



# Soak Up Your Resources

## 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

**Tuesday, March 12, 2019**

**9:00 AM—3:30 PM**

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

### Featured Sessions:

#### **“Resources and Realities”**

Dave Brandt (Walnut Creek Seed, Carrol OH)

#### **“It’s too wet, It’s too dry”**

Bob Clark III (Clark Farm Drainage, Newcastle IN)

#### **“Know Your Soil: What is its’ Potential?”**

Hans Kok (PH.D., Certified Crop Advisor)

#### **“Can I afford to not plant cover crops?”**

Ryan Moore (Forage and Cover Crop Manager, Beck’s Hybrids)

#### **“Why, When, What, and Where - Ask the Experts”**

Panel Discussion, All Speakers

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—This is a free event—

Lunch will be provided.

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## **Soak Up Your Resources – Meeting Agenda**

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Goshen, IN

**9:00-10:30**

### **“Resources and Realities”**

Know what “resources” and resource concerns you have on your farm and decide what your main objectives are (yield, lower inputs, conservation, etc) for your operation. What are your “realities” for doing cover crops? Make sure to do your homework, research, and talk to others so that you have multiple backup plans. *Speaker: Dave Brandt*

**10:30-11:00**

### **Break**

**11:00-11:45**

### **“It’s too wet; it’s too dry”**

Have long-term practical and measurable goals for your farming operation. Observe your fields, look and see what options are out there that help soak up and utilize all potential resources. How do cover crops, tile, and conservation play a part in my return on investment?

*Speaker: Bob Clark III*

**11:45-12:30**

### **Lunch**

**12:30-1:45**

### **“Know Your Soil: What is it’s Potential”**

Soil health tests (organic matter, nutrient retention, water capacity) and productivity (\$, yield, input reduction) can help measure your goals. Observing our “Resources” and finding what is practical, so you can reach the ultimate potential of your soil, without soaking up all your \$.

*Speaker: Hans Kok*

**1:45-2:00**

### **Break**

**2:00 - 2:45**

### **“Can I afford to not plant cover crops?”**

What are crop rotation options to manage manure applications? How can I use cover crops for feed and forage? Is cover cropping a tool or option for weed suppression? How can we utilize interseeding?

*Speaker: Ryan Moore*

**2:45-3:00**

### **Break**

**3:00-3:30**

### **“Why, When, What, and Where - Ask the Experts”**

Panel discussion group that will give you a chance to ask the why do we do this? When should I be looking to plant or terminate? What cover crops best fit into my operation? What equipment, herbicide, and nutrients should I consider? Where will I receive the best potential to help increase my investments?

*Speaker: Dave Brandt, Hans Kok, Bob Clark III, Ryan Moore, and area farmers.*