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As you are aware, one of the emphases in the NASIS structure is to incorporate a National Standard for Soil Classification and Interpretation (NSSCI). The team is currently involved in a needs assessment of our users so that certain standards are built into NASIS that will accomplish those needs. One of the immediate goals of the NSSCI Implementation Team is to assess the needs of our users, primarily with respect to correlation and coordination of interpretations.

During your last visit to the Soil Survey Center in February, Tom Reedy talked with you about the possibility of the ISU Statistical Lab providing him summary information of your customers' needs. Your summary information will serve two purposes. Generally, it will provide a more complete needs assessment that should result in an improved NASIS product that will assure our user needs have been met. Secondly, it could help the NSSCI team to identify areas other than correlation and coordination of interpretations, where operational standards are needed in NASIS.

I will appreciate your providing Tom Reedy of the NSSCI team the following summary information.

1. Identify the users of AMES soil information.
2. User needs and datasets provided them.
3. Examples of any formatted reports generated from Ames.

If you have any questions, please direct them to Tom. His phone number is 402-437-5353.

Harvey, thank you in advance for your assistance.

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