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CONTROLLED DRAINAGE WATER MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP

Are you interested in controlled drainage? Learn more at either of 2 workshops to be held August 17, 2011. Jeff Stock from the Southwest Research Outreach Center in Lamberton, will speak on *Controlled Drainage for Agronomic and Environmental Benefits* at 10:00 a.m., Clarkfield City Hall, and again at 1:30 in the Dawson Community Room (located in the basement of the Dawson Public library, which used to be the Dawson Armory).

The terms “conservation” and “drainage” may seem to be at opposite ends of management approaches when dealing with runoff from our lands. Unlike conventional drainage systems that remove water which could be used by crops during the growing season, controlled drainage conserves water by temporarily storing it in the soil profile. Controlled drainage has been shown to be very effective in reducing annual drainage volumes and nutrients loads from drainage systems compared to conventional drainage systems.

Join us to find out if controlled drainage will work in your fields. These free workshops are sponsored by the Lac qui Parle and Yellow Medicine Soil & Water Conservation Districts. Call the LqP SWCD at 320-598-7321 x 3 for more workshop information.

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