



Virginia No-Till Alliance

Harrisonburg Winter Conference

Exploring Soil Health

February 18, 2020

Rockingham County Fairgrounds

4808 South Valley Pike, Harrisonburg, VA 22801

8:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Russell Hedrick will share his experiences and philosophies for maximizing profitability while improving the sustainability of his farming operation.

Daniel Austin's focus is on no-till farming systems with an emphasis on soil health and profitability.

Dr. Michael Flessner examined the use of cover crops for suppressing weed populations. He will share the results of his NRCS sponsored research.

Josh Walker and **Richard Fitzgerald** will provide the details of a new manure injection cost share program and review the agronomic benefits.



Featured Speakers

Russell Hedrick is a first generation farmer from Hickory, North Carolina. He started farming on 30 acres in 2012. Russell now produces corn, soybeans and specialty grains on nearly 1,000 acres. With guidance from the NRCS Russell started out with no-till and cover crops primarily to avoid erosion. Continued experience with no-till and multispecies cover cropping has reaped multiple benefits for his operation.



Dr. Michael Flessner is an assistant professor and Extension weed science specialist in the School of Plant and Environmental Sciences at Virginia Tech. His research and extension program focuses on solving weed management challenges currently facing the Commonwealth, with emphasis placed on sustainable and economic solutions.



Daniel Austin is a farmer in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains, between Ferrum and Rocky Mount, VA. He grows a diverse mix of grain, on 170 acres, that he retails in his seed and feed business.



Plus: Trade Show

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

\$10 Registration Fee

Pay in advance or at the door

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