



February 5, 2019

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or call

540-564-3080

Driving Directions

Rockingham County Fairgrounds

4808 S. Valley Pike

Harrisonburg, VA 22801

From I-81, take exit 243. Turn left on Rt. 11 South

The fairgrounds will be 1.5 miles ahead on right

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The **Virginia No Till Alliance** exists to maximize farm productivity and profitability by promoting successful implementation of continuous no-till systems through shared ideas, technology, conservation and education.

The VANTAGE Board of Directors is made up of farmers and agri-business representatives in the Shenandoah Valley region of Virginia.

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Harrisonburg Winter Conference

February 5, 2019

Weathering the Storm with No-Till

Featured Speakers

- **Jim Hershey**—
Elizabethtown,
Pennsylvania farmer
- **Chris Lawrence**—
State Cropland Agronomist
for NRCS
- **Kirsten Brichler**—
Entomology Graduate
Student, Va Tech



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Featured Speakers



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. Prior to joining NRCS, Chris served as an agricultural Extension Agent for five years in the Shenandoah Valley and northern Coastal Plain regions of Virginia.

Kirsten Brichler is a Master's student at Virginia Tech studying entomology.

She is conducting field research in the Shenandoah Valley under the direction of Dr. Sally Taylor. The goal of her project is to determine the effects of field crop management practices on slugs and slug predators. Kirsten will share the results from her first year of field observations.



Plus

- ◇ Trade Show
- ◇ Networking with Local farmers & agricultural consultants
- ◇ Certified Crop Advisor credits
- ◇ Nutrient Management Planner certification credits



Jim Hershey owns and operates a 500 acre crop and livestock farm in Landcaster County Pennsylvania. The crops include corn, wheat and soybeans all of which are managed in a No-Till /Cover Crop environment. Mr. Hershey has been planting into green living cover for more than 5 years. He has seen a significant improvement in the soils ability to handle drought and excessively wet conditions. Hershey has also been doing cover crop interseeding for 4 years and is now marketing interseeders commercially. Jim is also President of the Pennsylvania No-Till Alliance and has been speaking to many farmers and agri-business folks across Pennsylvania and surrounding states promoting No-Till, Cover Crops & Soil Health.

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Want to exhibit at these events?

Contact: Doug Horn
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11th Anniversary

Weathering the Storm with No-Till

8:00 a.m. Registration and Trade Show

9:00 a.m. *Factors Affecting Soil Health*

- Jim Hershey—Farmer from Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania

10:00 a.m. Trade Show Break

10:30 a.m. *Slug Project Update*

- Kirsten Brichler—Va Tech

11:00 a.m. *No-Till Champion Recognition*

11:30 a.m. Lunch and Trade Show Break

1:00 p.m. *What I've Learning About Interseeding Cover Crops*

- Jim Hershey—Farmer from Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania

1:45 p.m. *Dealing with Soil Compaction*

- Chris Lawrence—NRCS State Cropland Agronomist

2:45 p.m. Sessions Adjourn

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