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The first webcast, scheduled for 10 a.m. to noon Sept. 1, will explore the adoption and cost effectiveness of practices for water quality protection. Best Management Practices (BMP) for state specific issues will be covered by university researchers, including two Iowa State University presentations – Developing and Implementing a Cost Effective BMP Implementation Plan in an Iowa Watershed, presented by Chad Ingels; and Hypoxia – Improving the System in Iowa: Costs and Needs, presented by Jim Baker.

The webcast on Sep. 15, from 10 – 11:45 a.m., will discuss converting CRP grassland to crop production and pasture. The four speakers will present information on converting CRP to: corn and soybean rotation, wheat and corn in dry regions, pasture production, and with no-till methods.

The webcasts will be accessible at http://connect.extension.iastate.edu/nebraska/ in combination with dialing (866) 433-4616. Once prompted for a “pass code followed by the pound sign,” enter 882477#. Participants will be able to submit questions and comments by typing into a ‘chat box’.

Additional information on speakers and topics, and archived presentations are available on the Kansas State University website at www.oznet.ksu.edu/waterquality/webcasts.htm.

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