



## *Discover the Cover II: Conservation Covers, Buffers & Hillside Farming*

### **USVI Conservation Covers for Sloped Land Protection & Farming Workshop**

**March 8-9, 2016 – University of the  
Virgin Islands, St. Croix Campus**

Expand your knowledge of conservation buffers and cover crops and how they play an integral role in soil & water conservation on sloped land.

- How can conservation buffers and cover crops increase ecosystem services for farms and communities?
- Join us to explore the world of improved sloped land management and the many benefits that conservation covers can provide to your land.

**Tuesday, March 8, 2016, 5:30 – 8:00 p.m. and  
Wednesday, March 9, 2016, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

**Tuesday's event** will be held at the UVI in the Research and Extension (REC) building room 133.

**Wednesday's event** will begin outside the South gate of the AES field facility, and then continue at Fred Miller's Farm to learn contour farming.

**For Wednesday's field activities, wear outdoor clothing and comfortable walking shoes.**

**WHO SHOULD ATTEND?** Farmers, Agricultural Professionals, Landscapers and Conservation/ Environmental Specialists. **The workshop is FREE.**



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### **Agenda at a Glance**

#### **Tuesday Afternoon 3/8/16**

- 5:30-5:45 Sign in, welcoming remarks, speaker introduction.
- 6:45-6:15 The role of conservation covers, buffers, and cover crops in promoting soil health.
- 6:15-6:45 Contour farming on sloped land
- 6:45-7:30 Sloped land rain simulation & the need for soil conservation. Terrace farming techniques.
- 7:30-8:00 Overview of AES Agronomy Program, NRCS Plant Materials Program & assistance, cover crop research, closing remarks.

#### **Wednesday Morning 3/9/16**

- 8:45 a.m. Meet at AES field facility south gate.
- 9:00-10:00 Field tour begins. Tour sunn hemp and cover crop fields, discuss no-till vegetable production.
- 10:30-1:00 Tour hillside farming contours. Demonstrate and practice establishing contours using a T-Stick and A-Frame. Show terrace construction; use of perennial buffers, annual crops for sloped hillside farming. Explore different ecosystem services that contour farming with conservation buffers can provide.

**Please RSVP by contacting UVI-AES at 340-692-4020  
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