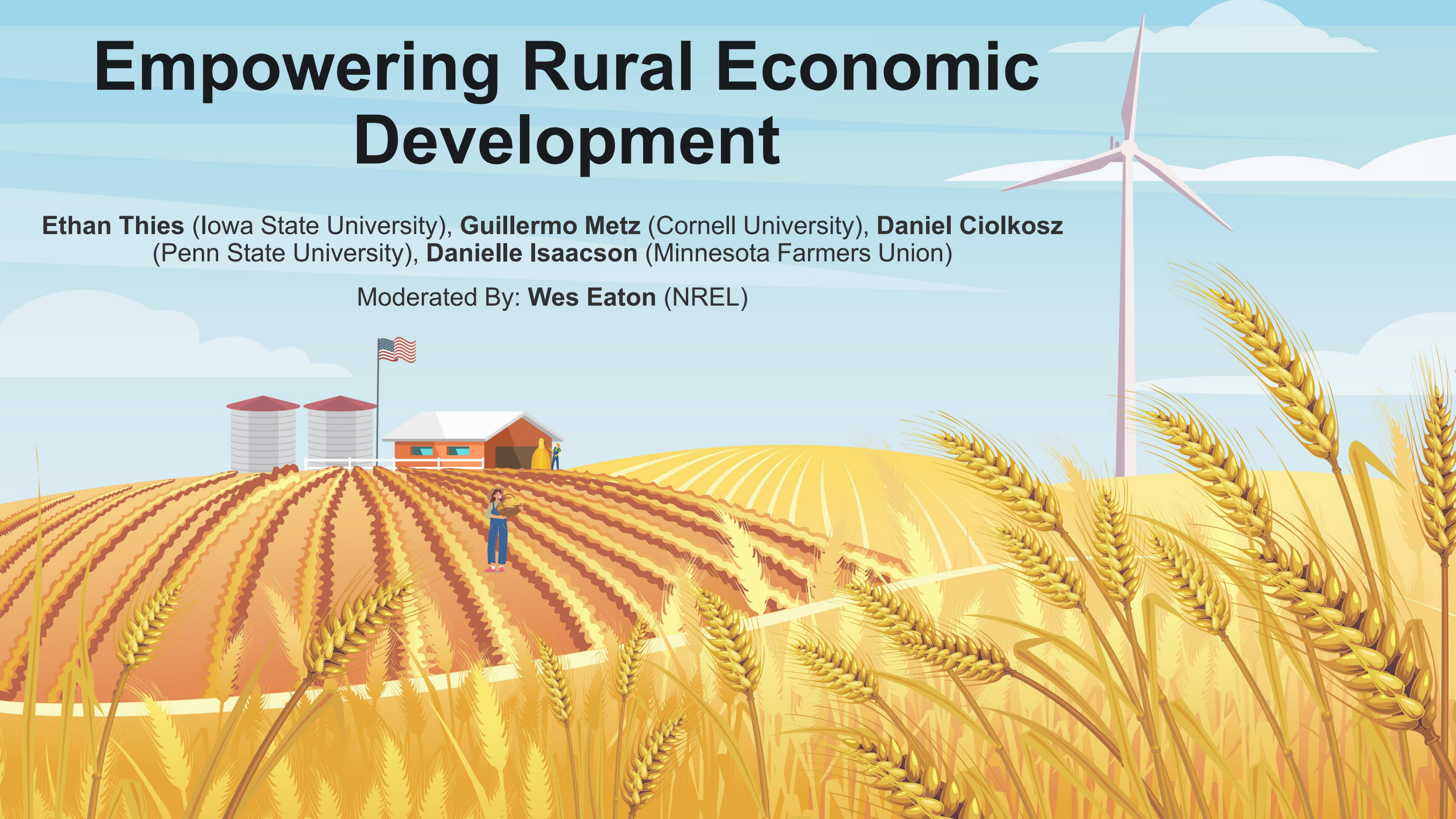


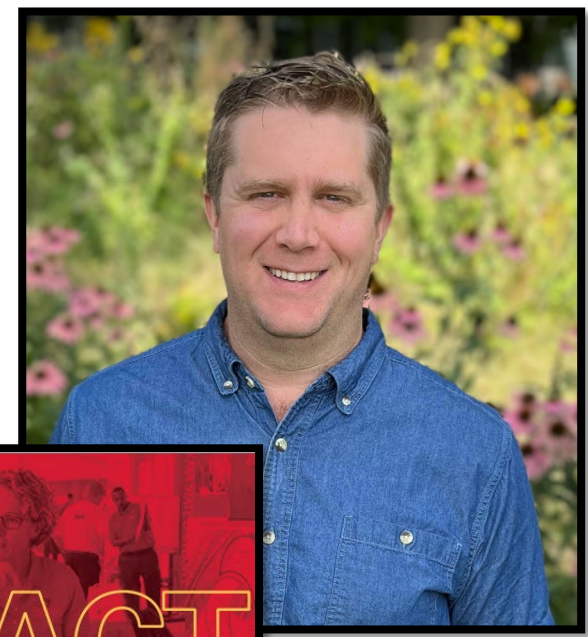
Empowering Rural Economic Development

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 - Midwest Cover Crops Council team
 - Promote & educate on conservation practices statewide
- Co-PI on NREL Distributed Wind grant
 - Connecting farmers & landowners with information on distributed wind and gathering feedback

IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY Extension and Outreach	
2024 IMPACT	
Agriculture and Natural Resources	
SOCIAL MEDIA interactions	26,967,949
WEBSITE visitors	5,496,666
publications PRINTED AND DIGITAL DISTRIBUTION	859,317
ONLINE COURSE views LIVE AND ON-DEMAND	784,957
NEWSLETTER contacts	340,549
PODCAST downloads	215,516
event participants IN-PERSON AND VIRTUAL	169,903
IN-PERSON, PHONE, AND EMAIL contacts	28,673
IN-PERSON AND VIRTUAL field days, events, meetings AND workshops	5,465
MEDIA contacts	2,723

About Minnesota Farmers Union

- Grassroots, member-driven organization working for family farmers and rural communities
- Education, Legislation, Cooperation
- Renewable and distributed energy supported in MFU Policy Book
- Published "Farmers Guide to Wind and Solar" 2019

