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Cover crop field day to be held November 28th in Red Oak

AMES, Iowa — Iowa Learning Farms, along with Walnut Creek Watershed, Practical Farmers of Iowa and Natural Resources Conservation Service, will host a cover crop field day on Tuesday, Nov. 28, from 12:30-2:30 p.m., at the History Center in Red Oak. The event is free and open to the public and includes a complementary meal.

The event will feature a panel of Montgomery County cover crop farmers including Gary Johnson, Mike Johnson, Mark Peterson, Dave Robinette and Kent Swanson.

They will discuss how they have incorporated cover crops into their farming operations, tips for success and suggestions for overcoming challenges. Also speaking at the field day is Sarah Carlson, Midwest cover crop director with Practical Farmers of Iowa. She will share results from on-farm cover crop research projects and ideas for maximizing cover crop benefits.

The field day will be held at the Montgomery County Historical Center, 2700 N. 4th St., in Red Oak. The workshop is free and open to the public, but reservations are suggested to ensure adequate space and food. Contact Liz Juchems at (515) 294-5429 or email ilf@iastate.edu.

For more information about Iowa Learning Farms, visit www.iowalearningfarms.org. Established in 2004, Iowa Learning Farms is building a Culture of Conservation, encouraging adoption of conservation practices. Farmers, researchers and ILF team members are working together to identify and implement the best management practices that improve water quality and soil health while remaining profitable. Partners of Iowa Learning Farms are the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship, Iowa State University Extension and Outreach, Leopold Center for Sustainable Agriculture, Iowa Natural Resources Conservation Service, Iowa Department of Natural Resources (USEPA section 319), and Conservation Districts of Iowa.

Practical Farmers of Iowa strengthens farms and communities through farmer-led investigation and information-sharing. Our values include: welcoming everyone; creativity, collaboration and community; viable farms now and for future generations; and stewardship and ecology. Founded in 1985, farmers in our network raise corn, soybeans, livestock, hay, fruits and vegetables, and more. To learn more, visit <http://practicalfarmers.org>.

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