

2009 Northwest Illinois Tillage Seminar Set

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The 2009 Northwest Illinois Tillage Seminar, with a theme of "Tillage, Technology & Environmental Stewardship" will focus on the critical role which tillage plays in making your corn and soybean enterprises profitable. This sixteen-county seminar is scheduled for Wednesday, January 28, 2009 at The Galleria, Princeton, IL. Directions: The Galleria is located at 1659 N. Main St., on the north edge of Princeton, IL. From Interstate 80, take Exit 56 onto IL Rt. 26 and go one-half mile south into Princeton. The Galleria is on the east side of the highway, directly across the road from the Chevrolet dealership.

The program, featuring state and nationally recognized speakers, runs from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. It is co-sponsored by the multi-county conservation agencies of University of Illinois Extension, Soil and Water Conservation Districts, Natural Resources Conservation Service, AISWCD, and the Illinois Department of Agriculture. Seed, chemical, machinery dealers, and other agri-businesses will be featured as exhibitors. This Tillage Seminar will provide 5.0 CEU's for Certified Crop Advisers (3.5 Soil & Water Management; 1.0 IPM; and .5 Crop Management).

Topics to be presented include:

- Soil Effects of Long-term No-till/Strip-till, Controlled-traffic, Aligned Farming

Systems

- No-till Planter Set-up & Equipment Modifications, No-till Management
- Impact of Climate on Crops
- Managing No-till/Strip-till: Weed shifts and Resistance
- Role of Tillage on Carbon Sequestration
- What's in the 2008 Farm Bill for You? Conservation Payments
- State Cost-Share & Technical Assistance Programs
- The 2008 Cropping/Tillage Season in Review

Pre-registration is necessary and the deadline is January 21st. 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: Northwest Tillage Seminar, your name, address and county of residence. Please make your check payable to "University of Illinois Extension" and send to: Bureau Extension, 850 Thompson St. Princeton, IL 61356. On-line, credit card registrations can be made at <http://web.extension.uiuc.edu/bureau/>. For more information, contact Sherry Hockings, U of I Ag Program Coordinator at ph. (815)-875-2878 or Bob Frazee, U of I Natural Resources Educator, phone (309)-694-7501, Ext. 226. Δ

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