



MinnesotaCorn RESEARCH & PROMOTION COUNCIL

INNOVATION GRANT FINAL REPORT

PROJECT TITLE: Red River Valley Drainage Water Management Project
REPORTING PERIOD: Final Report and Invoice due by December 31, 2016
FARMER INNOVATOR: Jared Nordick
COLLABORATING ORGANIZATION/PERSON: MN Corn Growers/MN Department of Ag/Wilkin
SWCD/USDA/Clean Water Land & Legacy/Prinsco/Tightline Companies/ADS/CENTROL/Buffalo Red
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1.) PROJECT ACTIVITIES COMPLETED DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD. (*Describe project progress specific to goals, objectives, and deliverables identified in your project proposal.*) See attached summary of 2016 Outreach Activities

2.) IDENTIFY ANY SIGNIFICANT FINDINGS AND RESULTS OF THE PROJECT. (*This could include photo documentation of the project at various stages if you haven't already provided these as well as final relevant images of the project at completion. Any data, graphics or record of observations throughout the growing season or during the field day event are also anticipated.*)

Field tile has increased crop production of field based upon field maps from prior years.

3.) CHALLENGES ENCOUNTERED. (*Describe any challenges that you encountered related to project progress specific to goals, objectives, and deliverables identified in the project proposal.*)

This was the first year with the drain tile installed so we are still gathering data to measure progress towards goals and objectives regarding drain tile usage such as controlled drainage, water quality, yield improvement, etc.

4.) EDUCATION AND OUTREACH ACTIVITIES. (*Describe any opportunities to engage with farmers, influencers or the media about your project.*)

We always had an open invite to anyone who was interested in learning more about this project to come get a tour. We also held 5 tours specifically dedicated to spreading knowledge of the project to area lawmakers, farmers and businesses.

5.) HOW CAN WE HELP? (*Please let us know how we can improve the experience for the next generation of projects.*)

Some help with advertising, figuring out how to get the word out, would have been nice. More personalized support from the Corn Growers for guidance through the process.

For the complete MDA field day? we weren't allowed to be involved w/ planning