Policy Update

CCA Board Meeting
September 16-18, 2013
Rake, Iowa

Science Policy Office
Congressional Visits Day
What is it?

- ASA, CSSA & SSSA Leadership
- Science Policy Committees
- Graduate Students
Fred had a thought…
Connecting...

CCAs → Research → Students

Science Policy Office
Goals

- Influence funding decisions
- Educate lawmakers
- Serve as resource
CVD 2014

• Expand CCA involvement
• Local boards nominate + sponsorship
• Select CCA participants
4R Nutrient Stewardship Working Group
Partners

• The Fertilizer Institute
• ASA/CCA
• National Council of Farmer Cooperatives
• Agricultural Retailers Association
• National Association of State Conservation Agencies
• National Association of State Departments of Agriculture
• National Association of Conservation Districts
Goals

• Improve engagement of agriculture retailers/CCAs and local conservationists
• Expand 4R Initiatives
• Improve economic and financial assistance incentives
Survey

Identifying opportunities to improve the CCA/Retailer-Conservationist working relationship