

Michigan Chapter of the Soil & Water Conservation Society
ANR Month Seminar

**SUSTAINABLE INTENSIFICATION OF THE
RURAL LANDSCAPE:**

Protecting Soil Health, Water Quality and Farm Profitability

March 10, 2023, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
AgroLiquid Conference Center
3055 W. M-21, St. Johns, MI

DRAFT AGENDA

- 8:30 a.m. *Registration, Coffee/Tea and Sponsor Introduction*
- 9:00 a.m. *Welcome*
Katie Droscha, President, Michigan Chapter SWCS
- 9:10 a.m. *Michigan Water! What is needed and known after years of nothing in Ottawa County, and what does Michigan need?*
John Yellich, Director
Michigan Geological Survey
- 10:00 a.m. *Break*
- 10:20 a.m. *Ruminants-contribution to a sustainable food production system; It is not as it seems*
Jason Rowntree, Professor of Animal Science
Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI
- 11:10 a.m. *Intro to the Soil Health Matrix*
Sarah Fronczak, Environmental Management Educator
Michigan State University Extension
- 11:40 a.m. *A Message from SWCS International (Virtual)*
Renee Bouldin, Chapter and Community Builder
Soil and Water Conservation Society, Ames, Iowa
- 12:00 p.m. *Lunch and Sponsor Recognition*
- 1:00 p.m. *Michigan Scholarships in Conservation Program - Scholarship Presentation*
Zachary Curtis, Chair, Scholarship Committee, Michigan Chapter SWCS
- 1:10 p.m. *Forests and Forest Products as a Natural Climate Solution for Michigan*
Lauren Cooper, Director
Forest Carbon and Climate Program, Michigan State University
- 2:00 p.m. *SARE, what is it and how you can get a piece of the pie*
Sarah Fronczak
- 2:30 p.m. *Break*
- 2:45 p.m. *Generational Farming in the Saginaw Valley: 7 generations, 160 years. Learning from old practices & adding new practices. A regenerative agriculture model*
Nate Rupprecht and Tom Hess
Farmers, Tuscola County, Michigan
- 3:30 p.m. *Discussion/panel*
Katie Droscha, Moderator
- 4:00 p.m. *Wrap-up, Announcements and Adjourn*
Katie Droscha