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From: Myra Lawyer, LCBP/NEIWPCC  
Re: Middle Granville Aerial Cover Crop Field Day Tour  
October 23, 2014 10:00 am - 2:00 pm  
Where: Start at Kilpatrick Farm  
1159 County Route 24, Granville, NY

Press statement: COVER CROPPING FIELD DAY – OCTOBER 23<sup>RD</sup>, MIDDLE GRANVILLE

This fall, funds awarded to the Washington County Soil and Water Conservation District were used to help 8 farms within the Washington County/Lake Champlain Basin, to implement aerial rye cover cropping on 426 acres of cropland connected to the Mettawee River. Most of the cover crop was applied to fields of corn silage through the use of an aerial application of cereal rye. Cereal rye is being used as a way to combat soil erosion during the winter months, and stabilize soil during seasonal flooding.

There will be a cover crop tour of selected fields on October 23rd, starting at the Michael Kilpatrick farm and working our way north to the fields at the Toolite Farm. This is a great way to identify what works for Washington County farms when it comes to cover crop options. The session begins at 10:00 a.m., where Cornell Cooperative Extension will talk specifically about the benefits of Cereal Rye as a cover crop and why it is so well suited to this region. The Soil & Water District will explain the soil health benefit this project will be able to provide these farms. Myra Lawyer, the NY LCBP Ag Conservation Practices Specialist, will be relating her involvement with the project and future projects farms can link to through the LCBP activities in NY. Cover crop farms are invited to share their knowledge and experiences with the group during the tour.

For more information and to register for the tour, contact Washington County Soil and Water Conservation District, 518-692-9940, ext. 3 or email [lori.sheehan@ny.nacdnet.net](mailto:lori.sheehan@ny.nacdnet.net) to reserve your place in the lunch line. Or go to [lcbp.org](http://lcbp.org), to download the field day flier.

Cornell Cooperative Extension provides equal program and employment opportunities. Individuals with special -needs requiring accommodations who wish to attend this program should call, 518-746-2560 by October 21.

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