agriculture: Case Studies of N Removal Efficiency***, which will be presented by, Dr. William Crumpton, Associate Professor of Ecology, Evolution & Organismal Biology at ISU. The Webinar will be

held on January 15, 2013 at 2:00 PM (Eastern Time). Dr. Crumpton has been working with FSA and the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship since 2004 examining the role CRP wetlands play in addressing nutrient loads from agricultural drainage systems. His work reflects USDA's and our partner's efforts to provide the best available science to inform decisions affecting policy and management. The ISU studies monitoring, modeling, and quantifying change in nutrient movements attributable to wetlands are recognized for their contribution to better understanding the relationships between agricultural production, conservation, and water quality.

The monthly webinars are designed to present the results of the projects that identify and quantify the environmental services generated by CRP. The webinars will provide conservationists, decision makers, scientists, and policy analysts with the opportunity to review preliminary results and talk with the scientists conducting the monitoring and assessments. EPAS's goal is to engage in an open dialogue on how to measure benefits from the CRP and to better administer the program.