

# CONSERVATION CROPPING 2015 SEMINARS

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**January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2015 -- Sycamore, IL**

**February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2015 -- Mattoon, IL**

**February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2015 -- Macomb, IL**

**The Illinois Conservation Cropping Seminars are coordinated by:**

The Illinois Department of Agriculture (Bureau of Land and Water Resources)

USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service

Champaign County Soil and Water Conservation District

DeKalb County Soil and Water Conservation District

Coles County Soil and Water Conservation District

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### 2015 Conservation Cropping Seminars

The Illinois Department of Agriculture is proud to announce the Illinois 2015 Conservation Cropping Seminars. The Conservation Cropping Seminars consist of three one-day meetings located in Sycamore (January 27<sup>th</sup>), Mattoon (February 4<sup>th</sup>) and Macomb (February 18<sup>th</sup>). This year's planning committee consists of Illinois Department of Agriculture (Bureau of Land and Water); USDA NRCS; the Champaign, DeKalb, Coles and McDonough County Soil and Water Conservation Districts; American Farmland Trust; and the Illinois Stewardship Alliance, Illinois Council of Best Management Practices, Illinois Environmental Protection Agency.

Discussion topics at all meetings include:

- Soil Health Perspective
- Nutrient Efficiency
- Weed Management
- Strip-Till
- Water Quality
- Conservation Cropping Systems
- Cover Crops
- Networking

Tentative schedules start at 8:00 AM and conclude at 5 PM with a Speakers "Meet and Greet" social hour from 3:30 - 5 PM. Lunch is included. We have applied for CCA credits and will keep registrants informed.

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**Deadline for all 3 locations is January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Late registration will be accepted but company logos and ads may not be included in seminar proceeding booklets due to printing deadlines.**

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## Sponsor / Exhibitor Form

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### 2015 Conservation Cropping Seminars Mail in Payment Form

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### Select Which Seminar Will You Attend

Location(s):    ☐ All three Seminars    ☐ Sycamore, IL    ☐ Mattoon, IL    ☐ Macomb, IL

### Select Sponsorship Level

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- ✓ **Cover Crops**
- ✓ **Soil Health**
- ✓ **1-Day Seminars**

Last year's meetings were so well attended and popular that seminars will be held again in 2015. The events are perfect for a local learning experience from farmers, experts, and others. Hear from people using and experiencing success firsthand.

Discussion topics include:

- Improvements for soil health
- Cover crops that work
- Nutrient management solutions
- Informal networking with exhibitors & speakers

**REGISTER ONLINE** to reserve your spot at [www.ccswcd.com](http://www.ccswcd.com), \$20 registration fee payable by check or credit card.

**Lunch  
Included!**



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## 1-DAY SEMINAR AGENDAS

Select the location closest to you. For more information visit [ccswcd.com](http://ccswcd.com) and click on CCS logo or contact your local USDA Service Center.

JANUARY 27th  
SYCAMORE, IL

- **Schedule:** Sessions/Speakers run 8:30 am – 12; Lunch 12 – 1, More Sessions/Speakers from 1 – 3:30; Meet-N-Greet 3:30 – 5 pm
- Welcome – Russ Higgins, University of Illinois Extension
- Illinois Conservation Cropping Systems Partnership
- Nutrient Utilization--Using BMPs & Cover Crops – Dr. Shalamar Armstrong, Illinois State University & local farmer
- Conservation Cropping Systems – Clay Mitchell, IA Farmer
- Herbicide Management & Cover Crops – Gordon Roskamp, IL Central College
- Systems for Soil Health - Dr. Eileen Kladvik, Purdue University
- IL Nutrient Loss Reduction Strategy “What and Why Now?” – Lauren Lurkins, IL Farm Bureau
- Basics of Successful Cover Crops - Hans Kok, Soil Health Consultant, IN
- Farmer Panel Discussion with local producers
- Soybeans & Stewardship – Ray Gaesser, IA farmer, American Soybean Association

**DeKalb County Farm Bureau Bldg.**  
**1350 W Prairie Dr. Sycamore, IL**  
**Contact: Joe Bybee (815)787-5480**  
**or (815)757-5465**

