



Location: Agriteer Harrisonburg

4310 S. Valley Pike
Harrisonburg, VA 22801

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

February 7, 2024

Registration is Free

Please Pre-Register at

www.virginianotill.com

or call

540-245-5750

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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 7, 2024

“No-Till: The Passion and The Practical”

Featured Speakers

- **Ray “The Soil Guy” Archuleta** - Nationally-recognized soil health expert
- **Clay Lowe, Farmer** - No-till grower & innovator from Wakefield, VA
- **Jamie Shank, Farmer** - No-till grower & innovator from Brandy Station, VA
- **Plus Other Virginia No-Till Farmers & Innovators!**



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Featured Speakers

Jamie Shenk is the manager of Beauregard Farms in Brandy Station, VA, a 3,200-acre tract producing corn, soybeans, small grain, beef cattle, hay, and lumber. With a background in dairy farming, diesel mechanics, and precision agriculture, Jamie Shenk joined Beauregard Farms in 2012. Jamie has carried on a long tradition of no-till at Beauregard, while also helping the operation evolve to include a wide range of additional practices aimed at improving soil, yield, efficiency, and profitability.



Plus a panel of Virginia No-Till Innovators!

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, Agriteer, and many others!

Featured Speakers

Ray Archuleta is a nationally-recognized expert, deep thinker, and inspirational speaker on soil health management. He has traveled to and taught soil health principles in all 50 states. He retired from NRCS after 30 years of service and is a Certified Professional Soil Scientist.



Clay Lowe farms 1,500 acres of peanuts, cotton, soybeans, corn, wheat, rye, and oats with his dad & brother in Surry and Sussex Counties, VA. The Cedar Point Farm team are dedicated to soil & yield improvement through minimal tillage, cover cropping, and crop rotation. They are exceptional equipment innovators and fabricators. Another special focus for Clay is profitability analysis thanks to his Ag Economics degree from NC State University



Plus

- ⇒ Trade Show
- ⇒ Networking with growers & industry
- ⇒ Certified Crop Advisor (CCA) credits
- ⇒ Nutrient Management Planner recertification credits

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15th Annual VANTAGE Conference

“No-Till: The Passion & The Practical”

- 8:00 a.m.** Registration and Trade Show
- 9:00 a.m.** *Regenerative Agriculture Concepts*
 - Ray “The Soil Guy” Archuleta
- 10:00 a.m.** Trade Show Break
- 10:30 a.m.** *Well Sown Is Half Grown*
 - Top do’s & don’ts for no-till planting success with farmers Clay Lowe & Jamie Shenk
- 11:30 a.m.** *No-Till Champion Award & Farmer Profile*
- Noon** Lunch and Trade Show Break
- 1:15 p.m.** *How Do We Get There?*
 - Ray “The Soil Guy” Archuleta
- 2:15 p.m.** *Lessons Learned from Our 2023 Growing Season*
 - Panel of Virginia No-till Farmers Moderated by Chris Lawrence, VA NRCS
- 3:15 p.m.** Sessions Adjourn



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