

2nd Annual Soil Quality Meeting

February 23, 2016

ADAMS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES CENTER

230 Greenmyer Lane

Gettysburg, Pennsylvania 17325

COST: \$10.00

8:00 – 9:15 **Registration** – Mingle and visit with vendors. Have some coffee and donuts.

9:15 – 9:30 **Welcome and Introductions**

9:30 – 10:15 **“Nothing I have ever done has improved the soil more!”** – That’s what Dave McLaughlin, a Perry County No-Till Dairy Farmer, said about his committed use of cover crops. He will explain his operation, his conversion to no-till and the reasons behind the above statement.

10:15 – 11:00 **Let’s Slug it Out!** – PSU “Bug Guru” John Tooker will talk about his studies on slug pressure and controls in a no-till cropping system and how cover crops and “planting green” could be your newest weapons.

11:00 – 12:00 **Tile Line Clean-up** – Tim Rosen, from the Midshore Riverkeepers Conservancy in Easton MD, brought some Midwest technology to the east coast to help combat water quality issues associated with subsurface drainage. He will share the work he has done on poultry farms in the Delmarva.

12:00 – 12:15 **Awards Presentations** – Find out who takes home the 2015 Outstanding Cooperator and Farmer of the Year Award.

12:15 – 1:15 **Lunch** – Mingle and visit with the vendors.

1:15 – 1:45 **Leroy Bupp’s World Famous Rain Simulator Presentation** – York County farmer and longtime no-tiller, Leroy Bupp, will provide an educational and entertaining presentation on what happens to high quality soil in a rain event.

1:45 – 2:30 **IPM in a Treated/Traited World** – John Tooker will return with a discussion on treated and traited seed and how these fit into an Integrated Pest Management system. Or don’t they anymore??

2:30 – 2:45 **The McRain Report** – Adam McClain tells who the lucky and unlucky winners were with rain during the past growing season.

2:45 – 3:00 **But Can I Risk It?** – If some of the innovative practices from today’s meeting really interests you, Andy Myers, District Conservationist from the NRCS Gettysburg Field Office might be able to help you lessen your risk in adopting changes.

3:00 – 4:00 **What I Learned or Didn’t Learn Today** – Final questions and comments, mingling and visiting with vendors one last time.

Please Register by February 17! Call the District @ 334-0636

Pictured is Arentz Hay and Grain’s custom cover crop crimper roller on their no-till corn planter