



Dr.K.V.Ramana Rao, Sr.Scientist has successfully completed 12 weeks *Norman E. Borlaug International Agricultural Science and Technology Fellowship Programme-2011* at *Cornell University, Ithaca, New York State, US*. During the programme Dr. Rao got hands on experience on the soil health estimation specially soil texture, wet aggregate stability, available water

capacity, field penetrometer resistance, infiltration rate, runoff estimation and root health assessment. He also got exposure on understanding the principles of Nitrogen losses from different drainage systems and strategies to minimize these losses. A software “ADAPT-N” developed by Cornell was used by him during the training to understand the management practices of Nitrogen application under varied conditions. As a part of official visit he had attended the World Food Prize ceremony held in Des Moines, Iowa State.