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**INDIANA BULLETIN NO. 190-8-2**

**SUBJECT:** ECS –2008 Tillage Transect

Purpose: To notify Field Offices of NRCS Indiana’s involvement in conducting a Tillage Transect in 2008.

Expiration Date: September 30, 2008.

The Indiana Conservation Partnership fully supported a statewide Tillage Transect in 2007, and we are currently analyzing and using that data to support decisions at the statewide level.

The Indiana Conservation Partnership discussed the need and feasibility of conducting another statewide Tillage Transect in 2008, and although the data would greatly benefit the state due to the recent pressures facing Indiana’s farmers, the decision was made to not conduct a statewide Tillage Transect in 2008 due to budget uncertainties and other priorities facing all Indiana Conservation Partnership member organizations. I fully support this decision.

The Indiana Conservation Partnership discussed the need to support another statewide Tillage Transect in 2009 if budget and priorities allow.

For 2008 however, if the local partners elect to conduct a Tillage Transect, NRCS employees may assist as long as the priority work identified in the latest “Field Priorities” letter are met, and they have the concurrence of their supervisors.

Whether or not NRCS employees are able to participate, I will authorize any of our partners who are currently covered under a Vehicle Intermittent Use Agreement with NRCS Indiana to use NRCS vehicles to conduct the survey, as long as the vehicle is available and not needed for NRCS priority work.

Please direct all questions related to this bulletin Shannon Zezula, State Resource Conservationist, at (317) 290-3200 ext. 388.

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