**ENVIROTHON 2014 - CURRENT EVENTS STUDY GUIDE**

**SUSTAINABLE AG/GROWN IN MN – PRESENTER JAMES JIRIK**

1. Have an understanding of what Sustainable Agriculture.

 <http://www.sare.org/Learning-Center/SARE-Program-Materials/National-Program-Materials/What-is-Sustainable-Agriculture>

1. Understand what is soil health and why is it important. Search the web and you find several that all say the same key things about soil health. A few good ones are listed.

<http://vimeo.com/channels/raythesoilguy>

<http://www.goodfoodworld.com/2013/10/the-real-dirt-regenerating-soil-quality-to-sustain-life/>

1. Have an understanding of what a cover crop is.

 What are the benefits?

 Why they are important to agriculture?

1. What is a Farmers Market?

 Why do we have them?

 What are the benefits for producers and farmers?

 <http://www.mfma.org/>

1. What is organic farming and why would any farmer want to an organic farmer.

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Organic_farming>

1. How do bees fit into sustainable agriculture, soil health, cover crops, farmers markets and organic farmers and why are there growing concerns about bees?

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=dY7iATJVCso>