

# CONSERVATION CROPPING 2015 SEMINARS

*Managing your inputs for healthy soils...*



- ✓ **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!**



**January 27, 2015**  
Sycamore, IL

**February 4, 2015**  
Mattoon, IL

**February 18, 2015**  
Macomb, IL

*Conservation Cropping Seminars  
Coordinated by:*

Local Soil & Water Conservation Districts  
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American Farmland Trust  
Illinois Environmental Protection Agency  
Illinois Council of Best Management Practices

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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  
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