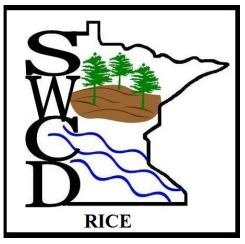




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**Rice Soil and Water
Conservation
District**



Rice County No-Till and Cover Crop Field Day

with farmers Mike Ludwig, John Becker, and Tim Little

Friday, August 24th 9:30 am—noon

1355 90th St E, Northfield MN

Registration starts at 9:15 am (*rain or shine*)

Please RSVP for picnic lunch to follow

Free-will donations accepted



Field Day Topics:

Fall Aerial Cover Crop Seeding and No-till

Choosing Cover Crop Mixes

Hands-on Soil Health Checks

Cover Crop Comparisons in 3 Different Fields

Erosion, Disease, and Weed Control

For more information, or to RSVP, contact:

LSP's Alex Romano at 507-523-3366 or

aromano@landstewardshipproject.org

or Rice SWCD at 507-332-5408 by Wednesday, August 22nd.

Join the Land Stewardship Project and Rice SWCD for a Faribault-area crop farm tour to explore observations in no-till, cover crops, and soil health. The tour starts at Mike Ludwig's farm (1355 90th St. E., Northfield) with a stop at John Becker's fields in Dundas, and ends at Tim Little's farm (11811 Canby Ave., Faribault).

Ludwig, Becker and Little will discuss their experiences with no-till, cover crop mixes, weed suppression, erosion control, earthworm activity, and an overview of the economics of no-till and cover crops on their farms. The farmers are part of a local farmer networking group who started aerially seeding cover crop mixes into standing corn in September 2015. The farmers will compare and contrast the results of last fall's seedings on their three different farms.

Mike Ludwig raises corn, soybeans, and cover crops near Northfield. Ludwig is a supervisor with the Rice SWCD.

John Becker raises corn, soybeans, cover crops, and beef in Dundas.

Tim Little raises corn, soybeans, and cover crops near Faribault. Little was recently named a Soil Health Champion by the National Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts and he is also a supervisor with Rice SWCD.

Directions to the Ludwig farm: Take exit 69 from I-35 on to MN-19 East. Take the first right (South) on Rice County 59 for about 2 miles. Look for signs!

Plus— "Cover Crops & 60-inch Corn Rows"

"Bonus" Field Day at Jim Purfeerst Farm, Faribault

August 23rd 6-9 pm

For more info call Rice SWCD at 507-332-5408

Or CRWP at 507-786-3913

Cover Crops, Companion Crops & The Roller-Crimper

★ Caledonia Field Day Followed by a Labor Day Picnic & Ice Cream ★



Caledonia Mon, Sept 3 Registration at 9:45am

Field day starts at 10 & ends at 12:15

picnic lunch & ice cream after the event

(free will donations accepted)

Field Day Hosts:

10am Mark Klinski 9379 Sanden Rd Caledonia

11:15 am Bob & Greta Mierau 13598 Heinz Rd Caledonia

Join LSP for a day of innovation and experimentation in Caledonia, MN! Both Mark Klinski and Bob Mierau are part of a group of Caledonia area farmers who are working to build soil, increase crop diversity and try out new soil health practices. The day will begin on the Klinski farm at 10 am, a car caravan will leave at 11 am for the Mierau Farm and the event will end at 12:15 pm with a picnic and ice cream to follow.

Field Day Highlights:

Roller-Crimper

Spring-Seeded Winter Rye

Wheat Followed By Cover Crop

Interseeding Into Corn

Farmer Hosts:

- **10 am—Mark Klinski** raises organic, food-grade soybeans and will lead a discussion about his experience with seeding beans into roller-crimped rye this year, the lessons he learned and the results he has seen. Klinski will also describe his experiment of spring-seeding winter rye to avoid vernalization and then planting beans into the rye stand.
- **11:15 am—Bob Mierau** raises conventional, no-till row crops and organic corn, beans, small grains, and cover crops. This growing season, Mierau interseeded into organic corn, seeded companion crops and is looking to graze cover crops to build soil. Mierau built his own roller-crimper and will have it available for display.

To RSVP, call or email Shona Snater at 507-523-3366 or ssnater@landstewardshipproject.org by Fri. Aug. 31

Directions: The Klinskis are located about 6 miles NE of Caledonia off of MN-44 on Sanden Rd.

The Mieraus are located 5 miles E of Caledonia off of Co Rd. 3, turn right onto Heinz Rd. Look for Signs.



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Cover Crop & Soil Health Field Days

- **Faribault Aug 23rd & 24th (See Reverse)**
 - **Caledonia September 3rd**