Welcome to the 9th annual
Third Crop Producer Meetings!

It is our hope that the topics and speakers of the 2013 Third Crop Producer Meetings will increase your interest and knowledge of third crops. We hope you will be able to join us for at least one of the four meetings.

As always, if you need information regarding third crop production or market opportunities, please contact our office at 507-238-5449.

We look forward to seeing you in Fairmont!

2013
Third Crop Producer Meetings

Monday, February 11
Soil Health

Monday, February 25
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Monday, March 18
Marketing and Economics

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A van can be scheduled for each of the four dates if there is enough interest.

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2013 Third Crop Producer Meetings

2013 Dates:
February 11th
February 25th
March 11th
March 18th

10:00am - 3:00pm

FREE of Charge!
Lunch On Your Own

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Monday, February 11th
Soil Health

9:30 Registration and Coffee

10:00 What is Soil Health?
Joe Kristoff
NRCS Area 5 Resource Soil Scientist - Marshall

10:45 NRCS Focuses on Soil Health
Carissa Spencer
NRCS State Agronomist - St. Paul

11:15 Nurse Crops and Soil Health for Prairie Plant Establishment
Kristine Moncada
University of Minnesota - St. Paul

12:00 LUNCH (on your own)

1:00 Benefits of Alfalfa in Corn-Based Cropping Systems
Matt Yost
University of Minnesota - St. Paul

1:45 Strip-Till, Cover Crops, and a Corn-Soybean-Alfalfa Rotation
Jerry Ackermann
Producer - Lakefield

2:15 NCR-SARE Cover Crop Project Summary
Jill Sackett
University of Minnesota Extension - Fairmont

Monday, February 25th
Alternative Energy

9:30 Registration and Coffee

10:00 Madelia Model and Prairie Skies Co-op Update
Linda Meschke
Rural Advantage - Fairmont

10:30 Region 9 Renewable Energy Task Force and Energy Study
Bob Johnson
Renewable Energy Task Force - Mankato

11:30 Solar PV Opportunities
Steve Vietor
Riverland Community College - Albert Lea

12:15 LUNCH (on your own)

1:15 Nitrogen Fertilizer Production from Wind and Other Energy Research at Morris
Mike Reese
University of Minnesota West Central Research and Outreach Center - Morris

2:00 Wind Energy in South Central Minnesota
Adam Sokolski
Iberdrola Renewables - Minneapolis

2:30 Heating and Cooling Performance of a Deep Well Geothermal System in a Hog Barn
Larry Jacobson
University of Minnesota Extension - St. Paul

Monday, March 11th
Local Foods and 3rd Crops

9:30 Registration and Coffee

10:00 University of Minnesota Extension's Community Food System Program
Sheila Onzere
University of Minnesota Extension - Mankato

10:45 Producing Hops for Craft Brewers
Charlie Rohwer
University of Minnesota Southern Research and Outreach Center - Waseca

11:30 Hybrid Hazelnut Update
Lois Braun
University of Minnesota - St. Paul

12:00 LUNCH (on your own)

1:00 Fruit and Vegetable Harvest and Storage
Cindy Tong
University of Minnesota Extension - St. Paul

2:00 UMN Southwest Research and Outreach Center's High Tunnel Vegetable Research
Paulo Pagliari and Lee Klossner
University of Minnesota Southwest Research and Outreach Center - Lamberton

Monday, March 18th
Marketing and Economics

9:30 Registration and Coffee

10:00 Rural Advantage's Local Foods Initiative
Linda Meschke
Rural Advantage - Fairmont

10:30 Economic Contributions of Grape Growers and Wineries to Minnesota
Brigid Tuck
University of Minnesota Extension - Mankato

11:15 Rural Development Programs for Small Business Owners
Paul Pierson
USDA Rural Development - Worthington

12:00 LUNCH (on your own)

1:00 Wearing Many Hats: Production and Marketing at Living Song Farm and Minnesota Garlic Festival
Jerry Ford
Producer and SFA Events Coordinator - Howard Lake

2:00 Financial Management Tips for Specialty Crops and Small Businesses
Dale Nordquist
University of Minnesota - St. Paul