

Theme: Benefits & Challenges of Soil Health Practices and The Basics of Carbon

Keynote Speaker: Dorian Gatchell

BS Agronomy/soils – South Dakota State University, MS Agronomy – Iowa State University. Certified as CCA and CPAg from American Society of Agronomy. Worked in Agronomy field since 1994, in agribusiness to 2009, then founded an independent agronomy consultation company; Minnesota Agricultural Services. Advise crop growers on all aspects of crop production with a focus on profitability with professionalism and high standards in economics, technology and environmental stewardship.



Keynote Speaker: Don Reicosky

Don Reicosky is a retired Soil Scientist for the USDA-ARS, North Central Soil Conservation Research Laboratory, Morris, MN, and Adjunct Professor in the Soil Science Department, University of Minnesota, St. Paul. Later research focused on tillage and residue management measuring gaseous losses of soil carbon following intensive tillage with a portable chamber. The gaseous losses of carbon following tillage were related to the volume of soil disturbed in the tillage operation. The short-term tillage-induced losses after moldboard plowing can help explain the long-term decline in soil carbon associated with intensive cropping. Results from this research suggest a need for improved conservation agriculture methods. In retirement, he continues to write about carbon management and environmental issues



Cost Share Programs:

Discover what cost share is available from SWCD, MAWQCP and NRCS. Find out what is required and how to apply.

Farmer Panel:

Hear from local farmers discussing economics, trouble-shooting, and logistics of using soil health management on their farms.

9:30-9:45 Registration
9:45-10:00 Welcome & Introductions
10:00-11:00 Keynote –Dorian Gatchell
11:00-11:10 Break
11:10-12:00 Keynote - Don Reicosky
12:00-12:45 Lunch
12:45-1:15 Cost Share Programs
1:15-3:00 Farmer Panel

The tour includes 4 stops along Highway 14 with Dorian and Don presenting at all stops and each stop will have their own local farmers discussing their experiences integrating soil health practices.

Highway 14 Dates and Locations

Mar 1, 2022	Mar 2, 2022	Mar 3, 2022	Mar 4, 2022
Lake Benton Community Center 114 Center St S Lake Benton, MN 56149	SW Research & Outreach Center 23669 130th St Lamberton, MN 56152	New Ulm Country Club 1 Golf Dr New Ulm, MN 56073	Farmamerica 7367 360th Ave Waseca, MN 56093

Please RSVP by **February 22** to secure lunch, walk ins aren't guaranteed a meal. RSVP at

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