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# MORGAN COMPOSTING, INC.

## 2013 SOIL SEMINAR

Educational Workshop



**JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL SEMINAR!**

This years theme:

**"Layering of Good Practices to Build Healthy Soils"**

### EVENT INFORMATION - THURSDAY, AUGUST 15

- 9:00-9:30am Registration and short farm tours
- 9:30-9:45am Welcome
- 9:45-10:45am Key Note Speaker
- 11:00-11:45am Session 1
- 11:45-1:00pm Lunch
- 1:00-1:45pm Session 2
- 2:00-2:45pm Session 3
- 2:45-3:00pm Break
- 3:00-3:45pm Session 4
- 3:45-4:30pm Short Farm Tours and Dismissal



## Highlights!



### Speakers

#### **Dr. George Bird, Nematologist, Keynote Speaker**

Dr. Bird will be opening the program with a discussion on "Results of Biological Soil Sections".

#### **Paul Gross, MSU Extension**

Important Practices to Improve Soil Health, and why.

#### **Dr. John Biernbaum, MSU Professor in the Department of Horticulture Vegetable Production**

#### **Dr. Jason Rowntree, MSU Assistant Professor, Beef Cattle and Forage Utilization**

Soil Biology of Pasture Management

#### **Craig Schaff, Local Farmer**

Sustainable Vegetable Production

#### **Christina Curell, MSU Extension**

Building Soil Health

#### **Vicki Morrone, MSU Center for Regional Food Systems**

Food Labels: Organic, Sustainable, GMO's...An In-Depth Discussion

**And much more!**

**Grab a friend and register today!**

### REGISTRATION INFORMATION:

Cost - \$20 preregistration (online at [www.dairydoo.com](http://www.dairydoo.com), phone: (231)734-2451 or through mail) or \$25 at the door  
To preregister, please return this portion, with payment, to 4353 E US Highway 10, Sears, MI 49679. Checks can be made payable to Morgan Composting.

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Company/Farm: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed: # of Registrations: \_\_\_\_ x \$20.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

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## 2013 Soil Seminar Open House

### *“Layering of Good Practices to Build Healthy Soils”*

Thursday, August 15, 2013

9:00am-4:00pm

9:00-9:30am **Registration** and short farm tours

9:30-9:45am **Welcome:** Brad Morgan, Owner and CEO of Morgan Composting Inc.

9:45-10:45am **Key Note Speaker:** Dr. George Bird, **“Results of Biological Soil Sections”**

11:00-11:45am **Session 1** (Choose One)

- a) Senator Darwin Booher and State Rep Joel Johnson
- b) Jim Byrum – Large Ag
- c) Craig Schaff – Intensive Vegetable Farming

11:45-1:00 **Lunch** – Will be provided by Morgan's Healthy Options, and includes a pig roast. We will allow 45 minutes for lunch, and offer short farm tours afterward.

1:00-1:45 **Session 2** (Choose One)

- a) Christina Curell – Building soil health
- b) Dr. Rountree – Soil Biology of Pasture Management
- c) Dan Busby – Overview of the MAEAP Certification

2:00-2:45 **Session 3** (Choose One)

- a) Paul Gross– Important practices to improve soil health and why
- b) Dr. Biernbaum – Worm Composting
- c) RJ Rant – TBD

2:45-3:00 **Break**

3:00-3:45 **Session 4** (Choose One)

- a) Laren Avery – Michigan Brewery/Hops
- b) RJ Rant – Homeowner Gardening
- c) Vicki Morrone– Food Labels: Organic, Sustainable, GMO’s....What do they all mean?

3:45-4:00pm **Short Farm Tours and Dismissal**