**CONSERVATION TILLAGE PLOT FIELD DAY**

In 2005, through a Natural Resource Conservation grant, a conservation tillage research and demonstration plot was established to help compare the long-term feasibility of various conservation tillage systems in southwestern Minnesota. The tillage methods used include strip-till, one-pass, no-till, chisel plow, ridge-till, and chisel plow with an alternate fertilizer program. Data is being collected to determine soil types, stand counts, residue percentages, yield results, and economic comparisons. Our first Field Day was a huge success with over 100 people attending.

You are invited to attend the Field Day at the conservation tillage demonstration plot on Thursday, August 26, 2010. Registration will begin at 4:15 p.m. A pork loin supper will be served free of charge. The plot is located 1/2 mile east of Highway 60 on Jackson County Road 20 (2 miles northeast of MnSP). In case of rain, the field day will be held at the Mark Pietz homestead at 39852 240th Street, Lakefield, MN. Conservation tillage machinery will be on display and representatives will be available to answer questions. Pre-registration would be appreciated for planning purposes. Please call the HLWD office at 507-793-2462 or email hlwd@roundlk.net.

**AGENDA**

4:45 p.m. – Registration
5:00 p.m. – Welcome and Introductions
5:05 p.m. – Liz Stahl, U of M Extension
5:20 p.m. – Joe Bassett, Dawn Equipment
5:35 p.m. – Joel Poppe, NRCS
5:45 p.m. – Kevin Kimberley, Kimberley Ag Consulting
6:10 p.m. – Supper

**Pork Loin Supper - served free of charge.**

**Keynote Speaker: Kevin Kimberley**

Kevin Kimberley is dedicated to sharing his extensive background, lifelong experience, interests and contributions in farm management/operations and state-of-the-art farming practices with producers, agronomists and engineers through seminars and individual meetings.

Articles regarding Kevin’s insights and advice have appeared in agricultural publications in print and online including, Successful Farming, Corn and Soybean Digest, The Progressive Farmer, Cooper Seed’s Blog, Farm and Ranch Guide, Farm Industry News, Iowa Farmer Today, Top Producer and more. Not to mention Kevin’s appearance on Successful Farming on RFD TV, filmed on location in Maxwell, Iowa.
WHAT’S HAPPENING?

Tuesday, August 17, 8:00 p.m.
HLWD board meeting
HLWD office

Thursday, August 26
5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Conservation Tillage Field Day

Note that the HLWD board meeting dates and times are tentative. Please contact the HLWD office for the exact date and time.

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