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SUBJECT: CPA – SURVEY OF IOWA NRCS FIELD STAFF

**ACTION REQUIRED BY: SEPTEMBER 6, 2013**

**PURPOSE:** To notify all NRCS field employees of a voluntary survey regarding absentee landowners.

**EXPIRATION DATE:** September 30, 2014

The Drake University Agricultural Law Center is conducting a voluntary survey of Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) field employees to better understand potential barriers and opportunities presented by changing land ownership trends. Approximately 21% of farmland in Iowa is owned by absentee owners and it's important to understand how conservation programs and outreach can serve these landowners as well as the tenants farming the land.

The survey is entirely online and should take no longer than 15 minutes to complete. Please consider completing the survey by September 6, 2013 taking into consideration your current workload.

Click on this link to begin the survey: <http://sustainablefarmlease.org/survey-of-iowa-conservation-professionals/>

If you have any questions regarding the survey, please contact Alan Lauver, Agricultural Economist, at 515-284-4370.

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