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Ames—Do you feel you have a high level of conservation on your farm? If you are thinking of signing up for the Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) and would like learn more, bring your questions to Practical Farmers Iowa's CSP farminar from 8:00 to 9:00 p.m. Tuesday, June 1. For more information or to register, visit www.practicalfarmers.org/farminar.

The Conservation Stewardship Program is the country's hallmark working lands conservation program and is unique among all other programs by rewarding farmers who meet high standards of conservation and environmental management.

Presenters include: Tom O'Connor, CSP coordinator for Iowa NRCS; a staff member from a local NRCS office; and Scott Weinburg, who farms in Butler and Bremer Counties. Scott received a contract from the 2009 CSP sign ups. He raises corn, soybeans, hay and grazes sheep and cattle.

Practical Farmers of Iowa's online webinars, dubbed "farminars," allow people to log on and participate worldwide from any location equipped with a computer and internet access. PFI staff members Sarah Carlson and Luke Gran will be facilitating the discussion.

This farminar was originally planned for Tuesday, May 25, but has been rescheduled for Tuesday, June 1.

Practical Farmers of Iowa includes a diverse group of farmers and nonfarmers. Corn, soybeans, beef cattle, and hay are the top enterprises for PFI farmers, although many have a variety of other operations, including fruits and vegetables. PFI's programming stresses farmer-to-farmer networking through research and demonstration, field days, conferences, and more. For more information, call 515-232-5661 or visit www.practicalfarmers.org.

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