



The Elkhart County SWCD has struck

# "PAY DIRT"

**FEBRUARY 28, 2023**

**8AM-4PM**

**Elkhart County 4-H Fairgrounds**

17746 CR 34, Goshen, IN 46528

## **Ray Archuleta**

"The Soil Guy"

Joining Ray will be Rick Clark, Jason Mauck, and other great speakers.

This event is a prerequisite for the 2023 SWAMP program.

### **Schedule**

8:00 - 9:00	Registration
9:00 - 10:30	Closing the gap between Sunlight, Soil and Communities (Jason Mauck)
10:30 - 10:45	Break
10:45 - 12:00	Mental Conservation (Ray Archuleta)
12:00 - 1:00	Rib Eye Lunch (Elkhart County Cattleman's Association)
1:00 - 2:15	Regenerating Economics (Rick Clark)
2:15 - 2:30	Break
2:30 - 3:15	Healing the Land (Ray Archuleta)
3:15 - 4:00	Agroecology 101 (Ray Archuleta, Rick Clark, guests)

### **Registration**

\$25 registration fee

Lunch is included. You can register online at [www.elkcoswcd.org](http://www.elkcoswcd.org) or call 574-523-2030 or scan the QR code below Up to 8 hours for CCA, CPAg, CPSS, and CPSC available



## **Ray Archuleta**

Ray Archuleta is a Certified Professional Soil Scientist with the Soil Science Society of America and has over 30 years' experience as a Soil Conservationist, Water Quality Specialist, and Conservation Agronomist with the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). During his tenure with the NRCS Ray served in New Mexico, Missouri, Oregon, and North Carolina.

Ray received his AS degree in Livestock Science from Northern New Mexico College and a BS degree in Agricultural Biology plus 30 hours of graduate work in soil related courses from New Mexico State University. He served in the Peace Corps for two years in Guatemala as a Livestock Specialist.

After his retirement from the NRCS in 2017, Ray founded Understanding Ag, LLC, and Soil Health Academy, to teach Biomimicry strategies and Agroecology principles for improving soil function on a national scale. Ray also owns and operates a 150-acre farm near Seymour, Missouri that he operates along with his wife and family.

## **Rick Clark**

Rick Clark is a 5th generation farmer from Williamsport, IN. The main goal on the farm is to build soil health and achieve balance with Mother Nature. Rick has developed and is constantly improving a systematic approach to regenerative farming. He is most proud of incorporating regenerative farming practices with all acres being certified organic. He calls it regenerative organic stewardship with no tillage. He will suppress weeds and build soil health with cover crops and no tillage. Rick also cares deeply about human health, as it is another important driver behind the organic no till style of farming. Rick is building a system that will be viable and profitable for generations to come.



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