



COVER CROPS, CARBON & CONSERVATION

Wednesday, March 6, 2019

10:00 am - 4:15 pm

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Fond du Lac County Farmers Soil Health Group invites you to join us for a day of learning about soil health management from other farmers! We are committed to figuring out ways to improve soil health on our farms, so we can improve the water quality in the watersheds where we farm. This workshop will help farmers better understand how their soil biology works underground and provide an opportunity to listen to other Wisconsin farmers who are planting cover crops and using no-till.

Program

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| 9:30 am | Registration |
| 10:00 am | Welcome |
| 10:05 am | Carbonomics-The Amazing Economy of Soil
Keith Berns, Farmer & Co-Owner, Green Cover Seed, |
| 11:20 am | Cover Crops Trends & Methodology Industry Update
Bryan Decker & Scott Wohlman, LaCrosse Seed |
| 12:00 pm | Lunch |
| 1:00 pm | Using Cover Crops to Manage Weeds and Build Soil Health
Erin Silva, Organic and Sustainable Cropping Systems Specialist, UW- Madison |
| 2:15 pm | Break |
| 2:30 pm | Inter-seeding, Planting Green and other Cover Crop Techniques in Cash Grain & Dairy Operations
Farmer Presentations & Moderated Q& A |
| 4:15 pm | Adjourn |

CEU credits for Certified Crop Consultants have been applied for.

Cover Crops, Carbon & Conservation: A Session on Soil Health

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

E-Mail Address: _____ Farm: _____

Fee: _____ x \$10 per person = _____

Make checks payable and mail to:

UW-Extension

Attn: Soil Health Meeting

400 University Drive, AE-Room 227

Fond du Lac, WI 54935

**Or register online,
with payment at door:**

<https://goo.gl/houcZH>

RSVP encouraged by: February 28th



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Keynote Speaker: Keith Berns

Keith Berns combines over 20 years of no-till farming with 10 years of teaching Agriculture and Computers. In addition to no-tilling 2,500 acres of irrigated and dryland corn, soybeans, rye, triticale, peas, sunflowers, and buckwheat in South Central Nebraska, he also co-owns and operates Green Cover Seed, one of the major cover crop seed providers and educators in the United States. Through Green Cover Seed, Keith has experimented with over 100 different cover crop types and hundreds of mixes planted into various situations and has learned a great deal about cover crop growth, nitrogen fixation, moisture usage, and grazing utilization of cover crops. Keith also developed the SmartMix Calculator™ one of the most widely used cover crop selection tools on the internet. Keith has a Masters Degree in Agricultural Education from the University of Nebraska and teaches on cover crops and soil health more than 20 times per year to various groups and audiences.

Farmer Panelists:

- Steve Messner, Fond du Lac County Farmer
- Dale Theel, Greendale Farms
- Marty Weiss, Dodge County Farmers for Healthy Soil-Healthy Water
- Tony Pierick, T&R Dairy
- Clint Hodorff, Second Look Holsteins
- Josh Hiemstra, Hiemstra Dairy, LLC

