



Since 1982, **Ross Bishop** has worked a 600 acre farm where he raises beef cattle and grows corn, soybeans, and wheat near Jackson in Washington County. Ross has a long history of practicing no-till agriculture on his land, as

he's gone twenty-four years without using a plow. His interest in no-till first came about when he attended the national no-till conference twenty-five years ago. Similarly, he was introduced to cover crop practices at this conference just over ten years ago, and started practicing shortly thereafter. Since then, he has been using a variety of cover crop types and experimented with various cover crop mixtures. More recently Ross started planting cereal rye after harvesting soybeans.

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Aaron Augustian says running a dairy farm the traditional way isn't the answer any more. Through the help of various agencies and partners they're establishing several new conservation practices that are

making their 1,100-acre operation more profitable and environmentally sustainable.

The Kewaunee County Dairy Farmer, with his brother Todd, manages 1,200 cows and young stock and participates in the Door-Kewaunee Watershed Demonstration Farm Network. He will share how they've successfully implemented no-till and cover crop practices on their farm. Aaron will also share the results of their cover crop and low-disturbance manure application program and comparative data they've generated with a water-monitoring station as they seek to mitigate the risk of groundwater and surface water contamination.

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DATED MATERIAL

Cover Crop and Soil Health Strategies for Success

Sheboygan River Progressive Farmers Conference & Annual Meeting



**February 27, 2020
10:00 A.M. - 2:30 P.M.
Amore Restaurant**

**18 W Mill Street
Plymouth, WI 53073**



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Thursday, February 27, 2020, 10:00 A.M.—2:30 P.M.
Amore Restaurant, Plymouth

- 10:00 am **Registration**
- 10:30 am **Welcome, Sheboygan River Progressive Farmers Annual Report and Updates**
Joe Wagner
President, Sheboygan River Progressive Farmers
- 10:45 am **Using Cover Crops in My No-Till System. What I've Learned in the Past 10 Years**
Ross Bishop—No-Till and Cover Crop Farmer
Town of Jackson, Washington County
- 11:45 am **Planting Soybeans Green into Rye - WI Cover Crop Termination Timing Study**
John Gaska
Research Specialist, UW-Madison Agronomy Department
- 12:15 pm **Lunch**
- 1:00 pm **Building a More Sustainable, Profitable No-Till Dairy Operation**
Aaron Augustian
No-Till & Dairy Farmer, Kewaunee County
- 2:00 pm **What are Healthy Soils?**
- **The importance of the basic soil test for NPK**
- **What are Soil Health tests and what can they tell us about soils**
Chris Clark
AgSource Labs, Bonduel, WI
- 2:30 pm **Adjourn** (A brief all member SRPF meeting will follow)

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