Hardin County Extension News Release
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Cover Crops for Prevented Planting Acres at ONU Thursday, June 27

Hardin County – Do you have questions about what cover crops should be used on Prevented Planting acres? Do you have concerns about weed control for unplanted fields? What are the rules regarding crop insurance and planting forages to be used for grazing, cutting, and haying for livestock? Get these and other questions answered this Thursday, June 27. The Ohio No-Till Council, in cooperation with OSU Extension will host a meeting at Ohio Northern University McIntosh Center in Ada. The address is 402 West College Avenue, Ada, Ohio 45810. The meeting will be from 6:30 to 9:00 pm and will be free to attend.

Weed control is critical on Prevented Planting acres will be the topic of Jeff Stachler, OSU Extension Auglaize County, who will address options at this time. Brad Wingfield, Wingfield Crop Insurance Service will discuss crop insurance issues. Joe Nester, Nester Ag Management will address why cover crops should be planted to help bring up nutrients from deep in the soil to replace nutrients washed out by all this rain. Sarah Noggle, OSU Extension, Paulding County will make available resources for dealing with stress.

Three cover crop experts, suppliers in Ohio, will keynote the agenda: David Brandt (Walnut Creek Seeds), Dwight Clary (Clary Farms LLC), and Cody Beacom (Bird Agronomics). Moderator of this Panel will be Alan Sundermeier, OSU Extension, Wood County.

Resource people who will be available to answer your questions include:

- Representative from USDA-FSA: Anita Green, Auglaize County,
- Representative from Dekalb Asgrow, Bayer: Brad Miller,
- Representative from Stewart Seeds: Justin Petrosino,
- Representative from USDA-NRCS: Jim Hoorman, soil health.
The focus of the meeting will be on cover crop options: What will be your next cash crop? Do you want to graze or harvest forage? This can now be done starting on September 1. When can (or should) you plant certain cover crop mixes? How can we replace nutrients lost with all the rain? What cover crop seeds are available? Can leftover soybean seed be used? How much can you afford? Other than for grazing/forage, maybe $20/acre?

Questions and discussion by Bret Margraf, Seneca Conservation District, and Jan Layman, President of Ohio No-Till Council, will help lead this so everyone gets their questions and issues brought up. We expect to have a lot of expertise in the audience.