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

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