



**Big Stone & Traverse SWCDs
Weed Management & Soil Health Workshop
Graceville Community Building
415 Studdard Ave. Graceville, MN
March 14, 2018
Agenda**



- 9:30 a.m. Registration Open
- 10:00 Welcome & Introductions
Grant Pearson, Area Certification Specialist
- MN Ag Water Quality Certification Program Update
- 10:35 John Fridgen, Traverse County Agricultural Inspector
- Annual Township Meeting Announcements
- 10:45 Don Opdahl, Minnesota Department of Agriculture Seed & Weed Advisor
- Minnesota Noxious Weed/Palmer Amaranth Update
- 11:30 Bruce Johnson, Traverse SWCD Technical Manager
- CRP Establishment & Weed Management
- 12:00 Lunch – Pulled Pork Sandwiches & Sides (**Free, Please RSVP by March 8**)
To Register Big Stone SWCD: 320-849-3014 -OR-
Please Call Traverse SWCD: 320-563-8218 ext. 3
- 12:30 p.m. Panel Discussion – Soil Health and Cover Crops
- Several Local Producers Will Discuss Firsthand Experiences
- 1:00 Kent Solberg, Livestock & Grazing Specialist - Sustainable Farming Association
- Soil Health: Taking Your Farm to the Next Level
- 2:00 Jonathan Quast, NRCS Soil Conservation Technician
- Timing, Application, & Species Selection of Cover Crops
- 2:30 Scott Schneider, Farm Service Agency County Executive Director
- Agency Update
- 2:40 Big Stone County Local Work Group
- Prioritization of Conservation Practices for Big Stone County