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MINNESOTA BULLETIN NO. 180-4-5

SUBJECT: CPA – MIDWEST RIDGE AND STRIP TILL CONFERENCE

Purpose: To announce this conference and provide information on NRCS attendance.

Expiration Date: September 30, 2004

ACTION REQUIRED BY JANUARY 28TH, 2004

The annual Midwest Ridge and Strip Till Conference will be held on Wednesday February 4th, 2004, at the Arrowwood Resort and Conference Center in Spirit Lake, Iowa. This conference features the expertise of University Extension Specialists from Iowa, Nebraska and Minnesota as well as farmers who are successfully using the ridge-till or strip-till planting systems. For those in the CCA program, several CEU units have been applied for. There will also be an opportunity to visit with representatives of agribusiness who provide services and / or products for these two tillage systems.

The registration fee is \$35 which pays for coffee, cookies, lunch and use of the meeting rooms. Pre registration is not necessary. Registration and the early bird roundtable discussion begin at 8:00 a.m. The program begins at 10:00. There will be six concurrent sessions throughout the day, and the conference ends at 3:15 p.m. The concurrent session topics include Nitrogen Management When Facing Higher Prices, Contending with Bugs and Diseases in Conservation Tillage, Equipment and Systems Considerations, Banding P and K is Better, Persistent Weed Problems and Solutions, and Strip Till is my Choice For Conservation Tillage.

NRCS employees are authorized to attend on government time and expense. Funds for reimbursing the \$35 registration fee are available through the training budget for the first 30 people to request attendance. Additional funds for travel expenses are not available from the training budget. Employees must have approval of their supervisor, and supervisors are to submit the names of employees approved to attend through the appropriate ASTC(FO) to the financial management section by January 28th.

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