



Business of Soil Health Profitability & Weather Resiliency

Wednesday, March
1st

9AM - 2PM

Renville Community
Center

221 Main St N,
Renville, MN

Agenda

9:00-9:30 Registration

9:30-10:30 Conventional Till, Strip Till, No-Till,
& Cover Crops: Does it make cents?

Matt Tiffany (Redwood County Farmer)

10:30-10:45 Break

10:45-11:45 Regenerative Ag: Is it more than
just a conservation practice?

Phil Smith (Renville County Farmer)

11:45-12:30 Lunch

12:30-2:00 Biology of Regenerative Soil Health
Dr. Jonathan Lundgren (CEO of Blue Dasher
Farm)

2:00 Two Door Prize Drawings (Valued
at Over \$200 Each, must be present to WIN!)



Earn Soil & Water Continuing
Education Credits!

Door Prize Drawings for a Jackery Porta-
ble Power Station and a RTIC cooler
(each valued at over \$200)

Speakers

Matt Tiffany

Redwood County Farmer

Matt Tiffany farms near Redwood Falls, MN with his father Bruce on about 2,400 acres. They raise corn and soybeans for seed and cereal rye that they clean and market as cover crop seed. They started cover crops in 2014, strip till in 2017, and no-till in 2018.



Phil Smith

Renville County Farmer

Phil Smith farms near Sacred Heart, MN in Renville County. Now looking forward to his 43rd year of operating the farm, Phil is more enthusiastic about his farming operation than he has ever been. Always willing to challenge the status quo, he has no-tilled every soybean acre since 1992 and tried his hand at rotational grazing during the 1990s. He introduced a small amount of acreage to cover crops about 10 years ago and just five years ago began to no-till 100% of his 800-acre farm that currently includes crops of corn, soybeans, and cereal rye. During the growing season, the entire operation is now planted or interseeded to cover crops of either rye and/or a multi-species cover crop while simultaneously reducing nutrient inputs and pesticide costs to increase net profit margins. As he continues to learn, he is now exploring ideas for additional crops for increased rotational opportunities.



Dr. Jonathan Lundgren

CEO, Blue Dasher Farm

Dr. Lundgren is an agroecologist, Director of ECDYSIS Foundation, and CEO for Blue Dasher Farm. He received his PhD in Entomology from the University of Illinois in 2004 and was a top scientist with USDA-ARS for 11 years. Lundgren's research and education programs focus on assessing the ecological risk of pest management strategies and developing long-term solutions for regenerative food systems.

