

Cover Crop Tour in Byron, MN

Area Farmers Share Their Opinions of Cover Crop Establishment Methods



Fri. May 11th 10am to 2pm

**Registration begins at 9:45 am at the
Lutzi Farm (6235 20th St. SW Rochester)**

Car Caravan to Follow

Free pizza lunch at noon

Byron area farmers Rick Lutzi, Kevin Connelly, Martin Larsen, and Tom Pyfferoen will host a free, cover crop tour to evaluate the previous year's cover crop planting methods such as aerial seeding, broadcasting, and drilling. Field day discussions will include the effectiveness of different cover crop establishment styles, the feed quality of cereal rye, the next steps for planting cash crops into living cover crops and the benefits of cover crops on soil health.

Directions: Head West on US-14 from Rochester for 4 miles, turn South onto 60th Ave. NW (County Rd. 104). After 3 miles, turn West onto 20th St. SW & drive for 1/3 mile. Farm is on the right. Watch for signs.

Host Farmers:

Rick Lutzi raises beef, grain & cover crops. Rick will discuss his drilled, cereal rye plantings & feature a soil-root pit.

Martin Larsen is a no-till farmer who will be sharing his experience with interseeding annual ryegrass into v6 corn using a highboy fertilizer spreader to broadcast both his seed and fertilizer at once.

Kevin Connelly will share his experience of establishing cereal rye after corn silage and the benefits he has seen in erosion control, the additional forage for his livestock and the overall feed quality of the rye.

Tom Pyfferoen will discuss the effectiveness of aerially seeding cereal rye into standing corn compared to drilled rye after harvest. He will also describe his next steps to plant corn into the green cereal rye this spring.

Please RSVP by May 9th by calling either Tom Pyfferoen at 507-254-9490 or Shona Snater from the Land Stewardship Project at 507-523-3366, or email ssnater@landstewardshipproject.org



The day is a collaborate effort between area farmers, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), local Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCD) and the Land Stewardship Project