

Free Agriculture Workshop & Lunch

Plan to Join Us! Learn how healthy soil will benefit you.

June 15, 2017 - 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Blaine County Fairgrounds - 899 N. Spiece Ave.

Watonga, Oklahoma

Pre-registration begins at 9:00 AM

Workshop begins at 9:30 AM



The workshop agenda topics include:

- ❖ Cover crops, grazing and soil health benefits
- ❖ Grain and forage sorghum production
- ❖ Ongoing research on new crop species and varieties being conducted by the USDA Agricultural Research Service (ARS)
- ❖ Producer perspectives on soil health, no-till and cover crops
- ❖ Summer Crops and soil health options
- ❖ Update on Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP), NRCS
- ❖ Overview of the agriculture demonstration, education and outreach efforts being undertaken by the Oklahoma Tribes and Cheyenne & Arapaho Tribes in partnership with NRCS
- ❖ Conservation Client Gateway Technology - Benefits for producers
- ❖ Benefits of Ag Census to your community

❖ Those planning to attend are asked to RSVP by **June 9th** by calling Clay Pope at 405-699-2087, Phillip Martin at 580-623-8501 ext.3, Carol Crouch at 405-612-9331 or register by e-mail at claypope@gmail.com or Phillip.martin@ok.usd.gov or carolcrouch@ok.usda.gov. There is no charge for the meeting and lunch will be provided. Sponsors include the Southern Plains of the United States, Cheyenne & Arapaho Tribes, the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), Redlands Community College and the USDA Southern Plains Climate Hub.

Agenda 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

9:00 AM Coffee & Registration

Welcome & Introductions - Clay Pope

- Dr. Carol Crouch, State Tribal Liaison. NRCS & OTCAC
- Clay Pope, Redland College & USDA ARS Climate Hub
- Phillip Martin, District Conservationist

National Agriculture Statistics Service

- Troy Marshall, NASS

Cover crops, grazing and soil health

- Steve Alspach, State Soil Scientist, USDA NRCS

Ongoing research on new species and varieties of cover crops for Oklahoma

- Brian Northrup, USDA Agricultural Research Service, El Reno

NRCS Conservation Client Gateway Technology

- Joe Buford, USDA-NRCS

10:15 Break - Networking Opportunities - Informational Booths - NRCS, FSA, RD, RMA, Ag Credit and Green Cover Seeds

Grain and forage sorghum as cover crops after winter wheat

- Rick Koechenhower, Agronomist with Chromatin Inc.

Soil Health, No-Till & Cover Crops — Producer Perspective

- Jimmy Emmons, Producer

Summer Covers and soil health options

- Greg Scott, Green Cover Seeds

Lunch - 12:30

Conservation Stewardship Program Updates

- Phillip Martin, NRCS

NRCS Soil Health Projects with Oklahoma Tribes

- Dr. Carol Crouch - NRCS projects
- Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, Nathan Hart

Demonstrations Tour - Steve House, producer

- Straight north of the fair grounds to look at his cover crops. Located at 257608 E. 790 road, or from the corner of 7th and Laing Ave (the corner east of the fairgrounds). 1 mile north and 1/2 mile west.

