



Thursday, September 12, 2019

Berdan Center

705 4th Street East

Winthrop, MN 55396

PRELIMINARY AGENDA

- 8:00 am** **Registration and Refreshments**
- 9:00** **Welcome and Opening Remarks**
- 9:30** **Keynote Presentation**
Thom Petersen, MN Commissioner of Agriculture - Invited
- 10:00** ***Information as the Foundation for Agriculture***
Cody Light, Director of IT/Marketing, AGCO
- 10:30** **Break**
- 10:45** **Panel Discussion: *Technology Trends on the Farm***
- Ryan Machenthun – Row Crops (Hutchinson)
 - Tim Jones – Christensen Farms (Sleepy Eye)
 - Dairy
 - Specialty Crops
- 11:15** **Panel Discussion: *New Opportunities for Connected Communities* – Bill Coleman, Facilitator**
- Lory Young, Gaylord City Administrator – Gaylord medical school and other developments
 - Valerie Hsu, Stormy Creek Farm (New Ulm)
 - Dawn Hegland, Upper MN Valley RDC – Region 6W (Appleton)

12:00 pm **Lunch**
Presentation: “Green Seam – What is that all about?”
Sam Ziegler, Green Seam (Mankato)

12:45-1:30 and 1:30-2:15

Concurrent Sessions (*Choose two of three to attend*)

Session A <i>Broadband in Rural Areas – Case Studies</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jake Rieke –RSFiber Board member/ Ag producer perspective• Kevin Beyer, Farmers Telephone Cooperative – Broadband provider perspective• Barbara Droher-Kline, Citizen/Broadband Coalition – Le Sueur County Case Study• <i>Facilitated by:</i> Bill Coleman, Community Technology Advisors
Session B <i>Ag Tech Workforce / Next Generation Skills</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rachel Sannerud – Local Grower/Young Farmers/Direct Ag Marketing (Milaca)• Dave Cone, CEO, Kahler Automation• Willy Mekeel, Geography, Physics, Agriculture Instructor, Riverland Community College• Facilitated by Sam Ziegler, Green Seam
Session C <i>AGCO Precision Ag Education Trailer</i> <i>Maximum capacity: 30</i>

2:15 ***Takeaways From the Day***
Sam Ziegler, Green Seam

2:30 **Depart for UFC Brownton Fertilizer Facility**

3:00-4:00 **Tour of Fertilizer Facility and Chemical Warehouse *emphasis on technology***
Dave Eckhoff, UFC Agronomist

Refreshments and door prize drawing