Ohio No-Till Conf. features nutrient management and more

The annual conference, Dec. 11, at Der Dutchman, Plain City, will emphasize nutrient management, cover crops, innovations, and the long-term value of conservation practices.

Doors open at 8 a.m. for registration, coffee, pastries and opportunities to visit with a dozen exhibitors.

The program begins at 9. The morning topics and speakers are:

- Nutrient Application Considerations in No-Till. Greg LaBarge, OSU Extension Field Specialist
- Broken Carbon Nitrogen and Phosphorus cycle: impact on the water cycle. Jim Hoorman, Soil Health Specialist, USDA-NRCS
- Deep placement of fertilizer with strip-till equipment. Trey Colley, OSU Ag. Engineer, grad student
- Cover Crops: It’s all about Timing. Ryan Moore, Beck’s Hybrids
- New no-till innovations generation. Gary Fennig, Fennig Equipment

Before lunch, we will present our 2018 Ohio No-Till Awards, sponsored by Walnut Creek Seeds, Carroll, Ohio:

Educator/Researcher Award: Beck’s Hybrids Business/Industry Award: Fennig Equipment Outstanding No-Till Farmer: Nathan Brown, Highland County

Two $500 scholarships have been awarded to Alyssa McQuiston and Natalie Rettig.

The afternoon program begins at 1:00 pm, and will end about 4:00. We have invited Sen. Randy Gardner and Rep. Arndt to provide an update on legislative issues related to Lake Erie and farming in general.

Other topics are:

- Nutrient Management. Panel discussion with Dave Scheiderer, Integrated Ag Services; Jim Hoorman, NRCS; and Jan Layman, President of Ohio No-till Council
- Conservation’s bottom line: Benefits for landowner; costs for tenant. Josh and Fred Yoder, Plain City.
- My no-till farm story. Nathan Brown, Highland County
- Digital Ag: Important Apps for grain farmers. John Fulton, OSU Ag. Engineer and Jenna Lee, OSU Ag. Engineering undergrad research assistant

CCA credits will be available.

Registration is $40.00 (before Dec. 6), or $60.00 at the door.

Two ways to register: Online at OhioNoTillCouncil.com or mail a check (payable to Ohio No-Till Council) to our treasurer:

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New topics at CTC 2019

Among the concurrent sessions March 5-6, will be Identity Preserved Crops, Tri-State Fertilizer Recommendations, