

## **Tuesday, February 19**

\*All times listed in Central time

6:00-8:00pm Pre-meeting Networking - [Top Cat Chill and Grill](#) (3211 Sangamon Ave.) Meet in hotel lobby to walk to the restaurant at 5:45.

## **Wednesday, February 20 - CEUs (1 NM, 3 SW, 2 PD)**

7:15-8:15 NCCC-211 Project Meeting - NCCC-211 representatives only (Peridot Room)  
7:30-8:30 Registration (Northfield 1 Lobby)  
8:30-8:35 Welcome (Crystal Room)  
8:35-8:45 MCCC Update  
8:45-10:15 State / Province Reports (Ohio, South Dakota, Wisconsin, Kansas, Nebraska, and Illinois)  
10:15-10:30 Break  
10:30-12:20 State /Province Reports (Michigan, North Dakota, Minnesota, Iowa, Ontario, Indiana, and Missouri)  
12:20-1:30 Lunch (Diamond Room)  
1:30-3:00 Working Session -Crop Advisor Listening Session  
3:00-3:15 Break  
3:00 Exhibitors and Posters may set up in Topaz/Ruby/Opal/Onyx Room  
3:15-4:15 Partnership Reports  
4:15 Business Meeting Adjourns  
  
4:15-6:00 Posters and Exhibitor time in Topaz/Ruby/Opal/Onyx Room  
4:30-5:30 MCCC Board of Directors Meeting - Board Members only (Diamond Room)  
6:00-8:00pm Post-Meeting Networking - [Xochimilco Mexican Restaurant](#) (attached to hotel)

## **Thursday, February 21 - CEUs (1 NM, 1 SW, 2 CM, 1 PM)**

7:30 – 8:30 Registration (Northfield 1 Lobby)  
8:30 – 8:45 Welcome (Crystal/Diamond/Emerald/Jade Room)  
8:45 – 9:30 Building Your Soil Health System on Sound Principles – Barry Fisher: NRCS Soil Health Specialist  
9:30 – 10:00 Nutrient Reduction Regulations – Sarah Noggle: Ohio State University Extension, Agriculture and Natural Resources Educator  
10:00-10:30 Break / Posters, and Exhibitors (Topaz/Ruby/Opal/Onyx Room)  
10:30 – 11:00 The Effect of N Management and Cover Crop on Tile Nitrate Loads in Central Illinois – Lowell Gentry: Principal Research Specialist in Agriculture, University of Illinois  
11:00 – 12:00 Keynote – Practical Implementation of Cover Crops - Lee Briesse, 2017 International Crop Adviser (CCA) of the Year  
12:00 – 1:00 Lunch / Posters, and Exhibitors (Topaz/Ruby/Opal/Onyx Room)  
1:00 – 1:50 Soil Health – What's Old, What's New, and How Does it Relate to Cover Cropping? - Andrew Margenot: Assistant Professor of Soil Science, University of Illinois  
1:50 – 2:40 Effects of Cover Crops on Weed Control in Soybean - Brent Sunderlage: Weed Science

Researcher, Southern Illinois University

2:40 – 3:15 Break / Posters, and Exhibitors (Topaz/Ruby/Opal/Onyx Room)

3:15 – 4:15 Farmer and Crop Advisor Panel Discussion – Moderator: Joel Gruver, Associate Professor  
of Soil Science and Sustainable Ag, Western Illinois University

4:15 – 4:30 Wrap up and Adjourn