



13th Annual Conference

2022 Winter Conference

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Agenda

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13th 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

3:15 p.m. Sessions Adjourn

2022 Speakers

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.

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.

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