

Virginia No-Till Alliance Harrisonburg Winter Conference *Weathering the Storm with No-Till* February 5, 2019

Rockingham County Fairgrounds 4808 South Valley Pike, Harrisonburg, VA 22801 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

The 2018 growing season was a challenge to say the least. This year's conference will share some concerns and offer support for making No-Till management systems sustainable.

Jim Hershey is currently serving as the President of the Pennsylvania No-Till Alliance. He will share some of his experiences and observations from his and other farmers' no-till farming operations.

Chris Lawrence will review factors influencing soil compaction along with recommendations for minimizing the potential for compaction. Some recovery strategies for soils impacted by compaction will also be reviewed.

Kirsten Brichler has completed one year of field monitoring of slug populations in the Valley. She will share her initial observations.

Plus: Trade Show

- ⇒ Networking with farmers & agricultural consultants
- ⇒ Nutrient Management Planner credits
- ⇒ Certified Crop Advisor credits
- ⇒ No-Till Champion Award

\$10 Registration Fee

Featured Speakers

Jim Hershey owns and operates a 500 acre crop and livestock farm in Landcaster County

Pennsylvania. Mr. Hershey has been planting into green living cover for more than 5 years and has seen a significant improvement in the soils ability to handle drought and excessively wet conditions. He has also been doing cover crop interseeding for 4



years and is now marketing interseeders commericially.



Chris Lawrence has served as State Cropland Agronomist for USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in Virginia since 2004. He provides state-wide technical training and direct assistance to NRCS field staff, public- and private-sector partners, and farmer

clients on topics including soil health/soil quality, erosion prediction & prevention, cover crops, and nutrient management.

Kirsten Brichler is a graduate student at Va Tech. The goal of her project is to determine the effects of field management practices on slugs and slug predators.



Pay in advance or at the door

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