



Cover Your FUTURE

A meeting and tradeshow on options in conservation management

Sponsored By: Elkhart County Soil and Water Conservation District, Purdue Extension Elkhart County, and USDA-NRCS

Wednesday, March 4, 2020

9:00 AM—3:00 PM

Elkhart County Community Center, Elkhart County 4-H Fairgrounds • Goshen, IN

Featured Sessions:

“Respect Your Soil”

Hans Kok, Ph.D., CCA (Conservation Consultant)

“Future Weather Trends and Patterns”

Jeffrey S Dukes Ph.D. (Professor, Director of Purdue Climate Change Research Center)

“Building Resilience with Cover Crops ”

Eileen J. Kladviko, (Agronomy Dept., Purdue University)

“Ask the Experts”

Panel Discussion, All Speakers

—This is a free event—

Lunch will be provided.

To register contact the SWCD office at (574) 533-4383, ext 3

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Meeting Agenda

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March 4, 2020 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
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Goshen, IN

9:00-10:30

“Respect your soil”

Soil structure plays an important role in crop health. Healthy soil structure can increase drainage and reduce soil erosion. What happens when soil structure is disturbed limiting these benefits? What are some practical ways we can improve soil structure while improving crop health?

Speaker: Hans Kok

10:30-10:45

Break

10:45-12:00

“Future weather trends and patterns”

Have you noticed a change in the weather lately? Rain, snow, or sunshine, agriculture revolves around weather. Learn how to become more proactive in your operations future. Seeding date, maturing dates, types of herbicides and fertilizers all revolve around our weather.

Speaker: Jeffrey Dukes

12:00-1:00

Lunch

1:00-1:45

“Building Resilience with Cover Crops”

How can we build the strongest insurance policy for our soil. Using cover crops and creating stability in your soil will help build resilience in an unpredictable future.

Speaker: Eileen J. Kladvko

1:45-2:00

Break

2:00 - 2:45

“Let’s ask the experts”

Panel discussion group that will give you a chance to ask the why do we do this? How will the future change and what can I do to prepare for it? Where will I receive the best potential to help increase my investments?

Speaker: Hans Kok, Jeffrey Dukes, Eileen J. Kladvko