

# Utilizing Cover Crops In Conventional Cropping Systems

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**A** three-part lunchtime telenet series titled "Utilizing Cover Crops in Conventional Cropping Systems" is scheduled for August 26th, September 9th and September 30th all Wednesdays from 12:00-1:15 p.m.

According to event organizers Earl Allen, U of I Extension-Fulton County Director and Loretta Ortiz-Ribbing, U of I Extension Crop Systems Specialist, the series is being offered as a professional development opportunity for U of I Extension staff, NRCS and SWCD personnel, CCA's and other ag professionals. Primary sponsor for the series is the USDA SARE (Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education) program.

An excellent line-up of multi-state speakers includes the following:

- August 26 – Part I: Cover Crop Concepts

Tom Kaspar, Plant Physiologist, USDA-ARS National Soil Tilth Laboratory, Ames, Iowa

Topic: Overview of the Midwest Cover Crops Council

Dale Mutch, Cover Crops/Field Crops IPM Specialist, Michigan State University

Topic: A Michigan Perspective on Utilizing Cover Crops in Conventional Cropping Systems

- September 9 – Part II: Cover Crop Species and Their Management

Mike Plumer, Natural Resources Educator, University of Illinois Extension

Topic: Grass Cover Crops, Benefits and Management

Joel Gruver, Asst. Professor, Soil Science and Sustainable Agriculture, Western Illinois University

Topic: Legume/radish Cover Crops, Benefits and Management

- September 30 – Part III: Cover Crop Economics

Alan Sundermeier, Ag and Natural Resources Educator, The Ohio State University Extension

Topic: Economic Impacts of Cover Crops in Conventional Cropping Systems

David Campbell – Illinois Grower

Topic: Grower Experience using Cover Crops - Benefits and Challenges

Participants will be charged \$10 per session. CCA credits have been applied for in the amount of 1 hr per Telenet session.     Δ



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