COVER CROPS 101

AGENDA — FEBRUARY 7, 2013

4:00 p.m. — Welcome

4:15 p.m. — Introduction to Cover Crops

- Jill Sacket
  University of Minnesota Extension
  Conservation Agronomist
- Tom Coffman
  Rice County NRCS
  District Conservationist

5:15 p.m. — Cover Crop Panel Discussion

- Veteran cover crops growers will be present to discuss their experiences with cover crops and answer any questions you may have

5:45 p.m. — Dinner and Social Time

- Enjoy a pizza dinner courtesy of the CRWP, while visiting and learning more about the opportunities with cover crops in your fields

6:15 p.m. — Roundtable Discussions

7:00 p.m. — Adjourn

Location:

4-H Building
Rice County Fairgrounds
1900 Fairgrounds Dr. #17
Faribault, MN 55021

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A free workshop to help you take the lead with cover crops in your fields!

CRWP
Cannon River Watershed Partnership

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COVER CROPS

Cover crops are growing in popularity throughout Minnesota and much of the Midwest. Please join the Cannon River Watershed Partnership and the University of Minnesota Extension to learn how cover crops are one of the most effective ways to improve soil health, reduce off-farm inputs and protect natural resources.

PRE-REGISTRATION PREFERRED!

We realize that committing ahead of time is difficult. It is not required to pre-register, but it will help us with meal counts and handouts if participants could call or email to confirm attendance. We will accept walk-ins!

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Continuing Education Credits

Certified crop advisors will be eligible to receive ***1 continuing education credit*** in soil water management by attending this meeting.

CERTIFIED CROP ADVISER

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COVER CROP BENEFITS

- ✓ Reduce soil erosion from wind and rain by holding soil in place
- ✓ Prevent soil crusting
- ✓ Improve water absorption and infiltration; slow water from leaving the landscape
- ✓ Cover crops can be used as grazing ground or cut forages
- ✓ Scavenge nutrients from deeper in the soil and make them available for next cash crop(deep rooted species)
- ✓ Excellent source of nitrogen (legumes)
- ✓ Prevent weeds

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