behaviors. However, heightened risk perceptions after an extreme event may present an opportunity to build readiness toward specific climate impacts.

**In-depth interviews explore climate beliefs**

Agricultural systems are complex, and weather and climate are among many factors that influence risk perceptions, planning decisions, and farming success. To capture these intricacies and provide context to our survey research we conducted 57 in-depth interviews with agricultural advisors between December 2013 and April 2014. Participants included Certified Crop Advisors (CCAs), staff at conservation agencies, agricultural bankers, and university Extension personnel located in Indiana, Iowa, and Nebraska.

These interviews used a series of open-ended questions to broach a diversity of interrelated yet distinct topics, including climate beliefs, financial considerations, Farm Bill impacts, and more. Analysis is ongoing and results will be used to improve our understanding about how attitudes and perceptions are formed in an individual and to gauge advisors’ readiness to use climate information.

**Looking Ahead**

With future climate projections pointing to likely increases in the frequency of extreme events there is interest in learning how we can rally support for mitigation and adaptation efforts, and whether such events result in specific challenges or opportunities for influencing behavior. Early analysis shows a complex connection between extreme events and climate risk perceptions. Our project team is continuing to explore the many facets of this issue with final results expected in 2015 at the conclusion of our project.