FEBRUARY 4th  
MATTOON, IL

- **Schedule:** Sessions/Speakers run 8:30 am – 12:10; Lunch 12:10 – 1, More Sessions/Speakers from 1 – 3:30; Meet-N-Greet 3:30 – 5 pm
- Welcome – Elliot Lagacy, Illinois Department of Agriculture
- Illinois Conservation Cropping Systems Partnership
- Converting & Adapting to Strip-Till Conservation Cropping Systems - Roger Wenning, IN Farmer (invited) and Andy Shireman, IL Farmer
- Nutrient Utilization--Using BMPs & Cover Crops - Dr. Shalamar Armstrong, Illinois State University
- Weed & Herbicide Management with Cover Crops - Gordon Roskamp, IL Central College
- Soil Health—“How Do We Get to A Healthy Soil?” – Hans Kok, Soil Health Consultant, IN
- Economics & Ecology of Cover Crops – Dave Robison, IN Farmer, [Plantcovercrops.com](http://Plantcovercrops.com)
- Farm Panel Discussion with local producers
- IL Nutrient Loss Reduction Strategy “What and Why Now?” – Lauren Lurkins, IL Farm Bureau

**Lake Land Community College**  
**5001 Lake Land Blvd. Mattoon, IL**  
**Contact: Elliot Lagacy (217) 353-6603**

FEBRUARY 18th  
MACOMB, IL

- **Schedule:** Sessions/Speakers run 8:30 am – 12:10; Lunch 12:10 – 1; More Sessions/Speakers from 1 – 3:30; Meet-N-Greet 3:30 – 5 pm
- Welcome – Dr. Andy Baker, Chair Western Illinois University, Department of Agriculture
- Illinois Conservation Cropping Systems Partnership
- IL Nutrient Loss Reduction Strategy “What and Why Now?” – Lauren Lurkins, IL Farm Bureau
- Soil Health – Dr. Laura & Lowell Gentry, University of Illinois
- Conservation Cropping Systems – Clay Mitchell, IA Farmer
- Cover Crop Species Response To Herbicide Residues – Dr. Mark Bernards, Western Illinois University
- Strategic Cover Crop Use for Production and Conservation Objectives - Dr. Joel Gruver, Western Illinois University
- Farmer Panel Discussion with local producers
- Trends in Cover Crops in the Corn Belt – Dr. Rob Myers, University of Missouri

**Student Union, Western IL University**  
**1 University Circle Macomb, IL**  
**Contact: Marty McManus (309) 738-7227 or Randy Grove (309) 456-3702**



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**January 27th, 2015**

**Sycamore, Illinois**

**DeKalb County Farm Bureau  
Building**

**1350 W Prairie Drive**

CCA-5.0 SWM CEU's applied for-watch registration  
website for updates

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## AGENDA

<b>8:00—8:40 am</b>	<b>Registration + Meet Exhibitors</b>	<b>12:15-1:00 pm</b>	<b>Lunch w/ Lauren Lurkins, Illinois Farm Bureau Illinois Nutrient Loss Reduction Strategy, What and Why Now</b>
<b>8:40—9:00 am</b>	<b>Welcome + Illinois Conservation Cropping System Partnership</b>	<b>1:00—1:50 pm</b>	<b>Basics of Successful Cover Crops</b> Hans Kok, Soil Health Consultant, IN
<b>9:00—9:50 am</b>	<b>Nutrient Utilization Research &amp; On-Farm—</b> Dr. Shalamar Armstrong, Illinois State University Mike Schweitzer, DeKalb County Producer	<b>1:50—2:05 pm</b>	<b>Networking Break</b>
<b>9:50-10:05 am</b>	<b>Networking Break and Refreshments</b>	<b>2:05—3:00 pm</b>	<b>Conservation Cropping Systems Farmer Panel</b>
<b>10:05-10:55 am</b>	<b>Conservation Cropping Systems—</b> Clay Mitchell, Iowa Farmer	<b>3:00—3:30 pm</b>	<b>Soybeans and Stewardship</b> Ray Gaesser, Iowa Farmer / American Soybeans Association
<b>10:55-11:25 am</b>	<b>Weeds + Herbicide Management w/ Cover Crops as part of the System—</b> Gordon Roskamp, Illinois Central College	<b>3:30-5:00 pm</b>	<b>Meet + Greet with Speakers, Exhibitors, Attendees and Refreshments</b>
<b>11:25– 12:15 pm</b>	<b>Systems for Soil Health—</b> Dr. Eileen Kladivko, Purdue University		

## REGISTRATION

**Deadline January 19th, 2015**

Online (credit card) registration can be made at:

<http://www.ccsxcd.com>

Seminar Fee \$20 per person

Student Fee \$10 per person (High school or College)

Lunch included.

