On 13–15 August, agronomists, crop and soil scientists, extension agents, economists, growers, and other agricultural experts will gather at a conference in Kansas City, MO to discuss nutrient use efficiency and the barriers and opportunities for improving implementation.

“I’m encouraging all crop advisers to join us and some of the top nitrogen use efficiency (NUE) experts in the country,” says ASA and SSSA Fellow Cliff Snyder with the International Plant Nutrition Institute (IPNI). “This is going to be a real open exchange of ideas about the best nitrogen use efficiency practices that are out there today, including our industry’s 4R nutrient stewardship strategy.”

CCAs who attend the conference can earn continuing education credits.

“We know there can be a real tension between the production side and those on the environmental side at times,” says ASA President-Elect Dave Mengel, also and ASA and SSSA Fellow, from Kansas State University. “What’s different about this conference is we’re bringing both of these sides together to share ideas because we all want clean water, profitable farming, and good yields.”

“We’ve located this in Kansas City so that crop advisers who work in the heart of corn production in the Midwest can attend, share their perspectives, and learn new techniques,” says ASA and SSSA member Carrie Laboski, University of Wisconsin–Madison.

In addition to the sessions where case studies and successes are presented, coffee and beer breaks offer informal opportunities for sharing ideas.

Invited roundtable panelists include: Carrie Laboski (confirmed), Douglas Busdeker (Northern Farm Centers, Anderson Inc.; confirmed), ASA and SSSA Fellow Joshua McGrath (University of Maryland; confirmed), ASA and SSSA Fellow Chris Mann (White Oaks Farm; confirmed), Todd Schaumberg (Polenske Agronomic Consulting; confirmed), and Gabrielle Onorata (International Farming Corporation).

For more information and a complete agenda www.soils.org/meetings/specialized/nitrogen-use-efficiency.

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