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## Website and Blog Share Crop Research and Engage Corn-Belt Farmers

Vermillion, South Dakota – Farmers in the Corn Belt have two new Internet portals to the latest research findings on how to increase the resiliency of corn-based cropping systems under variable weather conditions.

The new “Sustainable Corn” website and blog are part of a U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) funded project that is gathering and assessing research data from 26 field sites and thousands of farmers in the upper Midwest. The Climate and Corn-based Cropping Systems Coordinated Agricultural Project (CSCAP) brings together scientists from 10 land grant universities and a USDA Agricultural Research Laboratory.

Through collaborative research, education and outreach, the CSCAP team seeks to identify and advance farm practices and public policies that increase Midwestern crop resilience, while minimizing environmental impacts, in response to increasingly more erratic and extreme weather events.

The goal of the new **website** (<http://www.sustainablecorn.org/>) and **blog** (<http://www.sustainablecorn.org/blog>) is to bring, to farmers and other agricultural decision-makers, the CSCAP team’s latest findings regarding extended rotations, tillage management, cover cropping systems, drainage water management, integrated pest management, weather and agriculture, and nitrogen management in corn-based cropping systems in the upper Midwest.

Farmers, researchers, students, news media and others are encouraged to visit the **blog** weekly, comment on posts, ask questions, and share field experiences, especially experiences working on the landscape to make cropping systems more resilient to extreme weather events.

“We’re excited to share information with farmers on our website and, through our new blog, to start some great conversations about our research findings; to get feedback through comments and blog discussions,” said Dennis Todey, an associate professor at South Dakota State University and a principal investigator on the CSCAP team.

Blog post contributors are CSCAP team scientists and extension educators from ten universities in the upper Midwest, including; Purdue University, Lincoln University, Iowa State University, Michigan State University, Ohio State University, South Dakota State University, University of Illinois, University of Minnesota, University of Missouri, and the University of Wisconsin.

Visit the Sustainable Corn blog at <http://sustainablecorn.org/blog/>.

Learn more about the project at <http://www.sustainablecorn.org/>.

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