

Agenda

Third Crop Opportunities in the Blue Earth River Basin

Friday February 7th, 2003

8.30 Registration and Morning Coffee

9.00 Welcome and Introduction

Linda Meschke, BERBI

SESSION 1- THIRD CROPS AND WORKING LANDSCAPES

9.15 Working Landscapes and Third Crops -
A Changing Agricultural System

Don Wyse, U of MN

9.45 Diversification Opportunities for Third Croppers

Meg Moynihan, MDA [invited]

10.15 Break

SESSION 2- NON-CROP THIRD CROPS

10.30 Alternative Energy as a Third Crop

Lisa Daniels, Windustry

11.15 Non-crop Third Crops

Dennis Keeney, Ph.D.

[Dr. Dennis Keeney is Emeritus
Professor at Iowa State University,
and Senior Fellow with IATP]

Eco-tourism, Carbon Sequestration, Recreational Leases, Water Storage, Nitrogen Mitigation, etc.

12.00 Lunch

SESSION 3- THIRD CROP MARKETS

1.00 New Market Opportunities for Third Crops

Mike Demchik, Extension [invited]

2.00 Panel of All Speakers with Q&As from the Audience

3.00 Evaluation and Adjourn

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Third Crop opportunities in the Blue Earth River Basin

Thursday February 27th, 2003

8.30 Registration and Morning Coffee

9.00 Welcome and Introduction

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SESSION 1 – THIRD CROPS

9.15 Making the Transition to a Third Crop System

Paul Porter, U of MN [invited]

10.00 Break

SESSION 2 – SUCCESS STORIES

10.15 Panel of Success Stories

Local farmers [invited]

SESSION 3 – THIRD CROP MARKETING

11.30 AVEDA and Third Crops

Mary Tkach, AVEDA [cn]

12.00 Marketing of Organic Herbs as Third Crops

Renne Soberg, Organic Herb
Producer Coop [cn]

12.15 Starting A Sustainable Crop Program

Jim Kleinschmit, IATP

12.30 Department of Transportation and Third Crops

Bob Jacobson, Department
of Transportation [cn]

12.45 Lunch

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SESSION 4 – THIRD CROP OPPORTUNITIES

1.30 Discussion on Obstacles and Opportunities for Specific Third Crops:

1) Perennials and Specialty Crops,

moderator: Gary Wyatt, UMN Extension [invited]

2) Bringing Another Crop Into the Rotation and Cover Crops,

moderator: Paul Porter, U of MN [invited]

3) Alternative Energy and Other Non-crop Third Crops,

moderator: Sarah Johnson, Windustry [cn]

4) Sustainably Grown Crops,

moderator: Jim Kleinschmit, IATP [cn]

5) Organic Agriculture,

moderator: Katy Wortel, Blue Earth County Board of Commissioners [cn]

2.30 Share Outcomes from Discussion with the Group

3.00 Evaluation and Adjourn