

Virginia Cooperative Extension



FARM NOTES

January 2014

Upcoming Meetings

- January 9, 8:30 a.m.—3:30 p.m. Professional Crop Advisors Meeting. Weyres Cave Community Center. \$25 Registration Fee Advanced Registration Required. 540-245-5750.
- January 14, 9:00– 4:00. Commercial Pesticide Applicator Recertification Training. Northern Shenandoah Valley 4-H Education Center. Advanced Registration Required. 540-665-5699.
- January 16, 10:00 a.m. Planter/Drill Clinic Valley Fertilizer and Chemical Company.
- January 21, 22 and 23 Virginia Crop Producers Association Annual Meeting. Doubletree by Hilton Richmond-Midlothian, Virginia. Advanced Registration Required.
- February 4, Virginia No Till Alliance Annual Meeting. Rockingham County Fairgrounds. Advanced Registration Required. 540-5645-3080
- February 18 National Cover Crop Conference (Opening Session broadcast Via Internet). 10:00 AM until 12:00 Noon. Shenandoah County Extension Office (600 North Main Street Woodstock Va 22664). A live video stream from the opening session of the National Cover Crops and Soil Health Conference. Howard Buffett and USDA Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack (invited) will kick off the Omaha-based national event, followed by a national panel of leading soil health farmers who will provide their perspectives on the promise, opportunities and challenges of improving soil health.
- February 28. Next Generation Crop Fertilization Meeting. New Market VA. More Information to be announced.

2014 Winter Forage Conferences

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- January 2** Southern Piedmont AREC, Blackstone
- January 28** Wytheville Meeting Center, Wytheville
- January 29** Weyers Cave Community Center, Weyers Cave
- January 30** Brandy Station Fire Department, Brandy Station

For information about the Agenda and more information please go to the following web site.

<http://vaforages.org/>

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You're Invited to... Planter/Drill Clinic

Thursday, January 16, 2014 * 10:00 a.m.
Valley Fertilizer, Mount Jackson, VA

Keith Burgess of Burgess Ag Service will give a hands-on demonstration of:

- * *The mechanics of planters*
- * *Where potential problems may occur*
- * *How to identify problems*
- * *Proper maintenance techniques*

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Mr. Burgess will also discuss how poor or improper maintenance can affect the efficiency of your planter and your crop yields!

ADDED Bonus: Participants can bring one planter meter with them to be evaluated and properly calibrated!

****LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED****

RSVP is appreciated by January 9th by calling 540-465-2424 ext. 3

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Featured Speakers



Dave Brandt will share his experiences no-tilling in Fairfield County, Ohio. Using diverse cover crop mixes, Dave has managed to trim both his fertilizer and pesticide bills, while maintaining yields during harsh summers, through his constant drive to raise soil organic matter. Dave will highlight the equipment that he uses to establish cover crops in standing cash crops and precisely seed specific mixes.



Dr. Hillary Mehl is an assistant professor of plant pathology with Virginia Tech. Dr. Mehl works with growers and scientists in Virginia and the surrounding region to solve persistent and emerging plant disease problems impacting field crops. Her goal is to develop a program that identifies and implements novel, cost-effective, and environmentally sound strategies to prevent or control diseases in field crops.



Dr. Wade Thomason is an Extension grains specialist/associate professor at Virginia Tech. In this role, he provides statewide leadership for Extension and research programs in production and management of corn and small grains. He holds an M.S. in agronomy and Ph.D. in soil science from Oklahoma State University. His programs focus on profitable, grain-based cropping systems.

Plus

- Local farmers and agriculture consultants
- Trade show
- Certified Crop Adviser/Nutrient Management Planner certification credits
- Private Pesticide Applicator's Recertification
- Door Prizes

Want to exhibit at these events?

Contact: Matt Yancey
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This event is brought to you by:
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February 4

9 a.m.	No-tilling and Soil Improvement on my Ohio Farm • Dave Brandt
10:15 a.m.	Trade Show Break
10:45 a.m.	Innovative Cover Cropping
	Cover Crops to Graze and Renovate Pastures • Richard Clemmer
	Better Cover Crops, Better Forage
	Anthony Beery
	Managing Vertch to Supply Nitrogen
	Jeff Jennings
	Multiple Species for Multiple Benefits
	Matt Yancey
12 p.m.	Lunch and Trade Show Break
1 p.m.	No-Till Challenge Concurrent Break-Out Sessions (pick one)
	How to Get Good Results when Establishing Small-seeded Forages
	Why are these Things so Hard to Establish? • Matt Booher
	Drill Set-up • John Hoffman and others
	Field Preparation & Weed Control
	Timmy French
	High Residue Challenges in Row Cropping
	Minimizing Issues with Crop Residue
	Dr. Wade Thomason
	Dealing with Disease Pressure
	Dr. Hillary Mehl
2 p.m.	Innovations in No-Till Equipment
	Dave Brandt
3 p.m.	Door Prizes
3:15 p.m.	Optional — Pesticide Recertification

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