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2008 Illinois Tillage Seminars Scheduled

“Tillage, Technology & Environmental Stewardship” is the theme for the 2008 Illinois Regional Tillage Seminars, scheduled at five locations throughout Illinois in February. The dates, locations and registration information for northern Illinois include:

Kankakee County - February 12, The Quality Inn, Bradley, IL. Send registrations by February 5 to: Kankakee SWCD, 685 Larry Power Rd., Bourbonnais, IL 60914, ph. (815)-937-8940, Ext 3.

Whiteside County - February 13, Holiday Inn, Rock Falls, IL. Send registrations to: Whiteside Extension, 100 E. Knox, Morrison, IL 61270, ph. (815)-772-4075.

Other sites include: February 5, Richland Community College, Decatur, IL. Send registrations to: Macon Extension, 2535 Millikin Parkway, Decatur, IL 62526; February 6, Hamilton’s 110 North East, Jacksonville, IL. Send registrations to: Morgan Extension, 104 N. Westgate Ave., Jacksonville, IL 62650; and February 7, Rowland Lewis Center, Mt. Vernon, IL. Send registrations to: Jefferson Extension, 4618 Broadway, Mt. Vernon, IL 62864.

All locations serve as regional meeting sites for the host county and surrounding counties. This year’s Tillage Seminars feature an outstanding line-up of state and nationally recognized speakers. Registration is from 8:00 – 8:50 am with the program being offered from 8:50 am to 3:00 pm. “Optimizing No-till/Strip-till Systems” will be presented at each location by Dr. Tony Vyn, Purdue University Agronomist & Researcher, as the featured portion of the seminars.

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These Tillage Seminars will provide 5.0 ceu's for Certified Crop Advisers (4.5 Soil & Water Management and 0.5 IPM).

The 2008 Illinois Tillage Seminars are co-sponsored by the Illinois Department of Agriculture, University of Illinois Extension, Soil and Water Conservation Districts and USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service.

Pre-registration is necessary and the deadline is one week prior to each scheduled meeting. Seating is limited so registration will be taken on a first-come basis. A \$15 per person fee will be charged to cover room rental and noon luncheon. To register, include the following information with your check: Name of Meeting-"N. IL Tillage Seminar", your name, address, county of residence and number attending. For all seminars, *except* the February 12<sup>th</sup> location, please make your check payable to "University of Illinois" and send to the appropriate address listed above for the seminar location you wish to attend. For the Feb. 12<sup>th</sup> seminar, make check payable to "Kankakee SWCD" and send to address listed above.

For more information, contact Bob Frazee, U of I Natural Resources Educator, phone (309)-694-7501, Ext. 226 or Alan Gulso, Water Quality Coordinator, Illinois Department of Agriculture, phone, (217)-782-6297.