

VANTAGE
The Virginia No-Tillage Alliance



Farming from a different perspective

Second Annual VANTAGE Conference

“Advancing the Technology”

February 9th, 2010

Rockingham County Fairgrounds

4808 S. Valley Pike

Harrisonburg, Virginia 22801

Please consider attending the second annual **Virginia No-Tillage Alliance (VANTAGE)** Conference. The theme of this year’s conference is “Advancing the Technology”, and will focus on optimizing our efficiencies in this challenging farming climate. The conference will feature **Phil Needham**, widely known researcher, author and speaker on all areas of no-till production. Phil is a recognized expert in no-till equipment setup and design, and will bring this knowledge to Virginia. Phil will also spend some time exploring ways we might optimize our fertilizer application and use efficiency to get the most out of our fertilizer dollars. This conference will also feature **Steve Groff**, developer of the Tillage Radish and proponent of cover crops. Finally, our program will feature a father and son farming and custom operating team from New York State who routinely deal with manure management and compaction issues in no-till systems. In addition to these expert speakers, you won’t want to miss the “**Technology on Display**” part of our day, where you will be able to see, touch and ask questions about some of the newest no-till technology available. Finally, don’t forget about our **exciting trade show**, where numerous exhibitors will be on hand to answer your questions and visit with you.

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What is VANTAGE?

The Virginia No-Tillage Alliance (VANTAGE) is a group of farmers, agribusinesses and local agricultural government organizations that are using no-till systems in their operations or are advising others about these systems.

Mission Statement:

“The Virginia No-Tillage Alliance exists to maximize farm productivity and profitability by promoting the successful implementation of no-till practices through shared ideas, technology, conservation and education.”

AGENDA

8:30 to 9:00.....Registration and Refreshments

9:00 to 9:10.....Welcome and Introductions (Brian Jones)

9:10 to 9:30.....Why We’re Here and Where We’re Going: Challenges and Opportunities for VA No-Till

9:30 to 10:30....Optimizing Your Equipment for No-Till Production (Phil Needham)

10:30 to 11:30...The Ground-Breaking World of Tillage Radishes (Steve Groff)

11:30 to 12:30....FREE Lunch and Visit with Sponsors

12:30 to 1:30.....Technology and Research on Display

1:30 to 2:30.....Maximizing Fertilizer Use Efficiency in No-Till Cropping Systems (Phil Needham)

2:30 to 3:30.....Real-World Manure Management in No-Till (Roger and Brad Almeter)

3:30.....Closing and Future Plans (Brian Jones)