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IASA Forum: Circles of Life

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What we learned and are excited about as shared by forum attendees in a “pass the microphone” session:

- Circular ag presentation is relevant
- Progress being made- need to accelerate
- When we work together, we all benefit
- Farmer has to be the center
- New age of data, the challenge is making it accessible & usable to the farmer
- Producer panel- opportunity for innovation from grassroots
- Biofuels
- What locks us into the status quo?
- Opportunities for circular systems
- Innovation & improvement
- General public needs education on what is going on
- Readiness for the next renaissance of Iowa agriculture
- Importance of this conversation to continue to get things done and not just talk about it
- Ideas for turning vicious cycles into virtuous circles
- Payments for ecosystem services
- Lots of work for students
- Farmers are innovators & we need to give them opportunities
- Diversity
- Continued education helps make changes
- Ag village is growing
- Technologies in agriculture and those to come
- Know of and harmonization of benefits
- Transdisciplinary partnerships to achieve results
- Openness to new ideas
- Many challenges, many opportunities
- Don't sell yourself short, you are doing great
- Farmer ingenuity leads the way
- Crop insurance has potential to solve a lot of problems

- We are the world
- Change is hard and it takes a village
- Bruno's presentation to not legitimize inappropriate uses of land through technology
- Smart government is the key to our preferred future
- Like changing stripes on a chameleon
- Small group in IA is working on difficult problems and people that don't know it are very appreciative even though they can't see it yet
- All about the people, with a willing spirit a lot can be achieved
- Our agriculture future is bright