



Farmers learn new techniques for green growing

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To some, the Roller Crimper may sound like the newest hair styling tool, but people had the chance to learn what a Roller Crimper really is in Pecatonica.

It is a new tool for farmers that cuts or eliminates herbicide use. Roller Crimper Farmer Jackie de Batista says the equipment helps to reduce soil erosion. "This is a grant to study the effects of rolling a cover crop onto the top of the soil to form a weed-suppressing mat and planting an organic grain into that mat."

Money for the Roller Crimper came from the SARE grant. SARE stands for sustainable agriculture research and education.

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Upcoming Events

Roller Crimper Field Day

August 12-12, 2011 (2:00 PM - 6:00 PM)

Irish Grove Farms
9027 Best Road
Pecatonica, IL 61063 (Winnebago County)

Presented by Irish Grove Farms and Hazzard Free Farm in partnership with University of Illinois Extension.

Funded by a SARE (Sustainable Agriculture Research Education) Farmer Rancher Education Grant.

Learn about the use of a roller crimper on cover crops in both row crop farming and specialty crop production. Participants will be able to see the implement and learn about its use. A cover crop was crimped at Irish Grove Farm before corn was planted and the effectiveness of this method will be explored.

Jackie Batista from Irish Grove Farm and Andy Hazzard from Hazzard Free Farm, recipients of the SARE grant, will be on hand to explain their project and talk about their experience with the roller crimper. Maurice Ogutu, U of I Extension Small Farms/Local Food Systems Educator, will provide an overview of uses of the roller crimper.

There is **no cost** for this program; pre-registration to confirm your participation is requested.

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