

AGENDA

Welcome and opening remarks

Dave Wilson

No-till vegetable strategies

Joel Myers

No-till planter setup

Sjoerd Duiker

Cover crop selection

Q&A with Joel, Dave and Sjoerd

Wrap up



PennState Extension



Jefferson County
Conservation District

Directions to Clarion River Organics: 824 Whitmer Rd Sligo, PA 16255

From Clarion and East: travel on SR 68 West to Sligo, turn onto SR 58 west and travel 3 miles to Whitmer Rd. Turn right .

From Foxburg and West: Travel East on SR 58 through Callensburg, turn left onto Whitmer road.

From Rimersburg and South: Travel East on SR 68 to Sligo, turn left onto SR 58 West and travel 3 miles to Whitmer rd. Turn right on Whitmer.



Clarion River Organics vision and Mission Statement:

Our vision is to be a community of family farms on the Clarion River cooperating to protect the watershed, produce high quality foods, and maintain a natural agrarian family life.

Our mission is to apply the most holistic and natural farming techniques to maintain soil life and plant health, to provide the most nutritious, best tasting products, and to share the vibrant farm life by facilitating direct personal experiences of connection between customer, farmer, and land.

Soil Health workshop for vegetable producers

May 3rd 9:30—3:00pm

Clarion River Organics

824 Whitmer Rd, Sligo PA 16255



Registration \$10 lunch included.

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Speakers



Dave Wilson—PSU— Extension Educator

has over 20 years of experience as a research agronomist in field crops, forages, grazing, and farming rotations. He has been actively involved with developing new field crops programs and

working as an Ag-Educator in Soil Health, Cover Crops, Forage Crop, Grazing Systems, and Crop Rotation. He holds a B.S. degree in Agronomy & Environmental Science from the Delaware Valley College of Science & Agriculture.

He has experience as a Research Agronomist at the Rodale Research Institute conducting research in organic systems and working with organic farmers. He is currently serving on the advisory board for an USDA-OREI (Organic Agriculture Research and Extension Initiative) project involving a multi-state initiative on improving weed and insect management in Organic Reduced-tillage Systems; as well as a new USDA project which will investigate how certain cover crops and rotations can improve production of organic commodities.



Sjoerd Duiker PH.D.— PSU— Associate profes- sor of Soil Management and Applied Soil Physics

Much of his time is devoted to the impact of no-till on soil quality management. His specialization focuses on the effects of soil management practices on soil properties and processes. He has extensive experience

working in the Netherlands, Spain, Africa and the United States. Sjoerd has actively supported no-till throughout Pennsylvania and the north-east and successfully started no-till programs and field days with the Amish in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. He has actively supported the regional no-till groups in Pennsylvania and made presentations relating to no-till systems at many producer meetings.



Joel C. Myers— NRCS—Retired State Agronomist

Retired State Agronomist for the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service in Pennsylvania. He

has promoted no-till through his support of field days, no-till programs and other programs in Pennsylvania. He integrates the principles of no-till into numerous training sessions he conducts. His personal farm experience with complete no-till systems has enabled him to discuss the practical aspects of no-till with producers, agency personnel and others. Joel has spoken several times at the National No-Till Conference. He has been a member of the Mid Atlantic No-Till Conference for over 20 years and has supported and helped start three regional no-till groups in Pennsylvania. He has also been working with researchers and equipment representatives to address the issues of managing manure in no-till systems.

Soil Health Workshop for Vegetable Producers

To register, contact the Jefferson County Conservation District by **May 1st** at (814) 849 – 7463 or by mail using the registration form below

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

County _____

Daytime phone _____

E-mail _____

Registration Fee: \$10 per person

(morning refreshments, lunch and materials included)

Total enclosed If paying by mail:

\$ _____

Please make checks payable to: **Jefferson Conservation District**

Return registration form and payment to:

Jefferson Conservation District

1514 Route 28

Brookville, PA 15825

Note: If registering by phone, \$10 registration fee can be paid at the door by check or cash