



**2017 Midwest Cover Crops Council (MCCC) Annual Conference
March 15, 2017**

Making Cover Crops Work - Experiences from the Field

Crowne Plaza Grand Rapids - Airport
5700 28th Street SE
Grand Rapids, Michigan 49546

7:30-8:30 Registration / Poster Session / Vendor Time

Morning Joint Session

8:30-8:45 Welcoming Remarks

*Ron Hendrick, Dean of the College Agriculture and Natural Resources
Michigan State University*

8:45-9:45 Keynote: Cover Crop Termination: Considerations when selecting herbicides and the potential for resistance

Dale Shaner, Retired USDA-ARS – University of Colorado

9:45-10:00 Morning Break / Vendor Time

Concurrent Sessions

Sessions will feature presentations about experiences from the field on making cover crops work delivered by a researcher/educator and farmer team. Three tracks will provide cover crop information on field crop, vegetable crop and forage/grazing systems. Each session includes ample time for questions from the audience.

Morning Concurrent Session Schedule			
Time	Track 1 Field Crops	Track 2 Vegetable Crops	Track 3 Forage/Grazing
10:00 – 10:45	ILLINOIS: Nathan Johannig /Adam Dahmer Challenges and successes of no-till and cover crops in Southern Illinois	MICHIGAN: Ben Phillips/Mike Yancho Jr. I can't believe it's not butternut on plastic! Year two rye cover and fertility observations	ONTARIO: Mike Buis Lessons from over 10 years of grazing cover crops in beef production

10:45 – 11:30	KANSAS: Anita Dille/Josh Lloyd Use of cover crops for weed suppression in field crops in Kansas	IOWA: Ajay Nair - tentative Cover crops and conservation tillage systems in organic broccoli, peppers and squash	MICHIGAN: Rachel Martin/Jon Nelson Cover crops & forage-finished beef: A 3-year study of forage quality and cattle performance
11:30 – 12:15	MICHIGAN: Fred Warner/George Bird Interactions between cover crops and nematodes in diverse MI field crops systems	ONTARIO: Laura Van Eerd Long-term cover cropping in conventional vegetable systems. Can you improve soil health while still tilling?	WISCONSIN: Kevin Shelley Winter rye cover crop and forage comparison in Wisconsin – five year results: economics and farmer perspectives

12:15-1:15 Lunch / Vendor Time

Afternoon Concurrent Session Schedule			
Time	Track 1 Field Crops	Track 2 Vegetable Crops	Track 3 Forage/Grazing
1:15 – 2:00	INDIANA: Lisa Holscher Partnerships and Information Infrastructure: How Indiana moved from 184,000 acres of cover crops to 1.1 million acres in 5 years	ILLINOIS: Nathan Johanning Our experiences with cover crops and no-till vegetable production in southern Illinois	MICHIGAN: Richard Ehrhardt Grazing cover crops and small ruminants
2:00 – 2:45	ONTARIO: Dave Hooker - tentative Long-term experiment looking at diversity and cover crops in corn-soybean-wheat rotations (15-20 years)	MICHIGAN: Dan Brainard/Ben Werling /Ralph Ooman Mustard family cover crops for crop establishment and pest management in vegetables	MICHIGAN: Jerry Lindquist/Chris Harrington , Grazing multi specie cover crops with beef cattle – the Michigan experience

Afternoon Joint Session

2:45-3:30 Afternoon Break / Poster Session / Vendor Time

3:30-4:30 Interseeding Cover Crops into Field Crops Systems: Geography makes a Difference

Karen Renner – Michigan State University

Marisol Berti – North Dakota State University

4:30-4:45 Conference Wrap-up

Closing Remarks

Dean Baas, Michigan State University Extension