

# **New Location for 2022! Binkley & Hurst**

4310 S. Valley Pike Harrisonburg, VA 22801

From I-81, take exit 243. Turn left on Rt. 11 South Binkley & Hurst will be 1.0 miles ahead on right

**February 9, 2022** 

**Registration is Free** 

Please Pre-Register at

www.virginianotill.com or call

540-245-5750

In case of extreme weather, call 540-245-5750 for possible changes to schedule

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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 9, 2022** 

> Farmers Talking Soil Health

## **Featured Speakers**

- **Anthony Beery** Cumberland County, Virginia farmer
- Steve Groff -Lancaster County, Pennsylvania farmer & Cover Crop Coach







**Natural Resources Conservation Service** 

#### **Featured Speakers**



**Anthony Beery** began his farming career in the Shenandoah Valley growing up on a family dairy and poultry farm. After employing practices to manage compaction, Anthony was able to start continuous no-till in the

late 1990's. To supplement the benefits of no-till Anthony started experimenting with mixed species cover crops, manure injection, and crop rotations as techniques for improving soil health.

In 2018 he transitioned from dairy and poultry, selling the farm in Rockingham County, to cash cropping in Central Virginia, purchasing land in Cumberland County. With the new farm came new challenges: lower fertility, resistant weeds, neglected land, and hotter summers. Anthony is applying the fundamental principles of soil health to his new farm where he is seeing growth in both yields and soil health. He is currently raising corn, soybeans, wheat, and orchardgrass on 500 acres of cropland and is constantly looking for ways to improve soil health, which he feels is the key to successful and sustainable farming.

#### **Plus**

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

Steve Groff and his family, farm 200 acres of cover crops for seed, pumpkins, hemp, and heirloom tomatoes in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. Some fields have been continuously no



tilled for 39 years! He has spoken all over the U.S and in a dozen other countries. For the past 20 years he has pursued how to make nutrient dense foods a reality on his farm.

Steve is developer of the famous Tillage Radish and is the founder of Cover Crop Coaching which educates farmers and farm advisors about effective cover crop use and soil health principles. His recently released book "The Future-Proof Farm; Changing Mindsets in a Changing World" is available at SteveGroff.com.

We will follow the **Center for Disease Control** guidelines at the time of the conference to mitigate the Covid-19 virus spread. If you have any symptoms of illness or feel uncomfortable attending this public event please refrain from coming to the conference.

### Want to exhibit at these events?

Contact: Doug Horn 540-245-5750 or email doughorn@vt.edu

This event is brought to you by:

VANTAGE — The Virginia No-Till Alliance with support from Virginia Cooperative Extension, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Binkley and Hurst, and many others!

# February 9, 2022 13<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Farmers Talking Soil Health

8:00 a.m. Registration and Trade Show

**9:00 a.m.** Reducing Expensive Fertilizer by Maximizing Cover Crops

• Steve Groff—Lancaster County, Pennsylvania

10:00 a.m. Trade Show Break

**10:30 a.m.** Soil—Limitation or Foundation? Improving Soil Health to Maximize

Potential

 Anthony Beery—Cumberland County, Virginia

11:30 a.m. No-Till Champion Recognition

Noon Lunch and Trade Show Break

1:15 p.m. What I've Learned over the past 38

years for Planting Green Success

 Steve Groff—Lancaster County, Pennsylvania

**2:15 p.m.** Leveraging Equipment and Technology for Greater Profitability

 Anthony Beery—Cumberland County, Virginia









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