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Conservation Tillage Conference March 4-5

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Hardin County - Farmers in the area will soon have the opportunity to participate in the Conservation Tillage Conference, one of the largest agricultural programs in northwestern Ohio.

Over 500 farmers, consultants, industry representatives, government officials and the curious will meet each day of the two day conference to listen to university specialists, industry representatives, and producers discuss new products and ideas for agriculture.

The conference will be March 4 and 5 at the McIntosh Center on the campus of Ohio Northern University in Ada. Over sixty speakers will be at the conference and about forty vendors will have product displays and representatives available.

The program will include many presentations on tillage and conservation practices, such as a whole day session on cover crops. However, there are other concurrent sessions on topics related to crop production besides conservation practices.

Corn production topics will be presented on Tuesday during the Corn University program and soybean production topics will be covered on Wednesday during the Soybean School session. Both of these programs will have major university speakers from eight states and one province.

Dwayne Beck, manager of Dakota Lakes research farm, officially starts the conference at 9:30 a.m., March 4, with his presentation on “Healthy Soil: We Know One When We See One”. However, there is so much interest in cover crops that their program begins at 8:00 a.m. the same day and only breaks for the Opening Program and lunch.

Four concurrent sessions will occur on Tuesday March 4 until 5:30 p.m. These will include Advanced Scouting Techniques, Corn University, Cover Crops, and Nutrient Management.

The second day of the conference will begin at 8:00 a.m. and continue until 4:30 p.m. Machinery, Precision Farming and Soil Quality; Nutrient Management; Soybean School; and Water Quality will be the four concurrent sessions on Wednesday, March 5.

Edwin Lentz, Hancock County OSU Extension Educator and Crops Specialist, will be presenting research results on two nutrient studies that he has completed in northwestern Ohio during the Nutrient Management Sessions on Tuesday and Wednesday. Nitrogen Rates for Wheat Production and Benefits of Accomplish LM, a Nutrient Enhancer for Corn will be the two presentations.

The full schedule and registration information may be found at the following web address: <http://ctc.osu.edu>. Registration for the conference is \$105 for both days (and \$80 for one day) and may be paid at the door. Registration costs include lunch and the afternoon ice cream break. Continuing education hours will be available to Certified Crop Advisers in Crop Management, Pest Management, Nutrient Management and Soil & Water Management. Continuing education hours will also be available for Certified Livestock Managers.

The Conservation Tillage Conference is a great program to learn about the latest management practices in crop production and to network with the farmers and individuals in the agricultural industry. We hope to see you at this big event!

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