

# 2025 FIELD DAY

## Using On-Farm Research To Guide Nutrient Reduction and Soil Health Strategies

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**Tuesday, July 29**  
**9 a.m. – Noon**



**29053 1500 East St.**  
**Walnut, IL 61376**

### HOSTS

**Chris & Julie Von Holten**  
*Von Holten Farms*



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Chris Von Holten operates a 100% no-till corn and soybean farm covering 1,900 acres near Walnut, Illinois. In 2008, Chris started experimenting with cover crops in his rotation. In the past six years, he added wheat to the rotation, taking it to grain while also saving some for cover crop seed. Recently, soil health tests and nitrogen trials have led Chris to cut back on his nitrogen rates. On-farm research has always helped Von Holten Farms move toward farm goals of reducing inputs and farming sustainably.

At this field day, Chris will present on a multiyear tile drainage monitoring project on the farm. He'll also share how similar on-farm research has shaped his management decisions. Finally, you'll have a chance to view tile monitoring equipment and Chris' twin-row planter used for wheat.

### MEAL

A light lunch will follow the field day.

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### *See & Discuss*

- Multiyear results from the Bureau County Nutrient Stewardship Project
- Trials and results related to tile drainage, soil health and water quality
- Agri-Drain equipment used for on-farm tile monitoring
- Farm management changes from trial results
- PFI's nitrogen application trial
- A planter used for twin-row wheat and early-planted beans

### SPEAKERS

**Luke Bergschneider and Andrew Margenot** –  
University of Illinois Crop and Soil Sciences

**Bena Pegg** – Environmental Program Manager,  
Illinois Farm Bureau