



# Crop-Tech Consulting's 2025 Virtual Winter College

## Farming's Economic Cycles – How to Ride the Waves

Maintaining profitability in turbulent economic times can be a challenge. This year's event is focused on areas that can help keep your operation afloat with topics like proven practices that increase yield, ways to gain nutrient efficiency, government/private programs, and premium/specialty crops. The goal is to help farmers strategize how to thrive in rough economic waters.

**Thursday, January 9th**

**Sessions designed to help answer the questions we get asked in the tough margins.**

**Starts: 8:00 AM Central**

Staying Afloat in Tight Margins

Reducing Fertility:

Flotation Option in Rough Margins?

Evaluating The Sea of Hybrids

Lunch Break

Is Your Planter Ready to Weather Any Storm?

Do Cover Crops and Tillage Really Mix?

The Importance of Maintaining Soil Biology in Turbulent Times

Q & A

**Ends: 4:00 PM Central**

**Staying Afloat in Tight Margins:** \* How do I identify my margins? What are projected margins for the coming year(s) and how does it compare to recent years? \* How do I increase my margins: increase yields, decrease cost, government programs, private funded initiatives, and/or value added opportunities (organic, non-GMO, specialty crops)?

**Reducing Fertility: Flotation Option in Rough Margins?:** \* Is it possible to reduce fertility applications when margins are tight? How do you determine: where, by how much, and for how long? \* Can I cut my fertility back with strip-till? Can biologicals replace a portion of my commercial fertilizer?

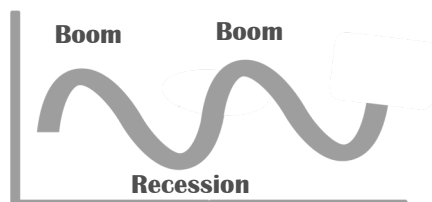
**Evaluating The Sea of Hybrids:** \* How do I use my local hybrid plots to evaluate hybrids and get info I need to correctly place them on my farm? \* What can plant height, leaf characteristics and width, and ear flex tell me about placing that hybrid for success?

**Is Your Planter Ready to Weather Any Storm:** \* What are critical items for pre-season planter prep? \* What are the maintenance items that get forgotten and cause problems later?

**Do Cover Crops and Tillage Really Mix?** \* Are the rules different ahead of corn? What about if I strip-till or do bio strips? \* Is there a way to increase success and reduce risk while still maintaining profitability?

**The Importance of Maintaining Soil Biology in Turbulent Times:** \* Why does soil biology matter, how does it affect soil structure, nutrient availability, and residue management? \* Are there additives out there that can measurably improve my soil biology?

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