

# Farm Profit and Productivity in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: A Farmers Workshop on Soil Health

Wednesday March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2014

9:30 AM to 3:00 PM

Elks Lodge, 131 Lyndale Avenue North, Faribault, MN 55021  
\$10.00 registration at the door --meal provided

*“Soil health is a real asset, not an abstract virtue.”*

Farming systems that promote soil health are emerging as essential for sustaining agricultural productivity in the long run. This workshop will focus on farming systems and techniques that promote soil health including conservation tillage, no-till farming, and cover crops. Net returns is a key measure of your farm's economic health. Clean lakes, rivers and streams are key indicators of a healthy environment.

*How can we get better at protecting both?*

## AGENDA

**9:30 to 10:30 --Registration and Conversation**

**10:30 to 11:00 --Welcome and Introductions**

Dave Legvold, Farmer and Retired Executive Director, CRWP, Northfield, MN

**11:00 to 11:45 --Keep Soil Healthy, Productive & Sustainable by Using Four Simple Principles**

Doug Miller, Soil Health Coordinator for the MN NRCS, Jordan, MN

**11:45 to 12:30 --Lunch and Conversation**

**12:30 to 1:30 --Cover Crops: What to grow, how to grow it and how it benefits your farm.**

*... AND HOW CAN I BENEFIT FROM COVER CROPS IN MY CORN/SOYBEAN ROTATION?!*

Sarah Carlson, Cover Crop Research Coordinator, Practical Farmers of Iowa, Ames, IA  
Mark Peterson, Cover Crop Farmer, Stanton IA

**1:30 to 2:30 --Conservation Tillage for Improving Soil Quality, Profit and Water Quality**

Jodi DeJong-Hughes, UM Extension Tillage Specialist  
Rod Sommerfield, Experienced no-till farmer, Mazeppa, MN

**2:30 to 3:00 --How do I know if I am headed in the right direction?**

*--A REVIEW OF AVAILABLE TOOLS FOR ASSESSING THE QUALITY OF YOUR FARM'S SOIL*

Tom Coffman, NRCS District Conservationist, Rice County, MN

Please RSVP to Alana Bartolai for the meal count: 507.786.3916 --or-- [alana@crwp.net](mailto:alana@crwp.net)

