

CIO Podcast Series #3

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Hi. [I'm] Chris Smith, Chief Information Officer for the [U.S.] Department of Agriculture. Welcome back to round three on our series of podcasts about the new features in AgLearn+. Hopefully at this point in time you've had an opportunity to kick the tires of the new system and you're as excited as we are about the great capabilities for professional development.

The new AgLearn+ has important features that will help our employees meet training goals more effectively, and open opportunities to more enriching training experiences.

Additionally there's a set of robust tools for training directors as well as administrators to help all of our employees reach higher levels. For example, did you realize that administrators now have the ability to produce more flexible reports, more timely reports, and improve capabilities to create surveys and assessments?

For training directors, AgLearn+ supports Kirkpatrick levels 1 through 3 course evaluations. It also gives you the ability to assess employee competencies and then to align training to close those gaps.

For all employees, the ease of use and improved navigation will certainly help them better organize training records and associated activities and there's improved capabilities for individual development plans to set up a course of training that meets their specific needs.

Now that the new AgLearn+ has arrived, be sure to take advantage and take the time to familiarize yourself with some of the helpful tools we have provided. Tools such as: the Quick Reference Cards, and the AgLearn+ New User Online Training Courses are available to help you get started.

If you need any help, as always, contact your agency training lead, or the office of AgLearn+.

Thank you.

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