



**Illinois
COVER
CROPS**

**Practical Strategies
for Your Farm**

January 29-30, 2013
Decatur Hotel & Conference Center
Decatur, Illinois

The **Illinois Cover Crop Workshop** is being developed specifically for Illinois farmers to learn more about cover crops. It will be held on January 29-30, 2013 in Decatur, Illinois.

This meeting is being hosted by the Soil and Water Conservation Society and will build on the success of the 2011 Cover Crops meeting (also held in Decatur) and provide a forum

for farmers to exchange information, discuss opportunities for collaboration, and learn about the new and successful practices related to cover crops.

Case study presentations will identify and discuss strengths and pitfalls of real applications. Speakers will include farmers, crop consultants, and university researchers who have extensive experience in cover crop management. Sign up for more information at www.swcs.org/ilcovers or scan the QR Code below.

Day 1

9:30 a.m. Registration and Exhibits open

10:00 a.m. Early bird session - Cover crops 101

Lunch on is on your own

1:00 p.m. Opening session

1:45 p.m. Three farmer panel of successful cover croppers

3:30 p.m. Cover Crops Options & Strategies: Barry Fisher, NRCS - Soil Quality Specialist

4:15 p.m. Soil Biology

5:00 p.m. Cover Crop Cocktail Reception

6:00 p.m. Supper and after dinner speaker: *Climate, Conservation and Covers*
Jerry Hatfield, USDA-ARS, National Laboratory for Ag and the Environment (Ames, IA)

Day 2

8:00 a.m. Concurrent Sessions

1. Herbicide Burndown
2. Commodity Panel: Using Covers as a means to increase yields, profitability, & sustainability
3. Seeding Options

10:00 a.m. Concurrent Sessions

1. Corn & Soybeans (in Northern Illinois, North of I-80)
2. Corn & Soybeans (in Southern Illinois, South of I-70)
3. Vegetables, short season, and early harvest opportunities for covers

11:30 a.m. LUNCH Roundtables

- Aerial seeding
- Precision planting
- Soil biology/soil health
- Annual ryegrass
- Cover Crop Radish
- Mixes/Blends/Cocktails
- Springtime Mgmt Control
- Planting first or burndown first?
- Forage & Grazing
- Crop Insurance
- Seed planting calibration
- On-farm research
- High clearance equipment
- Information Clearinghouses

1:00 p.m. Closing Speaker: Ron Moore, Illinois Soybean Association (invited)

1:30 p.m. Adjourn Sessions, Exhibit Hall remains open until 3 p.m.



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