AGENDA

WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS

JAY FUHRER:

"BUILDING SOIL HEALTH"

JIM HOORMAN:

"ECO FARMING FOR THE FUTURE"

JAY FUHRER:

"BUILDING A LOCAL TEAM/

INTEGRATING LIVESTOCK ONTO CROPLAND"

JIM HOORMAN:

"COVER CROP SELECTION

AND NUTRIENT CYCLING"

LUCAS CRISWELL:

"WHY I PLANTED GREEN

AND WHY I'LL DO IT AGAIN"

Q&A WITH JAY, JIM AND LUCAS

WRAP UP

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Directions to THE ATRIUM:

1031 New Castle Rd.

Prospect, PA 16052

From Pittsburgh and South: Follow I-79 North to Exit 96, turn right onto SR 488 and travel east 7.9 miles to SR422. turn right into the Atrium parking lot immediately before SR 422/SR 488 intersection.

From Kittanning and East: Follow SR 422 West, turn left into the Atrium parking lot immediately before the SR 488 / SR 422 intersection.

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WESTERN PA REGIONAL SOIL HEALTH WORKSHOP

MARCH 17TH 9AM–3:30PM

Energize with Diversity -- Keep Soil Covered -- Minimize Soil Disturbance -- Maximize Living Roots --

unlock the SECRETS IN THE SOIL

THE ATRIUM

1031 NEW CASTLE RD,
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REGISTRATION $10
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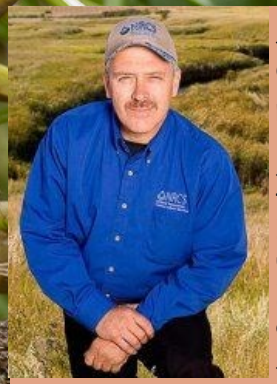
Speakers



Jay Fuhrer - District Conservationist, USDA-NRCS

Jay Fuhrer is a Conservationist employed by the Natural Resources Conservation Service, in Bismarck, ND. Growing up on a small grain and livestock farm, Jay's interests have always centered on agriculture. Jay emphasizes Soil Health as a foundation for cropping systems, grazing systems, cover crops, soil biology, pollinators, insects, wildlife, and quality of life. In addition, Jay uses cover crops and livestock integration to connect the cropping and grazing systems together, raising the soil health bar even higher.

Jim Hoorman—

Ohio-Michigan NRCS Cover Crop and Soil Health Specialist:

ECO Farming stands for Eternal no-till, Continuous living cover, and Other best management practices. In other words, absolutely trying to eliminate tillage as much as possible. Hoorman says the principles behind ECO farming offer economic advantages for farms and a positive benefit for society. ECO farming mimics natural cycles. Soil microbes, in particular mycorrhizae fungi, are very beneficial to the soil by enhancing plant nutrition. Tillage and lack of a growing crop (cash or cover) inhibit mycorrhizal reproduction. Cover crops and no-till together speed up the process. Jim was Extension Educator for OSU Extension for 25 years before joining NRCS in August.

Lucas Criswell

is a farmer from Lewisburg, Pennsylvania and serves on the Pennsylvania No-Till Alliance Board. His family farm began adopting no-till in the mid 80's and went to full no-till in the early 90's. Criswell Acres now farms about 1,800 acres of corn, soybeans, rye, peas and canola. In addition to farming, Lucas operates Criswell Ag Services, LLC which provides custom lime and fertilizer applications and sells AgLeader Precision equipment. He has been planting green for the last 8 years and has been planting into large cover crops for the last 4 years. Many benefits, from slug control to something growing 365 days, have been realized with planting green.

Western PA Regional Soil Health Workshop

March 17th, 2017

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