

Brad Carlson Annual Report to MN Corn Growers

Activities related to MN Corn Growers Priorities 2016

- Continued to participate in the Drainage Management Team technical working group convened by BWSR that meets bi-monthly.
- Staffed booth promoting U of M Extension resources at MN Land Improvement Contractors Annual Meeting in January.
- Four “Nitrates in Drainage Water” presentations.
 - Kirby Hetver seed customers, Montivideo
 - Murray County Crops Day, Slayton
 - Farmer group working with Kevin Kuehner from MDA in SE MN
 - Commercial Manure Applicator Training
- Drainage Design Workshop conducted in Marshall in February with 50 attendees.

- **Nitrogen Smart program development, planning and implementation.**
 - Developed agenda and program flow concept
 - Provided approximately 40% of the presentation content.
 - Oversaw Ann Lewandowski efforts on PowerPoint, handouts, promotional materials
 - Worked with Phyllis Bongard on web presence and content.
 - Developed handout packet including procurement of materials, assembly of notebooks, and logistics of materials
 - Scheduled all 8 events and handled meeting logistics and accounting
 - Developed evaluation and survey, summarized results and developed written report
 - Taught all 8 sessions, and coordinated others that taught
 - Coordinated with Warren Formo on their administrative efforts
 - Developed grant application for round 2
 - Scheduled 11 meetings to be held in December and January

- Staffed two nitrate testing clinics and arranged staffing for the rest.
- Evaluated and scored producer innovation grants.
- Worked on presence in Corn Growers tent at FarmFest, staffed one day, and arranged for staffing the other two days.
- Nitrogen management tips at Freeborn Co. Corn Growers field day in September.
- Participated in nutrient and manure management technical committee for MDA led Agricultural Water Quality Solutions group.
- Nitrogen and manure rate presentation to MN Assn. of County Feedlot Officers Annual Meeting in November.