

Speaker Information

Panel: Cover Crops

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Heidi Johnson is the Crop & Soils Educator for Dane County UW-Extension. She has extensive experience working with cover crops in the Yahara Watershed and has several test plots with Yahara Pride Farms. Prior to her role in Dane County, she worked in Jefferson County UW-Extension as that county's Crop and Soils Agent. She has also worked for Extension in Kenosha and Milwaukee counties. Johnson attended UW-Madison, earning a Masters and PhD while studying soybean aphid management in the Entomology Department and sweet corn and snap bean weed and nutrient management in the Horticulture Department.

Nick Viney

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Nick Viney is a 6th generation farmer near Evansville growing corn, soybeans and small grains on 1600 acres in Dane and Rock Counties. Nick began cover cropping in 2011, seeding more than 1100 per year. He has experience with aerial seeding, broadcast seed, drilling and precision seeding with common cover crop using a planter. He has also grown and cleaned his own smalls grains for use as cover crop seed. Nick earned a bachelor's degree in agronomy from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Prior to farming full-time, he was employed as a Certified Crop Advisor and Precision Farming Specialist for what is now Insight FS.

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Damon Reabe is president of Reabe Spraying Service, a family aerial application business dating back to 1945. What began as a flight school and charter service, expanded into a full service aerial crop protection, fertilizer, and cover crop seeding business serving fresh market vegetable farms, potato growers, vegetable canners and freezers, grain and livestock farms throughout the state. Reabe Spraying Service is a family business committed to providing exceptional customer service while being responsible environmental stewards.

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Jamie Patton received her degrees in soil science from Iowa State University and Oklahoma State University. Prior to joining UW-Extension, she taught soil science at Northwest Missouri State University in Maryville, Missouri. In her current role, Jamie works with farmers, agronomists and agencies to improve soil health and water quality through agronomic system-based management changes, which can include cover crops and reduced tillage.

Presentation: Manure Economics

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Daniel Andersen is an Assistant Professor of Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering at Iowa State University, where his research work focuses on manure management and treatment, water quality, and nutrient cycling in agroecosystems. As part of his extension appointment, Dan leads the Iowa Manure Applicator Certification program, which annually certifies around 5,000 manure applicators. You can find him on Twitter @drmanure and at his blog, <http://themanurescoop.blogspot.com>, where he provides information about getting the most from your manure and protecting the environment.

Presentation: Legacy Phosphorus

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Kyle Minks is a conservation and nutrient specialist with the Dane County Land and Water Resource Department. He received his master's degree in water resources management and soil science from UW-Madison and his bachelor's degree in biology and water resources from UW-Stevens Point. In his current role, Kyle is engaged with water quality initiatives in Dane County including the forthcoming project that will use hydraulic dredging to remove phosphorus from stream beds, including the upper Yahara River and Token Creek upstream from Cherokee Marsh.