The Maumee Watershed Alliance in Partnership with Allen County Soil & Water Conservation District Present

# Going Green for Ag Growing a Better Tomorrow Today 8:00 a.m. Friday, March 24th The Orchid, 11508 Lincoln Hwy E, New Haven, IN 46774

\*\*Light Breakfast & Lunch Provided\*\*

Join us for Cover Crops 101 and Cover Crops 201, with Eileen Kladivko and Barry Fisher, Potash Availability and Addressing Today's Ag Nutrient Crunch with Joe Nester, PARP Credits, a Farmer Panel, and more!

## Keynote Speakers



### **Barry Fisher**

A name synonymous with no-till and cover crops in Indiana is Barry Fisher. Fisher started the Conservation Tillage Initiative, which morphed into the Conservation Cropping Systems Initiative. Recently retired from a multi-decade career with the NRCS, agronomist Barry Fisher has been a long-time booster of no-till. Based in his home state of Indiana, Fisher's efforts helped the state's no-till acres grow to the point where it is among the states with the highest percentage of no-till ground in the U.S.



#### Eileen Kladivko

Over a highly productive 40-year career at Purdue, Kladivko has conducted research to identify soil management systems that improve environmental quality and promote agricultural sustainability. Kladivko's work, independently and in collaboration with the USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service and Indiana Conservation Partnership, has helped conservation grow in Indiana, as more farmers reevaluate their management practices for potential impacts on soil health, system resiliency, and water quality. Indiana has one of the largest land areas using cover crops in the country, with over a million acres.



#### Joe Nester

Joe Nester started Nester Ag in 1993 after managing a large retail fertilizer plant for 16 years. Joe saw a need for fertilizer recommendations and nutrient management planning independent of fertilizer sales. Today, Joe and his team of agronomists provide dedicated service and unique fertility recommendations for every client. Nester Ag's business is to make the farmer more profitable. Ideally the best way to be profitable farming includes nutrient efficiency and recoverability, striving for the nutrients that are applied to be fully utilized. Recoverability of the nutrients is king in profitability, AND environmental stewardship.

Join us for presentations and discussions on new and innovative approaches to conservation farming, the latest on cover crop recommendations, and tools for addressing today's ag nutrient crunch. More information & registration is available at maumeewatershedalliance.org. RSVP requested, but not required. RSVP to mcook.swcd@gmail.com or 260.484.5848 ext.3



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