

Our Speakers



John Koepke and his family own and operate a 350 cow dairy farm in SE Wisconsin. They are 2011 Leopold Conservation Award Winners and 2011 Dairy Men of the Year and have been no-tillers for more than 25 years.

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Gerard Troisi is crop advisor/production consultant since 1991, consulting on 24,000 acres in central PA. He works with operators who no-till or are transitioning, and is skilled at increasing production on marginal soils while reducing input costs and adjusting production practices.

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Lucas Criswell and his father farm in the hills of the Chesapeake Bay watershed in central Pennsylvania. They have been no tilling for over 30 years and now utilize high residue cover crops.

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Pierre-Olivier Gaucher is the owner of Terralis & convened a consortium of Canadian farmers who are changing their cropping techniques to improve soil health. They developed a crop rotation to include cover crops, winter cereals and interseeding in corn.

LOCAL FARMER PANELISTS:

- Richard Hall, Fairmont Farm
- Ron & Chad Machia, Machia & Sons
- Scott Magnan, Custom Service
- Shawn Gingue, Gingue Bros. Dairy
- Gerard Vorsteveld, Vorsteveld Farm

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February 19, 2015

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2015 No-Till & Cover Crop Symposium

UVM Extension's Champlain Valley Crop, Soil & Pasture Team and Northwest Crops & Soils Program

Join us on February 19th at the Sheraton Hotel & Conference Center in Burlington, Vermont

The UVM Extension's Champlain Valley Crop, Soil & Pasture Team & the Northwest Crops & Soils Program invite all farmers and technical advisers to attend this event dedicated to No-Till and Cover Cropping systems for field crop growers in our area. We are welcoming speakers from around the country and from Vermont – including Extension specialists, researchers, farmers and consultants.

February 19th, 2015: No Till & Cover Crop Symposium

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Time	Session	Speaker	Topic
8:30	Registration Opens	Check in, get coffee & snacks, visit our Exhibitor Fair	
9:00	Opening Session	Jeff Carter, UVM	Welcome
9:20	Cropping Systems	Gerard Troisi Upper Susquehanna Crop Mgt. Assoc.	Setting up a no-till & cover crop system to reduce weed pressure, achieve less costly weed control, make better seedbed conditions and improve nutrient cycling
10:00	Strategies for Success	Lucas Criswell Criswell Acres & PA No Till Alliance	Planting Green: How to make the most of your cover crop residue in a no-till system. Equipment & Strategies for Success
10:40	Break & Exhibitor Fair		
11:00	Short Season Corn	Heather Darby, UVM	Strategies for growing short season corn in Vermont without sacrificing yields
11:30	Cover Crops in VT	Kirsten Workman, UVM	Cover Crops in Vermont...What's new, exciting, and works!
12:00	*** LUNCH ***		
12:45	Keynote Speaker	John Koepke Koepke Farms, Wisconsin	Soil Based Farming: A Wisconsin dairy farms shares their story of caring for the soil to increase farm viability
2:00	Break & Exhibitor Fair		
2:20	Cropping Systems	Pierre-Olivier Gaucher, Terralis Patrice Kevin, Belisle Nutriton	Cover Crops, Interseeding and No-Till Planting: A consortium of Canadian farmers adopt a new cropping strategy for soil health.
3:00	Farmer Panel: Transitioning to No Till	Richard Hall, Fairmont Farms	A Vermont No Till Success Story
3:30		Shawn Gingue, Ron & Chad Machia, Scott Magnan, & Gerard Vorsteveld	Vermont Farmers who attended the 2015 National No Till Conference share the strategies they use on their farms and what they will be trying new in 2015 with no till and cover crops.
4:30	Closing	Jeff Carter, UVM	Closing

If you have any questions, please free to contact us at (802) 388-4969 or champlain.crops@uvm.edu



Registration Information

Pre-registration is required for this event.

Please register online by

February 16th at

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