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ADVANCING SOIL HEALTH TRAINING FOR ILLINOIS AG PROFESSIONALS

***Workshop #1
Soil Health and Sustainability***

June 23 -24, 2021

Day 1: June 23, 2021

Location: 1110 N. 11th St. Monmouth, IL 61462 - American Legion

- 8:30 – 9:30 Registration, light breakfast
- 9:30 – 10:00 Welcome and housekeeping
- 10:00 – 11:45 Introduction to Soil Health principles- Barry Fisher
- 11:45 – 12:30 Lunch
- 12:30 – 1:30 Soil biology - Stacy Zuber
- 1:30 – 2:15 Farmer Panel – Chad Bell, Brian Corkill, Grant Strom
- 2:15 – 2:45 Break
- 2:45 – 3:15 Introduction to principles and management systems – Barry Fisher
- 3:15 – 3:45 Soil Health Indicators Introduction- Barry Fisher, Stacy Zuber
- 3:45 – 4:15 Management System Talk – Barry Fisher
- 4:15 – 4:30 Discussion and Wrap Up: Conservation Cropping Systems - Barry Fisher
- 5:00 pm Group dinner

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Day 2: June 24, 2021, Steve Staker Farm

Farm: 1932 55th Ave. Aledo, IL 61231 – Steve Staker’s Farm

- 8:15 – 9:00 Networking and light breakfast
- 9:00 – 10:00 At the farm: Real Life Soil Health Indicators & Farmer Testimonial – Steve Staker, Barry Fisher
- 10:00 – Noon Soil Health Management Stations
 - Station 1: Cover Crops-Laura Lant, Dean Oswald
 - Station 2: Cropping Systems- Pete Fandel, Steve Staker
 - Station 3/4: In-field soil health assessment and taking soil samples for soil health purposes- Jim Isermann, Stacy Zuber
 - Station 4: In-field soil health assessment- Barry Fisher, Hillary Olson, Andrew Larson
- Noon- 1pm Lunch
- 1:00 – 1:30 Soil health triage and debriefing- Barry Fisher, Hillary Olson, Stacy Zuber
- 1:30 – 2:00 Overcoming barriers discussion
- 2:00 – 2:15 Break
- 2:15 – 3:15 How to start a soil health plan- Barry Fisher
- 3:15 – 3:30 Wrap up Workshop #1

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