Mail Registration: Complete and detach this clippage and  
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Champaign County SWCD

Attn: CCS 2015

2110 W. Park Court, Suite C

Champaign, IL 61821

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# CONSERVATION CROPPING 2015 SEMINARS

**February 4th, 2015**

**Mattoon, Illinois**

**Lake Land College,**

**West Building, Room 123**

**5001 Lake Land Blvd.**

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## AGENDA

8:00—8:40 am	Registration + Meet Exhibitors	11:25—12:15 pm	How Do We Get To A Healthy Soil— Hans Kok, Soil Health Consultant, IN
8:40—9:00 am	Welcome + Illinois Conservation Cropping System Partnership	12:15-1:00 pm	Lunch
9:00—9:50 am	Converting and Adapting to Strip-Till + Conservation Cropping Systems— Roger Wenning, Greensburg IN Andy Shireman, Jacksonville, IL	1:00—1:50 pm	The Economics + Ecology of Cover Crops- Dave Robison-www.plantcovercrops.com
9:50-10:05 am	Networking Break and Refreshments	1:50—2:05 pm	Networking Break
10:05-10:55 am	Nutrient Utilization— Using BMP's & Cover Crops— Dr. Shalamar Armstrong, Illinois State University	2:05—3:00 pm	Conservation Cropping Systems Farmer Panel
10:55-11:25 am	Weeds + Herbicide Management w/ Cover Crops as Part of the System— Gordon Roskamp, Illinois Central College	3:00—3:30 pm	Illinois Nutrient Loss Reduction Strategy, What and Why Now? Lauren Lurkins, Illinois Farm Bureau
		3:30-5:00 pm	Meet + Greet with Speakers, Exhibitors, Attendees and Refreshments

