



# COVER CROPS 101

Saturday, March 17th

10:30 AM– 12:00 PM

FREE ADMISSION

**North American Farm & Power Show**

Four Season Centre at Steele County Fairgrounds

1525 S. Elm Ave., Owatonna, MN

Growing cover crops in Southern Minnesota has been proven to work and improve the soil's health. This workshop will cover the importance of cover crop specie origination along with an open group discussion with local southern Minnesota farmers who have successfully implemented cover crops in their operations and have seen firsthand the benefits that come with utilizing cover crops. Machinery for reduced tillage and cover crop implementation also will be discussed and on display at the event.

- **TJ Kartes**—Representing Saddle Butte seed company will discuss the importance of cover crop specie origination
- **Tom Cotter** — Mower County's 2017 Cover Crop Champion who uses cover crops and strip till with cattle and vegetable production.
- **Mark Ditlevson** — Steele County's 2014 Conservation Farmer of the Year; long-time ridge tiller who went to no till and cover crops.
- **Tom Pyfferoen** — Cover crop producer from Pine Island working on bio strip till.
- **Tim Little** — Cover Crop Champion farmer from Millerburg.
- **Brad Hagen**— Steele County's 2015 Conservation Farmer of the Year who uses cover crops with hog manure.
- **Andy Linder** — Cover crop transition to strip till and going to no till. Runs a cover crop application business.