

Cover Crop Workshop

October 23 and 24, 2018. Ithaca, NY

In the cells below each individual evaluation is represented by a letter. The individuals ranked presentations on a scale of 1-5 where 1 is lowest and 5 is the highest.

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Average:
Did the course meet expectations?	5	3	5	5	5	4	5	5	5								4.67
Was the material well organized?	5	4	5	5	5	4	4	4	5								4.56
Were the presentations clear																	
Joseph Amsili	4	2	3	5	5	5	5	5	5								4.33
Quirine Ketterings/Sarah Lyons	5	3	5	5	5	4	5	5	5								4.67
Matt Ryan Presentation	4	5	4	5	5	5	4	5	5								4.67
Cover Crop Roots Activity	5	5	4	5	5	5	3	5	5								4.67
Thomas Bjorkman Presentation	4	2	4	5	5	4	5	4	5								4.22
Cover Crop Scenarios Activity	5	4	5	5	5	4	5	5	5								4.78
Cedric Mason	4	3		5	4	5	5	3	5								4.25
Ryan Maher	4	4		5	5	5	5	5	5								4.75
Aaron Ristow	4	3		5	5	5	5	5	4								4.50
David DeGolyer	5	4		5	5	3	5	5	2								4.25
Farmer Panel	4	3		5	4	5		5	5								4.43
Were the classrooms set up adequately?	4	4		5	5	5	5	4	5								4.63

What did you like best about your course?

Hands on labs are awesome! Visuals and hands on really "bring it home"

Speakers - excellent choice! Interaction with speakers, discussion has been enlightening

Cover crop root tubes, great opportunity to see the below ground work of cover crop options

Real farmers, real issues, real successes

I liked the overview of the plants, taking them apart and looking at their roots

David (DeGolyer) was my favorite speaker, real life that I could relate to.

Matt and Uriel Soil Roots Activity and Presentation

I liked that all the presenters spoke on something different about the topic but it all tied together

Root presentation. New perspective about cover crops I hadn't been exposed to before

Root activity

Hands-on, practical activities, cover crop demo was great!

Diversity of speakers and experiences/expertise

Farmer Panel!

What did you like least about your course?

Lack of snacks @ break time. Maybe granola bars, fruit. Long time between meals

Layout of the room because presentation screen was on one side

The weather on Wednesday afternoon (cold, wet, obviously joking)

Tough question

I would have liked to have more info about which cover crops should be used when, as well as knowing why you use certain cover crops and not others in mixes

A lot to take into at once

Some of the info gets repetitive. I.E., I think you can advise speakers that they do not need to give an overview of soil health and why its important. They can better utilize their time and go more into depth on their topic by not including this.

Future course/topic suggestions:

Machinery walk, probably planned for Empire Farm Days but would provide some context

Make power points available on line. Great to refer to and use some of the slides for future talks

I want to see a demonstration of reduced and no-till systems

Demos, hands-on activities, real-world examples/scenarios I find most helpful.

Including these into the final 3 workshops would be great

Anything else?

Learning a lot -> overall happy with training course so far!

I was very happy with this session. I took a lot away regarding cover crop species and their specific traits

I feel that the data was presented in a way in which we all understood it.

Seeing the different plants, with their root structures really helped me.

I feel a lot more confident in advising growers on cover crops.

I felt that the lower point/activity ratio was perfect.

With all of the presentors I felt that there was a good balance of acedemic, ag business and grower input.

The field day at king agra was awesome. Everyone got to see the different cover crops in their various stages of growth.

The data presented was easy to digest and everyone was more than helpful