

## **INMC Meeting Notes**

**February 15, 2018**

**Members present: David Hardy, Joe Hudyncia, Michael Sheperd, Christine Lawson, Colleen Hudak-Wise, Jeff Young, Josh Spenser, and Deanna Osmond**

**Guests: Miguel Castillo, Carl Crozier, and Allen Hayes**

**Approve Minutes:** Approval of May and October 2017 minutes after corrections

### **1. Bermuda grass yield results (Miguel Castillo)**

Miguel Castillo produced information regarding bermuda yields on spray fields (see attachment). Based on these data, does the RYE data base yields seem appropriate for Bermuda grass? We will bring a data table of Bermuda grass yields to the next meeting with information from Bladen, Duplin, Harnett, Jones, Onslow, Sampson, and Wayne county for each soil type. David Crouse is being asked to prepare the table.

### **2. Biofuel results and nutrient management consideration (Carl Crozier/Jot Smyth)**

Carl provided information on their biofuels study. There is a considerable amount of information so we are asking that the data be presented at the May meeting but we need to look at N response data. Deanna will work with Jot and Carl to pull together information for the next meeting including temporary N rates for these crops.

### **3. Nutrient Management Software Update**

The software was released in October. There has been a webinar to update users in November which included about 140 people and an in-person training in December, which included about 6 people. Michael and Josh are working on instructions for WIN 10. In addition, the software is still being reviewed by NRCS and they are trying to ensure that the program can load on USDA computers.

### **4. RYE Data Base Migration:**

Still working on this issue with Extension administration

### **5. Continuing Education:**

Six hours will be required every three years. Two of the hours will be a session on the rules. We need to add a presentation to the on-line portion of nutrient management. Meanwhile, Soil and Water will offer rule training for rules on March 15 (1-3pm). There's a workgroup that

that we have assembled to formulate guidance for continuing education training class approval process and tracking mechanism.

**6. Nutrient Management Specialist:**

We are currently accepting applications and hope to have this position on board by July.

**7. Hay bales**

How long should hay bales remain in the field?

**8. RUSLE transition**

RUSLE is currently being taught by Jim Canterbury and we discussed transitioning. Allen Hayes from Soil and Water is willing to work with Jim to learn to teach the class. We'd still like the nutrient management specialist to also be engaged. Deanna will contact Jim to let him know that Allen would like to apprentice.

**9. Reminder 2018 Meeting Dates**

- **May 10**
- **July 12**
- **September 13**
- **November 8**