

Morrow County Local Work Group Meeting Minutes February 12, 2019

Kacee presented a PowerPoint on why we host local work groups, who our partners are and how the process works. Snapshot of 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018 EQIP funding was presented.

Resource Concerns identified by participants and discussed for future funding considerations.

Irrigated Cropland

Education needed for producers moving from flood to sprinkler in North end on IWM methods

Assistance with flood to sprinkler conversion as irrigation district pipes laterals

Ditch loss issues – how to determine that loss

Wildlife fences needed to keep wildlife out of irrigated fields.

Dryland Crop

Cover crops-soil health

Alternative crop options

Rodent issues (raptor perches, poison, tillage)

Technology – cost to purchase and implement, cost to maintain, subscriptions

Herbicide Resistance-some soil types more susceptible, roads & rangelands contribute to cropland weed problems.

Dryland CSP enhancements –lack of -more regional

CRP tear out or conversion – Habitat Considerations, Grazing potential -> making CRP palatable for livestock

CRP → to organic production

Field/farm road erosion, field access points, safety, fire access

Rangeland

Soil Amendment for annual grass control

Wind driven perennial weeds spreading in county

Road Erosion, hard surfacing, fire access

Water needs for livestock/wildlife - solar pumps

Ponds & wells

Woven Wire fence removal and replacement

Forestry

Follow up treatment after thinning to control reprod

Thinning

Prescribed burning