‘Dirt Rich: Building Soil Health’ agenda

Grommesh & Hough farms | Barnesville, Minn. | Sept. 5, 2019

8:30-9 a.m. – Registration

9 a.m. – Travel via bus to Hough Farm; give overview/objectives of the day while on the Bus

9:15-10:40: Tour of Ryan and Michael Hough main farm
   • Overview of Hough operation
   • Management of spring calving field
   • Full-season cover crop to be stockpiled for winter grazing
   • Corn planted at 44” rows with cover crops
   • Soil Pit
   • Cover crop planted after small grains
   • Equipment
     1. No-till air seeder used to plant crops/cover crops
     2. Stripper head for small grains
     3. Portable windbreak panels used in winter when feeding/grazing in the open

10:40-11 a.m. – Travel to Hough’s pasture/cropland located south of Barnesville

11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. – Tour of Hough’s farm
   • Grazing management on RIM/WRP
   • Perennial pasture management
     1. Overview of management goals for livestock/pasture
     2. Utilizing temporary fencing to subdivide larger pastures into smaller paddocks
     3. Watering systems: buried pipeline with tire tanks
   • Season-long cover crops
   • 44” corn strips and 66” corn strips
   • Soil Health Project

12:30-12:45 p.m. – Travel to Barnesville to Dave/Will Grommesh farm 16877 240th St. S, Barnesville, MN 56514

12:45-1:30 p.m. – Lunch/sponsor time

1:30-1:40 p.m. – Travel to Grommesh pasture/cropland

1:40-2:35 p.m. – Grommesh pasture/cropland management
   • Managing wet/poorly drained pastures.
   • Corn interseeded with cover crops.

2:35-2:45 p.m. – Travel back to Grommesh Farm

2:45-3 p.m. – Break

3-3:30 p.m. – Rainfall Simulator

3:30-4:15 p.m. – Grommesh Farm overview and Equipment
   • Livestock and cropland
   • Cropland management
   • Homemade cover crop interseeder
   • Clay County SWCD no-till drill for rent

4:15-5 p.m. – Temporary fencing demo at the Grommesh farm

5-6 p.m. – Social hour sponsored by Anheuser-Busch

Dirt Rich is presented by:
Additional Resources Online

SFA Soil Health Portal: sfa-mn.org/soil

Cropland Grazing Exchange: bit.ly/32byT9H

Cover Crop Economics: bit.ly/2ztE0Wl

Crop Rotation Restrictions Guide: bit.ly/2PzTzHd

Forage and Cover Crop Rotation Restrictions: bit.ly/2eO5tLT