



EFFECTIVE COVER CROPPING IN THE MIDWEST
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December 7 & 8, 2011

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Effective Cover Cropping in the Midwest is a multi-day conference targeted to farmers and cover crop service providers. It will be held in Decatur, Illinois, on December 7-8, 2011. Registration is open to the public. Cost to attend is just \$49 if you register by November 1.

The goal of the conference is to get farmers together to learn how to effectively manage cover crops in a way that enhances soil quality, keeps nutrients in the fields, and increases the bottom line.

Meeting Agenda

Day 1: Wednesday, December 7, 2011

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| 9:30 a.m. | Registration and Exhibits open |
| 10:00 a.m. – Noon | Early Bird Session: Cover crops 101 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speaker A - Terry Taylor, Illinois farmer • Speaker B - Doug Hanson, Pro Harvest Seed • Speaker C - Dan Towery, Ag Conservation Solutions |
| 1:00 – 1:45 p.m. | Opening Session: “Not your grandfather’s cover crops” Welcome: Dan Towery, Ag Conservation Solutions Moderator: Cyndi Young, Brownfield Network Speaker: Steve Groff, Cedar Meadow Farm (Pennsylvania) |
| 1:45 – 3:00 p.m. | 3-Farmer Panel of Successful Cover Croppers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dan DeSutter, Indiana • Dave Brandt, Ohio • Steve Burger, Iowa |
| 3:00 – 3:30 p.m. | BREAK |
| 3:30 – 4:15 p.m. | Cover Crop Options & Strategies - Choosing the right cover crop; timing of planting; seeding techniques; winterkill, seed cost; cocktails, etc <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hans Kok, Indiana Conservation Cropping Systems Initiative • Rodney Rulon, Indiana farmer |
| 4:15 – 5:00 p.m. | Soil Biology of Cover Crops <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bob Kremer, USDA-ARS (Columbia, MO) |
| 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. | Reception |
| 6:00 p.m. | Dinner and Speaker (included in registration) Regenerating Land & People through Soil Health Joshua Dukart, Holistic Management Certified Educator & Gabe Brown, Brown’s Ranch (Bismarck, ND) |

We have reserved a block of rooms at the Decatur Conference Center and Hotel at \$70/night (plus tax). Reserve your room by calling (877) 352-8800 and referencing the “Cover Crops Meeting”.

*This conference is hosted by the
Soil and Water Conservation Society*

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Day 2: Thursday, December 8, 2011

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| 8:00 – 9:30 a.m. | <p>Concurrent Sessions</p> <p>Session A: Cover crop planting techniques</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jamie Scott, Indiana farmer - aerial seeding • Dave Brandt, Ohio farmer - precision planting • Matt VanTilburg, Ohio farmer - high clearance seeder, then strip till <p>Session B: Cover crop termination</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mike Plumer, Conservation Agriculture • Bryan Young, Southern Illinois University <p>Session C: Cover crop forage & tillage</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rich Hoorman, University of Missouri Extension • Dave Robison, Cisco Seeds, Indiana • Harry Cope, Missouri farmer |
| 9:30 – 10:00 a.m. | BREAK |
| 10:00 – 11:30 a.m. | <p>Concurrent Sessions</p> <p>Session D: Organic production</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joel Gruver, Western Illinois University <p>Session E: Using Cover crops with conventional tillage</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ernest Weaver, Byron Weaver Seeds <p>Session F: Using Multi-Species Cover Crops to Improve Soil Health</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joshua Dukart, Holistic Management Certified Educator • Gabe Brown, Brown's Ranch (Bismarck, ND) |
| 11:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. | <p>Topical Roundtables</p> <p>Aerial seeding; Precision planting; Soil biology; Annual ryegrass; Cover Crop Radish; Mixes/Blends/Cocktails; Springtime Management/Control; Planting or burndown first; Forage; Crop Insurance; High clearance equipment</p> |
| 12:15 – 1:30 p.m. | <p>LUNCH (included) – Networking and discussion time.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bryan Young, Southern Illinois University |
| 1:30 – 3:00 p.m. | <p>Concurrent Sessions - Presentations repeated from 8:00 a.m. sessions.</p> <p>Session A: Cover crop planting techniques</p> <p>Session B: Cover crop termination</p> <p>Session C: Cover crop forage & tillage</p> |
| 3:00 – 3:15 p.m. | BREAK |
| 3:15 – 4:00 p.m. | <p>Closing Session (and prize drawing for sprayer)</p> <p>Speaker: Ken Ferrie, Farm Journal Field Agronomist</p> |

For more information or to register to attend the conference, please go to www.swcs.org/covercrops