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Southern Region Cover Crop Conference Set for July 18-19, 2016

GOLDSBORO, North Carolina -- Mark your calendar for a two-day comprehensive cover crop conference for the South. Put on by the Center for Environmental Farming Systems (CEFS) and the Southern region Sustainable Agriculture and Research Education (SARE) program, the event takes place July 18-19, 2016 at two locations in eastern North Carolina: Mount Olive and Goldsboro.

The conference will bring together researchers, Extension personnel, farmers and agricultural industry specialists to discuss and learn about cover crop research, results, and education, according to Chris Reberg-Horton, CEFS' assistant director of collaborative research in the Department of Crop Science at North Carolina State University.

On July 18, workshops covering cover crop research and extension priorities throughout the region will take place at the University of Mount Olive in Mount Olive, North Carolina.

On July 19, the conference will showcase cover crop field demonstrations at the CEFS 2,000-acre Field Research and Outreach Facility at Cherry Farm in Goldsboro.

The conference will culminate in the formation of the Southern Cover Crop Council to help identify and prioritize research and education needs and facilitate networking and collaboration to enhance cover crop use in the region.

For more information, contact molly_hamilton@ncsu.edu or visit the website at <http://go.ncsu.edu/covercropsconf>.

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