

Agriculture Water Quality Partnership Forum

Hybrid Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, June 15, 2022



LOGISTICS:

In-person option: Arrive between 9:30 and 9:50 a.m.

Illinois Department of Agriculture John Block Building, Illinois State Fair Grounds, [801 E. Sangamon Ave, Springfield, IL 62702](#). Doors open at 9:30 a.m. Plan to arrive 15-30 minutes early to familiarize with the Auditorium's Webex-enabled audio-visual equipment, working space, and desk microphone.

Auditorium technologies: IDOA's hybrid meeting microphones provide excellent sound quality even when an individual is masked. While not required, laptops are recommended to enhance hybrid participation.

COVID-19 Guidelines: IDOA building policy encourages everyone to be kind and respectful of everyone's space. Masks are optional and visitors are reminded that vicinity occupants may be wearing masks due to autoimmune condition, high-risk loved ones, unvaccinated children, unvaccinated status, and personal preference. Sangamon County COVID-19 Guidance is available at: <https://scdph.org/>.

Virtual option: Join between 9:30 and 9:50 a.m.

Join from a browser or download and install the [Webex application](#) on a desktop computer or device prior to the call. The Webex call will start at 9:30 a.m. Please join early to familiarize with the virtual control interface, and to test audio and video tools.

Link: <https://illinois.webex.com/illinois/j.php?MTID=m92fcb30b3a9a37051de6dcc46222d076>

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MEETING PREPARATION: During this meeting we will capture ideas and approaches to advance volunteer ag efforts. We anticipate that a summary of this meeting will be shared at the next NLRs Policy Working Group meeting.

Partner Sharing Session

Each organization will have an opportunity to share 7–10 minutes of information during the meeting's Partner Sharing Session. **Please RSVP to IllinoisNLRs@gmail.com to accept or decline participation by Wednesday, June 8 EOB.** If using Power Point slides (optional), **please send those to IllinoisNLRs@gmail.com by Monday, June 13th EOB.**

In preparing information to share, partners may consider the following primer questions:

1. If you provide technical assistance, describe it, identify gaps and what is working or not working.
2. If you provide cost-share assistance, describe it, identify gaps and what is working or not working.
3. Based on NLRs ag implementation scenarios, we know we need to increase the pace and scale of practice adoption. Describe resources and partnerships for programs are you planning to implement in the next 3 years.
4. Looking on smaller scales, how can you catalyze practice adoption?
5. How can you engage the middle- to late-adopters to implement practices?

10:00	<p>Welcome from the in-person facilitator <i>Michael Woods, Illinois Department of Agriculture</i> Welcome from the virtual facilitator <i>Lisa Merrifield, University of Illinois Extension</i></p>
10:05	<p>Partner Sharing Session: Each organization may share a statement (7-10 minutes each).</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 <i>American Farmland Trust</i> 2 <i>Association of Illinois Soil and Water Conservation Districts</i> 3 <i>Illinois Association of Drainage Districts</i> 4 <i>Illinois Certified Crop Advisor Program</i> 5 <i>Illinois Corn Growers Association</i> 6 <i>Illinois Farm Bureau</i> 7 <i>Illinois Fertilizer & Chemical Association</i> 8 <i>Illini FS</i> 9 <i>Illinois Land Improvement Contractors Association</i> 10 <i>Illinois Pork Producers Association</i> 11 <i>Illinois Society of Professional Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers</i> 12 <i>Illinois Soybean Association</i> 13 <i>Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago</i> 14 <i>Nutrient Research and Education Council</i> 15 <i>Prairie Rivers Network</i> 16 <i>The Nature Conservancy</i> <p><i>* State and federal entities will not share at this time.</i></p>
11:30	<p>IL Climate-Smart Agriculture <i>Michael Woods, IDOA</i> Brief update about the goals of IL Climate-Smart Ag followed by discussion about how NLRS goals may leverage the Illinois Climate-Smart Ag goals to improve implementation scale and pace.</p>
11:45	<p>Biennial Report agriculture chapter data sources update <i>Trevor Sample, IEPA</i></p>

Agriculture Water Quality Partnership Forum Charge:

1. Steer and coordinate outreach and education efforts to help farmers address nutrient loss and select the most appropriate BMPs:
 - i. Identify needed education initiatives or training requirements for farmer and technical advisors
 - ii. Strengthen connections between industry initiatives, certified crop advisor continuing education requirements, state initiatives, and other technical service
2. BMP Tracking
3. Coordinate cost share and targeting
4. Develop other tools as needed