

## **News Release**

### **Rich Howell, SWCD Resource Conservationist**

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#### Northern Illinois Tillage Seminar Program Announced

“Tillage, Technology & Environmental Stewardship” is the theme for the 2008 Northern Illinois Tillage Seminar, scheduled for Tuesday, February 12, 2008 at the Quality Inn, Bradley, IL, near Kankakee. The Quality Inn is located about one-half mile south of the I-57 and IL Rt. 50 exit interchange. Take Rt. 50 south to the hotel.

This year’s Tillage Seminar program includes:

8:00 – 8:50 am	Registration, Meet with Agri-business Exhibitors, Coffee & Rolls
8:50 – 9:00 am	<b>Opening Remarks and Welcome</b>
9:00 – 9:20 am	<b>State Cost-Share &amp; Technical Assistance Programs</b> , Joe Bybee, Illinois Dept. of Agriculture Regional Representative
9:20 – 10:10 am	<b>Selecting a Guidance System that Works for You</b> , Jay Solomon, University of Illinois Extension Engineering Technology Educator
10:10 – 10:25 am	Break, Meet with Agri-business Exhibitors
10:25 – 10:45 am	<b>What’s in the 2007 Farm Bill for You? Federal Cost-Share &amp; Technical Assistance Programs</b> , Paul Youngstrum, USDA/NRCS Regional Agronomist
10:45 – 11:45 am	<b>Optimizing No-till/Strip-till Systems - Part 1: Rotations, Residues, and Resolutions</b> , Tony Vyn, Purdue University, Agronomist & Researcher
11:45 – 12:45 pm	Lunch and Visit with Exhibitors
12:45 – 1:30 pm	<b>Optimizing No-till/Strip-till Systems - Part 2: Automatic Guidance, Fertilizer Placement, and New Directions</b> , Tony Vyn, Purdue University Agronomist & Researcher
1:30 – 2:15 pm	<b>Continuous Corn Disease Mgmt for No-till Corn</b> , Russ Higgins, University of Illinois Extension IPM Educator
2:15 – 3:00 pm	<b>Practical, “hands-on” Management Tips for No-till/Strip-till and Use of Autosteer</b> , Doug Thompson, 8-years experience with Strip-tilling in Logan County
3:00 pm	Seminar Adjourns, Meet with Exhibitors & Speakers

This Tillage Seminar will provide 5.0 ceu’s for Certified Crop Advisers (4.5 Soil & Water Management and 0.5 IPM).

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The 2008 Northern Illinois Tillage Seminar is one of five being co-sponsored across the state by the Illinois Department of Agriculture, University of Illinois Extension, AISWCD, Natural Resources Conservation Service, and the Soil and Water Conservation Districts.

Pre-registration is necessary and the deadline is February 5<sup>th</sup>. A \$15 per person fee will be charged to cover room rental and noon luncheon. To register, include the following information with your check: Northern IL Tillage Seminar, your name, address, county of residence and number attending. Please make your check payable to “Kankakee Co. SWCD” and send to Kankakee SWCD, 685 Larry Power Rd., Bourbonnais, IL 60914. For more information or if special accommodations are needed to attend, phone 815-397-7714, 815-933-8337 or 815-937-8952.

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