

# 2023 I-90 & Hwy 14 Tour—CLASIC

## Crop, Livestock and Soil Innovation Conferences

Network, learn and get inspired with area farmers and regional farming innovators about current trends for improving productivity and profitability in crop, livestock and healthy soil building operations. The Crop, Livestock, and Soil Innovation Conferences (CLASIC) is made up of two tours, traveling along Interstate 90 and Highway 14, consisting of several stops. See schedules below for details and links to **more info and register with the Minnesota Soil Health Coalition website: [mnsoilhealth.org](https://mnsoilhealth.org)**. Each venue's program is unique and varied—be sure to check them all out online and register for multiple events.

This tour of informative events is brought to you by the following Minnesota Soil & Water Conservation District offices and staff: Brown, Cottonwood, Faribault, Freeborn, Jackson, Lincoln, Lyon, Martin, Mower, Nicollet, Olmsted, Nobles, Pipestone, Redwood, Rice, Root River, Steele, Waseca, Winona. Sponsorship also provided by the Freeborn Area Soil Health Team (FASHT), Greater Blue Earth River Basin Alliance (GBERBA), Minnesota Agricultural Water Quality Certification Program (MAWQCP), Minnesota Soil Health Coalition, The Land Stewardship Project and the USDA/Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)

### CLASIC Tour Events

**Feb 6: Heron Lake Community Center**, 312 10th St, Heron Lake MN  
Speaker: Dean Sponheim <https://bit.ly/3BmlNcB>

**Feb 7: Fairmont Knights of Columbus Hall**, 920 E 10th St, Fairmont MN; Speakers: Dean Sponheim, Andy Linder  
<https://bit.ly/3WjROXh>

**Feb 8: Stewartville Civic Center**, 120 City Center Plaza, Stewartville MN; Speakers: Dean Sponheim, Martin Larsen, Andy Linder  
<https://bit.ly/3BhOkkQ>

**Feb 9: Hokah Fire Station**, 9 Mill St Hokah MN  
Speakers: Dean Sponheim, Martin Larsen <https://bit.ly/3UJUhO2>

**Feb 21: Owatonna, Torey's Restaurant**, 208 N Cedar Avenue Owatonna MN; Speakers: Jay Fuhrer, Jason Stoll  
<https://bit.ly/3BfJj1>

**Feb 22: Sleepy Eye Event Center**, 110 12th Ave NE, Sleepy Eye MN  
Speakers: Jay Fuhrer, Jason Stoll <https://bit.ly/3hc2pcE>

**Feb 23: Lake Benton Community Center**, 114 Center St South Lake Benton MN; Speakers: Jay Fuhrer, Jason Stoll  
<https://bit.ly/3uD2BF0>

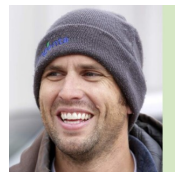
**Dean Sponheim:** Dean Sponheim is a fourth generation farmer from Mitchell County, IA. He is known as the "Accidental Conservationist." His passion is helping producers work through challenges when implementing change.



**Martin Larsen:** Martin Larsen farms 700 acres near Byron, MN, producing corn and soybeans, food-grade oats, alfalfa as well as meat goats and beef cattle. Larsen speaks on soil science, water quality, regenerative ag practices, challenges/innovations in food/farming markets, and caving.



**Andy Linder:** Andy Linder farms with his dad, Don near Easton, MN. They raise corn, soybeans, oats, canning crops and grass hay. Their journey to soil health started in 2010 with a vertical tillage machine. He does custom hire with a high clearance cover crop seeder or a vertical till with a seed box post-harvest.



**Jay Fuhrer:** Jay built a career taking care of the soil growing up on a small grain farm. Working 40 years at the Natural Resources Conservation Service/USDA out of Bismarck, ND, he's shared his knowledge of soil building with farmers through the U.S. and the globe.



**Jason Stoll:** Jason Stoll is a consultant with Advancing Eco Agriculture, founded by thought-leader, farmer, educator, author and entrepreneur John Kempf. He works with farmers and horticultural professionals to improve farm economics by regenerating healthy soil.



### REGISTRATION

is online via link for the events you want to attend: <https://www.mnsoilhealth.org/>

### QUESTIONS?

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