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## Cover Crops in a Wetter Growing Season

Establishment Challenges, Soil Health, and Lessons Learned!

Year 3 of the research and demonstration project on Greg Thoren's farm

**Friday, September 22, 2017**

**2:00—5:00 p.m.**

**11650 E. Airport Rd., Stockton, IL**

From Stockton: East on HWY 20, Turn right (south) on Curtis Rd, at second cross road, Airport Rd turn right. The field is approximately 3/16 of a mile west.



**FREE event, open to the public**

There will be water and soda provided

### Tile Water Nitrate Testing Offered:

Farmers and landowners are encouraged to bring a small sample of tile and surface water for nitrate testing. IL Farm Bureau sponsors this service to help give you an idea of the nutrient losses occurring from your farm.

Establishment challenges and soil health will be the focus of discussion as we walk through the different cover crop mix plots.

Jim Isermann will be on hand to discuss the Soil Health Partnership work from around the Midwest. A rainfall simulator will demonstrate the rainfall retention and erosion reduction of various cropping systems.

### Project Sponsors:



Agnetic, LLC

Generating Ag System Design Benefits

Some things that will be highlighted include:

- Reduced/minimized tillage practices
- 16 different cover crop mixes
- 7.5 inch and 15 inch cover crop row spacing
- Soil pit(s) to observe soil structure.

Project Participants include:

- Greg Thoren-farmer
- John Musser- Stephenson Service Company
- Art Scheele- Agnetic, LLC
- Jay Solomon- U of I Extension



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