



February 22, 2017

\$10 Registration Fee

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www.virginianotill.com

or call

540-564-3080

Driving Directions

Rockingham County Fairgrounds

4808 S. Valley Pike

Harrisonburg, VA 22801

From I-81, take exit 243. Turn left on Rt. 11 South

The fairgrounds will be 1.5 miles ahead on right

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The **Virginia No Till Alliance** exists to maximize farm productivity and profitability by promoting successful implementation of continuous no-till systems through shared ideas, technology, conservation and education.

The VANTAGE Board of Directors is made up of farmers and agri-business representatives in the Shenandoah Valley region of Virginia.



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Harrisonburg Winter Conference

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Featured Speakers

- **Lucas Criswell**—Farmer from Lewisburg, Pennsylvania
- **Dr. John Tooker**—Entomologist from Penn State University
- **David Hula**—Farmer from Charles City, Virginia



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Dr. John Tooker is an associate professor of insect ecology and extension specialist in the Department of Entomology at The Pennsylvania State University. His research group studies relationships among plants, in-

vertebrate herbivores, and natural enemies to understand factors that regulate populations of herbivorous insects and slugs. The long-term goal of his research is to exploit ecological interactions for sustainable insect pest management. His talk will address using Integrated Pest Management in no-till production, focusing mostly on slugs but also reviewing other typical pests.

David Hula manages the family farm, Renwood Farms, in Charles City, Virginia. David currently holds the verified world record corn yield of 532 bushels/acre achieved in the 2015 growing season. The record yield was produced in an irrigated, no-till system. David received an agronomy degree from North Carolina State University. He first tried no-till in the 80's and has since adopted a "never till" strategy. David is passionate about investigating new technologies and seeing where they may have a fit in his operation. David will share his challenges and successes in producing record breaking corn yields utilizing no tillage.



Lucas Criswell is a farmer from Lewisburg, Pennsylvania and serves on the Pennsylvania No-Till Alliance Board. His family farm began adopting no-till in the mid 80's and went to full no-till in the early 90's. Criswell Acres now farms about 1,800 acres of corn, soybeans, rye, peas and canola. In addition to farming, Lucas operates Criswell Ag Services, LLC which provides custom lime and fertilizer applications and sells AgLeader Precision equipment. He has been planting green for the last 8 years and has been planting into large cover crops for the last 4 years. Many benefits, from slug control to something growing 365 days, have been realized with planting green.

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Want to exhibit at these events?

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Reaching New Heights in No-Till

- 8:00 a.m.** Registration and Trade Show
- 9:00 a.m.** *Integrated Pest Management in No-Till Production*
- Dr. John Tooker—Penn State University
- 10:00 a.m.** Trade Show Break
- 10:30 a.m.** *Experiences with Cover Crops*
- Doug Horn—Virginia Cooperative Extension
 - Jimmy Crosby—Grain Producer Augusta County
- 11:45 a.m.** Lunch and Trade Show Break
- 1:00 p.m.** *Why I Planted Green & WHY I Plan on Doing It Again*
- Lucas Criswell—Pennsylvania Farmer
- 2:00 p.m.** *No-Till As a Tool For High Yields*
- David Hula—Virginia Grain Producer
- 3:00 p.m.** Sessions Adjourn

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