## **2009 Illinois Tillage Seminars Set**

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illage, Technology & Environmental Stewardship" is the theme for the 2009 Illinois Regional Tillage Seminars, scheduled at three locations throughout Illinois in January. The central Illinois location and registration information includes:

January 27, Interstate Center, Bloomington, IL. Send registrations to: McLean Extension, 402 N. Hershey Rd., Bloomington, IL 61704, ph. (309)-663-8306. On-line, credit card registrations can be made at www.mcleanextension.org

This year's Tillage Seminars features an outstanding line-up of state and nationally recognized speakers.

8:00 - 8:50 am Registration, Meet with Agribusiness Exhibitors, Coffee & Rolls

8:50 – 9:00 am Opening Remarks and Welcome, U of I Extension Natural Resources Educator

9:00 – 9:15 am 2008 Cropping Season in Review, U of I Extension Natural Resources Educator

9:15 – 9:30 am State Cost-Share & Technical Assistance Programs, IL Dept. of Agriculture Regional Representative

9:30 – 9:45 am 2008 Farm Bill, Conservation Payments, USDA/NRCS Regional Agronomist

9:45 – 10:30 am Role of Tillage on Carbon Sequestration, Jerry Hatfield, Director, National Soil Tilth Lab

10:30-10:45 am Break, Meet with Agri-business Exhibitors

10:45 – 11:25 am Impact of Climate on Crops, Jim Angel, State Climatologist, Illinois State Water Survey

11:25 – 12:15 am Soil Effects of Long-term No-till/Strip-till, Controlled-traffic, Aligned Farming Systems, Clay Mitchell, Iowa Farmer, National No-till Conference Speaker

12:15 – 1:15 pm Lunch and Visit with Exhibitors

1:15 – 2:10 pm No-till Planter Set-up & Equipment Modifications, Nutrient Management for No-till, Barry Fischer – IN State Agronomist, Natural Resources Conservation Service

2:10 – 3:00 pm Managing No-till/Strip-till: Weed shifts and Resistance, Clay Mitchell – Iowa Farmer, National No-till Conference Speaker

3:00 pm Seminar Adjourns, Meet with Exhibitors & Speakers

The 2009 Illinois Tillage Seminars are cosponsored by the Illinois Department of Agriculture, University of Illinois Extension, AISWCD, Natural Resources Conservation Service, and the Soil and Water Conservation Districts. Some tillage seminars will include agribusiness exhibitors. These Tillage Seminars will provide ceu's for Certified Crop Advisers (currently being submitted).

Pre-registration is necessary and the deadline is one week prior to the scheduled meeting. Seating is limited so registration will be taken on a first-come basis. A \$20 per person fee will be charged to cover room rental and noon luncheon. To register by mail, include the following information with your check: Name of Meeting-Tillage Seminar, your name, address and county of residence. Please make your check payable to "University of Illinois" and send to the appropriate address listed above for the seminar location you wish to attend. Online, credit card registrations can be made by going to the websites listed above.

For more information, contact Bob Frazee, U of I Natural Resources Educator, phone (309)-694-7501, Ext. 226.  $\Delta$