

## Don't miss the bus!

## August 6 is the last chance to register for the Conservation in Action Tour!

The August 6 registration deadline for the 8<sup>th</sup> annual Conservation in Action Tour is approaching quickly, and the buses are almost full for a day of outstanding farm visits, equipment demonstrations and networking opportunities across southeastern Minnesota on Wednesday, August 12.

"The Conservation in Action Tour is a great way to see the latest in conservation agriculture systems and learn from the farmers who are putting them to work every day. It's also one of the best opportunities to meet people from across the country who bring their insights on conservation," says Karen A. Scanlon, executive director of the Conservation Technology Information Center (CTIC), which is organizing the tour. "So far, we have people coming in to Minneapolis from 20 states, one Canadian province and Washington, DC to be part of the tour."

The Conservation in Action Tour program will kick off on Tuesday, August 11 with an evening social event sponsored by John Deere at the Mall of America®



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The 2015 Conservation in Action Tour is organized by CTIC in partnership with the Goodhue, Rice and Dakota Soil and Water Conservation Districts: Minnesota Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts: Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources: Minnesota Department of Agriculture; Minnesota Agricultural Water Resource Center: Minnesota Pollution Control Agency and the **USDA Natural Resources** Conservation Service.

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On August 12, participants will visit a wide range of farms, from small vegetable plots to large crop and livestock operations. All along the way, they'll learn about conservation practices that are helping to keep the farms economically and environmentally sustainable, from saturated buffers to cover crops, manure management, rotational grazing systems and pollinator habitat.

The tour groups will also learn about Minnesota's legacy of collaboration and cooperation in achieving conservation goals, adds Scanlon.

"People come away from Conservation in Action Tours inspired and excited," she says. "With the great farmers, policymakers, advisors and researchers who are coming from across the country to be part of this tour—and the innovative approaches to conservation in Minnesota—this year will be no exception."

Online registration is quick and easy. Tour costs range from \$50 for farmers and students to \$100 for others, and include breakfast, lunch and dinner. The CTIC website also features a <u>full tour agenda</u>. Visit www.ctic.org or call (765) 494-9555 with questions.

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For information on CTIC's Conservation in Action Tour or to register for the event, visit www.ctic.org/CIATours, or contact Crystal Hatfield at hatfield@ctic.org or (765) 494-9555.







