CNMP, CSP, EMS and Writing It Down

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• Diverse stakeholders watching ag as never before, leading to...
• Demand for greater accountability by farmers, leading to...
• Increasing importance of “writing it down”
Examples..

- NMP, CNMP
- PMP-Pest Management Program
- CSP-Conservation Security Program
EMS Framework

- EMS - “Environmental Management System”
- Not just one more thing to have to do, but a framework, a motivation, a system to keep track and move along
What’s an EMS?

• program to organize efforts at improving environmental performance of a business

• involves thinking about, assessing, acting on, communicating, and re-evaluating progress toward better environmental stewardship

• changing environmental regulation
Example: Bill’s EMS

• Think about ways to improve-unique to you
• Select priorities-impact and doable
• Develop action plans
• Monitor progress
• Review-each priority and EMS
CSP - Records Required

- Conservation Security Program
- 3rd year, one or two watersheds per state
- nutrient & pest management, irrigation, grazing, manure...2 years
CSP Tiers

• Three “Tiers” of possible eligibility determine rewards (length, payments)
  • I - meet minimum soil and water practices for selected part of agOp
  • 11 - as in I, but entire agOp & plan for more
  • III - meet all natural resource concerns
NMP & CNMP

• NMP in WI rules; CNMP specifically aimed at animal operations

• Planning and documentation to better manage soil resource - nutrients and erosion
EMS is HQ

- CSP, NMP, PMP, CNMP alphabet soup
- Are components of an Environmental Management System--EMS
- strategist, planner, evaluator, filing cabinet
Summary

• EMS is general business tool, part of evolution of environmental regulation

• Use in agriculture beginning

• DNR “Green Tier” and market access

• A framework in which all other planning/record-keeping (CSP, CNMP, etc.)