

The Midwest Cover Crops

Council (MCCC) is a diverse group from academia, production agriculture, non-governmental organizations, commodity interests, private sector, and federal and state agencies collaborating to address soil, water, air, and agricultural quality concerns in the Great Lakes and Mississippi River basins. The MCCC is working to achieve widespread use of cover crops throughout the Midwest to promote ecological, economic, and social sustainability.

Tentative Agenda:

Monday March 10

7:00 PM—9:00 PM—Informal Reception

Tuesday March 11

8:00 AM—12 Noon—

- Update on MCCC activities
- State/province reports
- NRCS—cover crop data needs
- Cover crop matrix/database introduction

LUNCH

1:00 PM—5:00 PM—Small group work to plan and prioritize regional projects (research, extension education, strategic communication, policy)

SOCIAL HOUR / NETWORKING

DINNER ON YOUR OWN

Wednesday March 12

8:00 AM—12 Noon—

- Small groups report back to general session
- Small groups further develop plans and next steps

LUNCH

1:00 PM—3:00 PM—Consensus on regional priorities and next steps
Strategies for collaboration

3:00 PM—ADJOURN

Airport Shuttle:

Call from courtesy phones in baggage claim areas.

Directions to Adam's Mark:

Adam's Mark Hotel is located one-half mile east of the Indianapolis International Airport. From 465, turn east onto the Airport Expressway, then south onto Executive Drive. Adam's Mark is located at 2544 Executive Drive, Indianapolis, IN 46241. Local Phone: 317-248-2481

Website: <http://www.adamsmark.com/indianapolis/index.asp>



Indianapolis, Indiana area map:



3RD ANNUAL WORKSHOP/ MEETING MIDWEST COVER CROPS COUNCIL

March 11-12, 2008

*Adam's Mark Hotel
2544 Executive Drive
Indianapolis, IN 46241*



Our new group is ready to go....

After our initial meeting at Kellogg Biological Station in August 2006, and a strategic planning meeting in Minneapolis in April 2007, your executive committee and several subcommittees have been hard at work on organizational tasks and initial grant proposal writing. We are excited to bring you up to date and to get the working groups together to prioritize their initiatives and to make specific plans for their next projects. Although the detailed agenda is still being planned, we envision this as a working meeting for each of the specific areas of **extension education, strategic communication, policy, and research**. We hope that even more of the people who work in cover crops will participate in this meeting, so that we have a full complement of folks who are ready to roll up their sleeves and work together across the region. Please register to attend and invite your colleagues to join you!

Please note: This is a working meeting, not a conference. We want your ideas! The majority of the time will be spent in brainstorming, prioritizing, and planning specific projects and activities for regional extension education, research, and strategic communication to policymakers and the general public.

Your Hosts:

Your local host is Dr. Eileen Kladviko, Purdue University, kladviko@purdue.edu
Questions can be directed to her or to other members of the Executive Committee listed below:

Dr. Dale Mutch, Michigan State, mutch@msu.edu

Dr. Tom Kaspar, National Soil Tilth Lab, Iowa, Tom.Kaspar@ARS.USDA.GOV

Dr. Don Wyse, U. Minnesota, wyses001@umn.edu

Ms. Anne Verhallen, Ontario (OMAFRA), anne.verhallen@ontario.ca

Location:

The meeting will be held at the Adam's Mark Indianapolis Hotel, a 5-minute shuttle ride from Indianapolis International Airport. A block of rooms is being held for the nights of March 10 and 11. Please plan to arrive in Indianapolis Monday evening, March 10, and arrange to leave on Wednesday March 12 at 3 PM or later.

Accommodation Reservations:

Hotel rooms are \$109.00 plus tax (15%) for single or double occupancy.

To make reservations, please call: 1-800-444-2326 and mention that you are attending the Cover Crops-Purdue University meeting.

Make your reservation by February 9, 2008 in order to receive the group rate. Room block will be released after this date and reservations are subject to availability.

Registration Information:

Please mail or Fax registration form to:
Dr. Eileen Kladviko
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Purdue University
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West Lafayette, IN 47907-2054
Fax: 765-496-2926

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Fax: _____

Email: _____

Special dietary or other needs? _____

There is no registration fee for the meeting, but lunch and breaks both days will be provided only for those registered by February 29.

Make your room reservations by Feb. 9—see details at left.

Limited travel scholarships for producers—Please contact Kladviko, Mutch, or Verhallen for more information.