COVER CROP WORKSHOP

ROLLER-CRIMPING RYE:

TECHNIQUES USED ON CONVENTIONAL & ORGANIC FARMS

Featuring UW Madison Researcher Erin Silva and a Local Farm Panel



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\$20 registration includes lunch, catered by Estelle's \$10 for students and additional family members

RSVP by March 5th to Shona Snater at 507-523-3366 or ssnater@landstewardshipproject.org

Roller-crimping rye can suppress weeds, reduce herbicide use, and build organic matter on organic and conventional farms. There are a lot of questions about how to best apply this tool, such as:

- What are optimal seeding rates?
- How to roller-crimp most effectively?
- Ways to best time rye termination and planting of the following crop?

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS:

- New research & yield results on roller-crimped soybeans
- MN farmers' experience
- Benefits of winter rye & rollercrimping
- Farmer-to-farmer discussion

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