



Farmer Mike Werling shows off beneficial root stems in his field

The Conservation Cropping Systems Initiative (CCSI) is a collaboration between Indiana Conservation Partnership organizations, the agriculture industry and Hoosier farmers.

Indiana farmers can meet world production demands by integrating today's conservation tillage technology with best management practices in nutrient management, pest management and cover crops.

Take production and conservation further with Conservation Cropping Systems. Contact the CCSI team today for help with your plan.

The Indiana Conservation Partnership is:

Indiana Association of Soil & Water Conservation Districts
Indiana's 92 local SWCDs
Indiana Department of Environmental Management
Indiana Department of Natural Resources
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Purdue Cooperative Extension Service
State Soil Conservation Board
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Successful Cover Cropping in the Midwest

*A workshop for farmers interested in cover crops,
regardless of tillage systems.*

September 18, 2013
8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.



Special Recognition:

Dave Goracke is a representative of the Oregon Ryegrass Growers Seed Commission and farms about approximately 3000 acres in the Willamette Valley, the “grass seed capital of the world”. Much of the acreage is used to produce grass seed, including Annual Ryegrass. His farm has also been engaged in a number of research projects with Oregon State University.

Ron Althoff

is a 1969 graduate of Southern Illinois University in Soil Science. He joined Saddle Butte Ag in 2000 to promote cover crops



throughout the Midwest. Previously, he managed a farm supply co-op for 16 years. He also worked for and later managed a large regional seed company specializing in turf, forage, soy, and wheat.



Jamie Scott is part of a family farm operation consisting of about 2,000 acres. The operation was an early adopter of conservation tillage. Now all tillable acres are no-tilled or strip tilled. A spring workshop and field demonstration on

cover crops has been held for the last three years. They have coordinated cover crop aerial seedings in an eight-county area for the last three years resulting in 16,000 planted acres.

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This event will be of special interest to farmers and consultants seeking hands-on instruction for selecting and successfully growing cover crops in the Midwest. Over 40 different plots of cover crops species and mixes will be growing on-site.

Registration by September 12 is requested to provide enough food for everyone!

Register online at

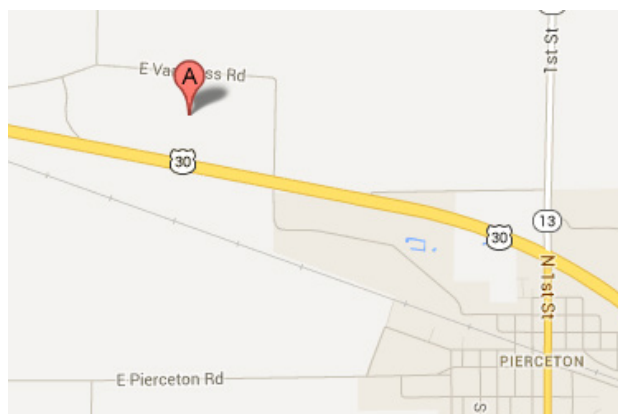
www.ScottFieldDay.eventbrite.com

Or call the Kosciusko County SWCD at:
574-267-7445, ext. 3

Map & Directions:

J. A. Scott Farms
6281 E Van Ness Rd, Pierceton, IN

Turn north onto Van Ness Road from US 30,
just west of Pierceton



Schedule of Events

- 8:30 - **Registration**
- 9:00 - **Welcome, Overview of Farming Operation**
Jamie Scott, CCSI Hub Farmer
- 9:30 - **“Round Robin” Topics:**
- 1.) Scott Farms’ System Approach to Production Agriculture and its Effects on Soil Health (Root Pit)
Jim Scott, JA Scott Farms
Rich Recker, Agronomist
 - 2.) Behind the Scenes of Cover Crop Seed Production in the US / Insuring Quality Seed Sources (Inside)
Dave Goracke, Oregon Ryegrass Commission
Ron Althoff, Agronomist Saddle Butte Ag
 - 3.) Cover Crop Plots
Jamie Scott, JA Scott Farms
CCSI Soil Health Expert
- 11:30 - **Lunch**
- 12:30 - **CCSI Program Updates**
Lisa Holscher, CCSI / IASWCD
- 1:00 - **“Round Robin” Topics:**
- 1.) Cover Crop Plots
Jamie Scott, JA Scott Farms
CCSI Soil Health Expert
 - 2.) Soil Health Indicators (Root Pit)
Barry Fisher, NRCS State Soil Health Specialist
Scott Haley, NRCS Area Resource Soil Scientist
 - 3.) Termination of Cover Crops (Inside)
Cameron Mills, CCSI Farmer
- 3:00 - **Closing Comments**

This field day is a project of the Conservation Cropping Systems Initiative, JA Scott Farms, Tippecanoe Watershed Foundation, Middle Eel River Watershed Initiative, and the Wabash and Kosciusko County Soil and Water Conservation Districts