## REGISTRATION

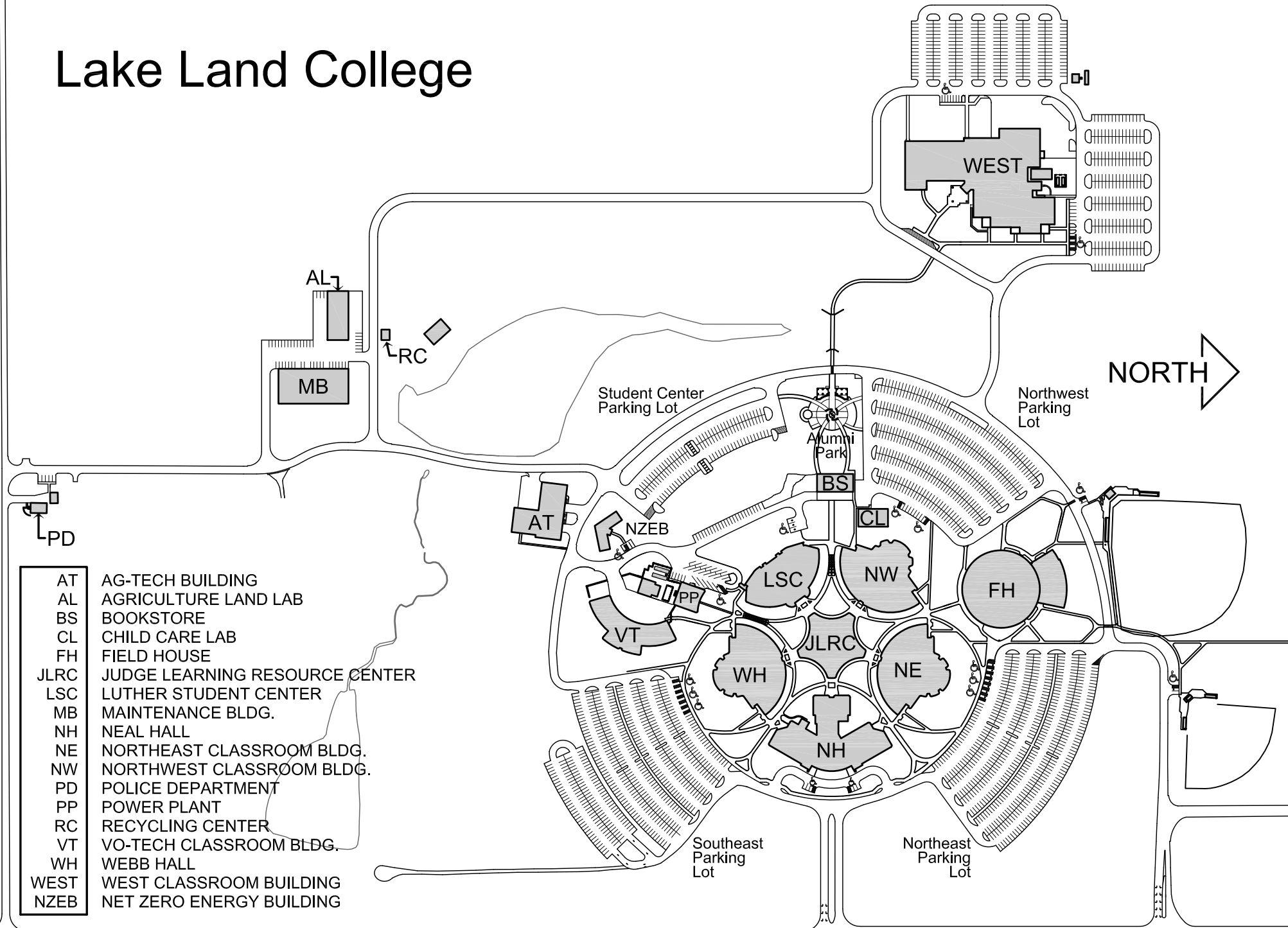
**Deadline January 26th, 2015**

Online (credit card) registration can be made at: <a href="http://www.ccsxcd.com">http://www.ccsxcd.com</a>  Seminar Fee \$20 per person  Student Fee \$10 per person (High school or College)  Lunch included.	Mail Registration: Complete and detach this clippage and send to:  Champaign County SWCD  Attn: CCS 2015  2110 W. Park Court, Suite C  Champaign, IL 61821
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City: _____	Name _____	Zip _____	
State: _____ Zip Code _____	Name _____	Zip _____	
Phone: _____	Name _____	Zip _____	

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# Lake Land College



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CL	CHILD CARE LAB
FH	FIELD HOUSE
JLRC	JUDGE LEARNING RESOURCE CENTER
LSC	LUTHER STUDENT CENTER
MB	MAINTENANCE BLDG.
NH	NEAL HALL
NE	NORTHEAST CLASSROOM BLDG.
NW	NORTHWEST CLASSROOM BLDG.
PD	POLICE DEPARTMENT
PP	POWER PLANT
RC	RECYCLING CENTER
VT	VO-TECH CLASSROOM BLDG.
WH	WEBB HALL
WEST	WEST CLASSROOM BUILDING
NZEB	NET ZERO ENERGY BUILDING

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To Mattoon →





**February 18th, 2015**

**Macomb, Illinois**

**Western Illinois University-  
University Union**

**1 University Circle**

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<b>8:40—8:50 am</b>	<b>Welcome + Remarks—Dr. Andy Baker, WIU Department of Agriculture Chair</b>	<b>12:50—1:50 pm</b>	<b>Cover Crop Species Response to Corn and Soybean Herbicide Residues</b>
<b>8:50—9:00 am</b>	<b>Illinois Conservation Cropping System Partnership</b>		Dr. Mark Bernards, Western Illinois University
<b>9:00—9:45 am</b>	<b>Illinois Nutrient Loss Reduction Strategy, What and Why Now?</b>		<b>Strategic Cover Crop Use for Production and Conservation Objectives</b>
	Lauren Lurkins, Illinois Farm Bureau		Dr. Joel Gruver, Western Illinois University
<b>9:45-10:00 am</b>	<b>Networking Break and Refreshments</b>	<b>1:50—2:05 pm</b>	<b>Networking Break</b>
<b>10:00-11:00 am</b>	<b>Soil Health—</b>	<b>2:05—3:00 pm</b>	<b>Conservation Cropping Systems Farmer Panel</b>
	Drs. Laura + Lowell Gentry, University of Illinois	<b>3:00—3:30 pm</b>	<b>Trends with Cover Crops in the Cornbelt</b>
<b>11:00-12:00 pm</b>	<b>Conservation Cropping Systems</b>		Dr. Rob Myers, University of Missouri
	Clay Mitchell, Iowa Farmer	<b>3:30-5:00 pm</b>	<b>Meet + Greet with Speakers, Exhibitors, Attendees and Refreshments</b>

## REGISTRATION

**Deadline February 10th, 2015**

Online (credit card) registration can be made at: <a href="http://www.ccsxcd.com">http://www.ccsxcd.com</a>	Mail Registration: Complete and detach this clippage and send to:
Seminar Fee \$20 per person	Champaign County SWCD
Student Fee \$10 per person (High school or College)	Attn: CCS 2015
Lunch included.	2110 W. Park Court, Suite C
<a href="#"><u>Parking will be available in lots 14, 16, 17S and 19</u></a>	Champaign, IL 61821

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