

Practical Farmers of Iowa — FIELD DAY —

SOIL HEALTH SMORGASBORD FOR FARMERS + FAMILY LEARNING EVENT

In partnership with Iowa Seed Corn Cover Crops Initiative, which is a project of the Iowa Seed Association, and Benton/Tama Nutrient Demonstration Project

Tuesday, AUGUST 6

2 – 7 p.m.

2943 Hwy D65

Buckingham, IA 50612

Host:
ADAM NECHANICKY

A meal will be served at 5 p.m.

This hands-on field day will occur in two phases. From 2-5 p.m., farmers and producers will learn about soil health principles, including strip-tillage, grazing cover crops and interseeding in 60-inch rows. The community is invited to join in for a meal at 5 p.m. Afterwards, children and parents can visit various stations on the farm to learn about steps local farmers are taking to protect water quality and soil health.

TOPICS:

Five principles of soil health (slake test) | Strip-till fertilizer placement | Cover crops as forage for livestock | Soil pit: hands-on demo | Testing soil health via buried underwear | Rainfall simulator and water infiltration demo | Cover crop field demo: interseeding 60-inch rows, three mixes | Microscope analysis of soil



THE FARM:

Adam Nechanicky farms with his family on land that has been in their family since 1902. They raise 760 acres of corn, seed corn, seed beans, hay and pasture – which Adam uses for the cow-calf herd he manages with his wife, Lindsey. He started using cover crops in 2013 and has tried multiple seeding methods since then.

EVENT QUESTIONS:

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DIRECTIONS & MORE DETAILS:

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