Cover Crops Workshop and Field Day

Agenda

August 25, 2009
East Main Street Church, Elwood, IN

8:30 am  Registration

Workshop

9:00 am  Welcome, introductions, housekeeping details – CTIC

9:10 - 9:30  Farmer Experiences
Hear how and why farmers use cover crops

9:30 - 10:00  Cover crops, no-till, and soil quality - Dan Towery, Ag Conservation Solutions
How they all fit together and complement each other

9:30 - 10:00  Water quality, nitrate losses to tiles, nutrient recycling, and cover crops - Eileen Kladivko, Purdue University

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10:30 - 10:45  Break

10:45 - 11:15  Choosing the right cover crop for your operation - Dean Baas, Michigan State University
An introduction to an online cover crop selection tool

11:15 - 11:45  Indiana specific NICHEs (after wheat, after corn and after beans, silage) - Dave Robison, Cisco Seeds
What cover crop fits when, expenses, pro and cons and specifics to consider when selecting your cover crop

11:45 - 12:30 pm  Lunch - Compliments of Madison County SWCD

12:30 - 1:30  Practical management tips - Barry Fisher, NRCS & Dan Towery, Ag Conservation Solutions
How to obtain seed, set up equipment, plant, manage, kill & fit cover crops into your system.

1:30 - 2:00  Discussion Panel
An opportunity to ask questions to all the speakers

Field Day

2:00 - 5:00  Visit cover crop demonstration plots

5:00 pm  Buses return to Church