

# 2023 Farm Journal Corn & Soybean College

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## Change Is The Name Of The Game:

Farmers make changes based on weather, economics (government programs, changing ROIs, changing input costs), regulations, and labor/equipment available. This constant change creates chain reactions in the operation. The focus of this year's Corn and Soybean College is giving growers the tools to make decisions in an ever changing environment and how to safely move into new practices without giving up productivity and ROI.

## Tuesday, July 25th      Wednesday, July 26th

8:00 Registration / Coffee and Donuts

8:30 *Is All Change Good?*

10:00 Break

10:15 Breakout #1

11:35 Lunch

12:35 Breakout #2

1:55 Breakout #3

3:15 Break

3:30 Rolling With The Changes -  
*Simulation*

5:00 Happy Hour/Q & A

6:00 Steak Dinner

6:30 Coffee and Donuts

7:00 *Game Changing Soybean  
Management*

8:15 Breakout #1

9:35 Break

9:50 Breakout #2

11:10 Breakout #3

12:30 Lunch

Q & A until last question is answered

Attendees of the in-person event in July will also receive a ticket to attend the 1-day Crop-Tech Virtual Winter College on January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

Approved for **13** CCA CEUs

2 NM—3.5 SW—2 PM—4 CM—1.5 PD



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## General Sessions:

**Is All Change Good:** Governmental regulations, incentive programs, and soil health concerns have a lot of farmers considering changes in their residue management strategies. Is the grass always greener on the other side of the fence? It is vital for growers to be aware of potential pitfalls that may exist within each of the available systems before implementing any changes.

**Rolling with the Changes Simulation:** Attendees will have an opportunity to showcase and implement what they have learned in the first day of sessions as their team competes to adjust their management style to the changes in their operation to see which group comes out on top.

**Game Changing Soybean Management:** Implementing early planted beans involves more than just changing your planting date. Understanding the importance of variety characteristics and how they interact with population, row spacing, and weed control is vital to implementing that change successfully.

## Breakouts:

**Identifying When Change is Needed:** No matter what tillage system, from full tillage all the way to no-till, this session will help growers identify impediments that may be costing them yield and/or profitability and how to remove them. This infield session will have attendees looking below ground at soil pits and digging plants to identify below ground issues that may be costing yield.

**Changing How You Play The Cover Crop Game:** Attendees will have the chance to go to the field and evaluate some different implementations of cover crop practices to avoid several common pitfalls growers face when trying to implement them. Understanding the implications of seedbed prep, types of cover, termination dates, pest management, and 4R's of nutrient management are all critical to implementing covers successfully.

**A "Change" Reaction:** Making changes to your system: crop rotation, tillage systems, or nutrient placement, can have a big impact to your overall outcome. Often growers think of a change as a single decision, not realizing the impact on the rest of their system throughout the season. Changes to the overall system can also affect disease management strategies and applied fertility plans for both micro and macro nutrients.

**Eliminating Below Ground Barriers:** This live tillage session will help examine ways to fix the barriers or impediments below the surface that were identified on day 1. Attendees will get to see what the tillage tools are doing above and below ground and get tips on how to set up equipment to get the best results.

**Railroad Tracks and Utility Wires – Nothing to Get Tangled With:** We cross road-to-rail intersections with little thought of what takes place as trucks and trains share this small space. This session covers what to do if stuck at railroad tracks, and what to do if equipment ends up in powerlines. Knowing the steps to follow during contact with utility powerlines can save a life.

**Early Beans - More Than a Date Change:** This infield session evaluates different changes made to implement an early planting system. It will review differences in planting date, row spacing, population, variety selection, cover crops, and herbicide programs to see how they fit in this overall management change.



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