

The Top Farmer Crop Workshop welcomes two new members to its planning team:

**Dr. Bruce Erickson** will be a primary player in organizing and implementing the 2005 Top Farmer Crop Workshop. Bruce received his B.S. and M.S. Degrees from Iowa State, and his Ph.D. from Purdue in Agronomy. As a Visiting Assistant Professor in the Department of Agricultural Economics at Purdue University, his other duties will be with the Site Specific Management Center and in continuing education for the Certified Crop Adviser Program. With experience in both industry and academics, Bruce's areas of expertise include competency-based education and assessment, instructional design, remote sensing of crops, and corn and soybean production.



**Dr. Shawn Conley** is Indiana's new Soybean Extension Specialist and a new faculty member in Purdue's Department of Agronomy. Shawn received his B.S., M.S., and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Wisconsin, Madison. Dr. Conley was an Assistant Professor at the University of Missouri where he was a State Extension Specialist with cropping systems. His new responsibilities at Purdue will include a statewide extension/outreach curriculum in the sustainable soil fertility and crop nutrient management systems relevant to producers throughout the Midwest.

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