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Soil Health Breakfast Program

Hardin County – The next Conservation Tillage Club breakfast program series will be on Tuesday, February 4 at the Plaza Inn Restaurant in Mt. Victory. The session will start at 7:30 am with a complimentary buffet breakfast followed by the program at 8:00 am. The final session will be held on February 18.

The February 4 program Hans Kok will address the breakfast attendees on soil health. Sponsored by the American Farmland Trust, Kok is the Coordinator of the Indiana Cropping Systems Initiative, Indiana Conservation Partnership. The Conservation Cropping Systems Initiative is a farmer-focused and farmer-driven process. The program works with local level partnerships and others to promote the adoption of practices and cropping systems that can lead to improved soil health. Much of the work has been with cover crops with benefits of reducing soil compaction, covering the soil to protect it from erosion by wind and water, improving soil structure, increasing soil organic matter, fixing nitrogen from scavenging the nutrient from the soil that would otherwise be lost to percolation, runoff or volatilization, as well as producing forage or pasture from cover crops.

The Conservation Tillage Club breakfast program series is jointly sponsored by OSU Extension and the Soil and Water Conservation Districts of Hardin, Logan, and Union Counties, and in cooperation with the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service. Breakfast is courtesy of the generous support from agricultural lenders and agricultural businesses. All events are open to the public and no advance registration is required. Continuing education credits for Certified Crop Advisers have been approved.