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SUBJECT: NRI – LOCAL DATA COLLECTION

ACTION BY: JANUARY 20, 2012

PURPOSE. To establish the schedule for local data collection for the 2009-2010 National Resources Inventory (NRI) in Iowa.

EXPIRATION DATE. September 30, 2013

The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is committed to completing the collection of data for the 2009-2010 NRI no later than January 20, 2012. Each field office will play a key role in the agency's ability to meet this commitment.

In order to provide enough time for national data processing and analysis, we must complete all data collection and review by the national deadline date of February 17, 2012.

Local data collected by the states is an essential part of the NRI data. The national database cannot be processed until both the remote sensing and local data collection are completed.

Because the local data will need to be reviewed at the State Office, counties are requested to complete the local data collection on their segments no later than January 20, 2012. All Iowa NRI segments are now available for data collection. The lists for 2009 and 2010 segments will be attached in the email sent to each county.

Due to the new format of the Local Data Survey Instrument (LDSI), net meeting training sessions will be available for Iowa data collectors prior to beginning data collection and data entry for their county segments. Each field office data collector should plan to schedule a training session prior to beginning data collection.

Reminder: Confidentiality is an important aspect of the NRI, including any landowners' personal information or the location of NRI segments and points.

Contact: For additional information or to schedule training, please contact Cynthia Page at (515) 323-2384.

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