

Building Soil for Farm Profitability



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Key Steps to Successful Financial Decision-Making with

North Dakota Farmer & Rancher, **Joshua Dukart**



Wednesday Jan. 23rd 4-8:30pm Faribault Elks Club

131 Lyndale Ave. N

Thursday Jan. 24th 10-3pm Lewiston Comm. Center

75 Rice St.

- \$20 fee includes dinner
- \$10 scholarship rate for students and additional family members
- Sign-in begins 30 minutes prior to each event

Please RSVP by Jan. 21st, by calling LSP's Liana Nichols at 507-523-3366

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OR call the Rice County SWCD at 507-332-5408

An important and emerging voice in soil health, **Joshua Dukart** leads workshops throughout the Great Plains, the Midwest, and overseas. His ability to address on-farm financial decision-making in the context of soil health makes him a unique presenter. Dukart also works with land managers and farm families to develop grazing, cropping and cover cropping plans to enhance soil, plant, animal and human health.

To improve profitability...

- *What expenses do we need to think about cutting?*
- *What farm investments should we make?*
- *How do we improve both soil health & farm profits?*

"A great presenter, very knowledgeable. Joshua Dukart helps us look at the economics, family quality of life, and the environment, and how it all needs to fit together. Whether it's with livestock or with cropping, he understands where farmers are coming from."

—Jon Luhman, Crop & Livestock Farmer, Goodhue, MN

Farmer Panelists in Lewiston:

Luke Bergler, Ridgeway—Luke rotationally grazes cow/calf, and grows row crops, hay, sorghum and cover crops. Luke uses minimum tillage and is experimenting with planting soybeans into 4' tall winter rye.

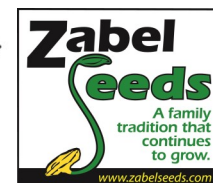
Bob Christie & DJ Mueller, St. Charles—Father-in-law & son-in-law working to incorporate no-till and cover crops on their crop and livestock farm. Bob & DJ will share their story of working together to make changes for the betterment of the farm.

Farmer Panelists in Faribault:

Jared Luhman, Goodhue—Jared and his father raise beef, hay, pasture, cover crops (small grains & summer annuals), organic corn and edible black beans. Jared has been using practices like cover crop & mob grazing, stockpiling forage for winter grazing & using the roller-crimper to improve soil, suppress weeds & turn a profit.

Matt Alford, Blue Earth—Matt Alford & his family raise corn, soybeans and cover crops, in Faribault county. Matt is interseeding a multi-species mix into standing corn, & fall planting a hairy vetch-triticale mix following beans.

Plus an Update on Rice County Cover Crop Trials



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Faced with challenging financial pressure and growing weather extremes, how do we go about building soil and improving yields and profits? What are the financial considerations and decisions we need to make to move our farms forward? Whether farming conventional or organic, raising grain or livestock, these workshops are a chance to focus a financial lens on soil building methods like cover crops, intensive grazing, reduced tillage and no-till.

About Joshua Dukart....



Dukart's simple financial planning teaching approach aims to help farmers understand the big picture view as well as make critical production decisions based on a clear sense of cost of production for different enterprises. His career has spanned from engineer and conservationist to educator, farmer-rancher and business owner. The Soil & Water Conservation Society gave Dukart their *Excellence in Conservation Award* in 2017. *Cattle Business Weekly* presented Joshua with a Top 10 National Industry Leaders Award in 2015. He has a degree in Agriculture and Biosystems Engineering from North Dakota State University. Dukart and his wife, Tara, are two of the country's leading instructors in Holistic Management (profit, environment, family, quality of life). The Dukarts speak, teach and consult regularly on an international basis. In addition, they own and manage Seek First Ranch in Hazen, ND.

Save the Dates on these Upcoming Workshops. Call 507-523-3366 for more Info.

February

Feb. 15—Cover Crop, No-Till & Grazing: evaluating the economics and first steps to improving soil health in Preston, MN

with MN farmer presenters:
Dawn & Grant Breitzkreutz, Tom Cotter & Myron Sylling

March

March 7—Roller-Crimping Rye—techniques used on conventional & organic farms in Rushford, MN
with UW-Madison's Dr. Erin Silva

March 13-15—Holistic Management Training in Stewartville, MN with Tara & Joshua Dukart



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