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Soil Health Field Day

Friday, August 12
Illinois Central College
1 College Drive
East Peoria, Illinois

Keynote Speakers

Clay Edwards



Clay started his journey in agriculture by growing up on a cattle, sheep, and row crop farm in South Dakota. He attended South Dakota State University where he served as the State FFA President, and was a member of the collegiate rodeo team. He started his career at Cargill in 2007 and has served in several roles over the years in grain origination, risk management, and leading origination teams. Clay currently resides in central Illinois with his wife and 3 daughters on a corn, bean, pumpkin and cattle farm.

Anna Teeter



Anna recently joined Cargill as Conservation Agronomist with Cargill's regenerative agriculture program. Her goal is to help farmers successfully implement soil health practices while continuing to advocate for agriculture. Anna brings extensive hands-on experience having worked with the University of Wisconsin-Madison extension services, private ag consulting services, and most recently the Soil Health Partnership, which led her to Cargill. She has a Bachelor of Science in Agronomy and Life Sciences Communications from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and a Masters of Science in Soil Science.

Overview Map



Session Descriptions

Regenerative Agriculture Practices & Carbon Sequestration - An Opportunity

Cargill's Clay Edwards and Anna Teeter discuss navigating carbon markets and Cargill's RegenConnect program.

Rainfall Simulator & Slake Test



Jim Isermann, ISAP's Soil Health Specialist, and Jennifer Jones, IL Soybean Association's Agronomy



Manager, will discuss how cover crops and no-till agriculture can reduce soil loss and nutrient runoff while demonstrating the effectiveness of cover crops and no-till using ISAP's Rainfall Simulator and a Slake Test.

Constructed Wetland



Jill Kostel leads the project team as The Wetland Initiatives's Senior Engineer and primary designer of Smart Wetlands. Kostel will give an overview of how Smart Wetlands can be designed and sited specifically to capture and treat cropland tile drainage runoff.

Cover Crop Walk



Pete Fandel is a Professor of Agriculture at ICC, maintains the research and demonstration plots on ICC's campus. Pete will lead a walkthrough of ICC's cover crop plot, showcasing the benefits that cover crops can provide.

Farmer

Panelists



Brad Zimmerman

Brad grows corn and soybeans near Tazewell County.

His family's farm has been no-till since the mid-1990s. Brad takes a holistic approach, including stopping anhydrous ammonia and growing a variety of cover crops. He has a background in biology and is active in his county's soil and water conservation district.



Sean Jordan

Sean operates Swope Family Farms and Norski Ag Services based out of Hudson. A century old family farm that has adapted

regenerative cropping practices for over a decade. Sean also provides custom farming and strip-till services through several ag retailers in the area. Additionally, he serves as Commercial Sales Leader and Agronomist for AGuru Machinery.



Brian Corbell

Brian is a sixth generation farmer, currently raising corn and soybeans in Henry and Stark counties in Northwest Central Illinois.

His involvement with conservation began in the early 1980's, when his father and grandfather began implementation of no-till on their farm. Currently, he focuses heavily on nutrient and herbicide management, utilizes strip-till and no-till, and has been integrating cover crops in excess of 10 years. Brian is active in his community, serving on many boards, including current service on a state level committee with Illinois Farm Bureau focusing on conservation and environmental markets.