

Glenn and I were discussing the hypxia project. We're suggesting that the steering committee consider the following approach. Conduct one workshop for producers in Dunklin and Stoddard Counties to focus on nutrient management. Support this workshop with speakers knowledgeable in the following listed agenda topics. Develop a nutrient management information brochure or fact sheet that can be distributed at the workshop then distributed to producers in that region that covers the following:

Suggested Workshop Agenda Topics & Points of Emphasis

Survey cropland producers:

- determine utilization of soil fertility testing in crop management
- survey results may serve as an indicator of nitrogen management as well

Focus on Nutrient Management:

- proper procedures isn taking soil samples
- developing a nutrient management plan
- following current soil tests

Focus on Nitrogen Management Options:

- split nitrogen application
- crop canopy color sensing
- crop monitoring
 - a. stalk nitrate tests
 - b. using chlorophyll meters on plant tissues
- drainage water management

Finally, identify a local point of contact for producers who can provide followup technical assistance on these and other topics. That person would have a support network of other professionals to draw on as needed.

This approach is offered for comment and discussion.