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## Cover Crop Field Day, November 13, 2013

**LAKEFIELD, Minnesota** (September 11, 2013) Join event partners on November 13, 2013 from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm for a cover crop discussion at the Ackermann farm near Lakefield, Minnesota. Heron Lake Watershed District (HLWD), Jerry and Nancy Ackermann, and Jerry and Terry Perkins were awarded a National Wildlife Federation (NWF) Cover Crop Champions grant to promote cover crop adoption.

A cover crop mixture of winter cereal rye, tillage radish, and purple top turnip was planted into standing corn airplane in early September 2013 just west of the Ackermann farmstead. This aerial application allows for a longer cover crop growing season in the corn-soybean system. The Ackermanns chose the cover crop species for their ability to scavenge nitrogen, add organic matter to the soil, increase water infiltration, decrease soil erosion, and reduce weed competition.

Attendees will be able to hear about the NWF project being conducted by the Ackermanns, Perkins, and HLWD, learn about cover crop benefits, and view the cover crops in the field. This is an outdoor event; please dress accordingly.

### Event Partners:

- National Wildlife Federation
- Jerry and Nancy Ackermann
- Extended Ag Service, Inc.
- Heron Lake Watershed District
- Jerry and Terry Perkins
- Natural Resources Conservation Service

### DIRECTIONS:

*Jerry and Nancy Ackermann – 39750 820<sup>th</sup> Street - Lakefield, MN*

From Lakefield: Travel west on Mill Rd. W. / 820<sup>th</sup> Street / County Road 14 for about 5.5 miles. The Ackermann farmstead is on the north side of the road.

### Contacts for this event:

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