

Directions to Harford Volunteer Fire Company (Susquehanna County):

Take Route 81 to the Harford Exit, Exit 217 (Old Exit 65). Travel Route 547 South for approximately 1 mile until you come to a "T" intersection. Make a right and travel 100 yards and Harford Volunteer Fire Company is on your right.

Conference Planning Committee:

Pocono Northeast RC&D Council
Endless Mountains RC&D Council
Capital RC&D Council
USDA- NRCS
Project GRASS Northeast
Lackawanna County Conservation District
Susquehanna County Conservation District
Wayne County Conservation District
Wyoming County Conservation District
PA No-till Alliance

*Support for this conference has been provided by all the entities on the conference planning committee.

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Pocono Northeast RC&D Council
1300 Old Plank Road
Mayfield, PA 18433

Northeast PA No-till Conference 2010



**Wednesday, February 10, 2010
9:00 AM – 3:30 PM**

**Harford Volunteer Fire Company
Harford, PA 18823**



What are the Advantages of Using a No-till System?

Many producers find that no-till production systems help them save time, conserve moisture, and reduce erosion.

There are many potential economic advantages for utilizing no-till systems which include: 1) lower fuel costs due to fewer trips over the field, 2) reducing the amount of tillage equipment needed, which results in lower machinery investment, 3) lower labor requirements, which reduce hired labor costs or free up operator time for other farm operations, 4) reducing soil loss from water and wind erosion, and 5) conserving soil moisture.

There is a transitional period in the no-till system where proper planning, thought, and implementation can pay dividends. Through planning, successful no-till producers can anticipate potential problems, resolve the problems, and make use of other means such as weed suppression using other techniques like cover cropping and crop rotations.

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8:30 AM **Registration and Networking**

9:15 AM **Welcome & Introduction**
Dave Kennedy- Wayne County Cons. Dist

9:30 AM **Conservation Planning for the Farm**
Jill Weaver- USDA-NRCS
Willie Keeney- Susquehanna County Cons. Dist.
Charlie Miller- Lackawanna County Cons. Dist.
Joe Andre- Andre & Sons

10:30 AM **Break & Networking**

10:45 AM **Cover Crops**
Dan Towery- AG Conservation Solutions

11:45 AM **Review of Cover Crops in the Local Area**
Willie Keeney- Susquehanna County Cons. Dist.
Charlie Miller- Lackawanna County Cons. Dist.

12:15 PM **Lunch & Networking**

1:00 PM **Soil Quality Benefits of No-till with Nitrogen Stabilization**
Dan Towery- AG Conservation Solutions

2:00 PM **Manure Management in No-till Systems**
Joel Myers- No-till Alliance

2:45 PM **No-till Budget and Finances**
Willie Keeney- Susquehanna County Cons. Dist.

3:15 PM **Conservation Skit**

3:30 PM **Adjourn**

Conference Registration Form

Registration Fee: \$15.00

Exhibitor Registration Fee: \$25.00
(Limited to 10 exhibitors)

*The registration fee covers all instruction, program materials, refreshments, and lunch.

Registration is due by:
February 1, 2010

Name(s) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____

Telephone _____

E-mail address _____

Total amount enclosed \$ _____

Make check payable to:

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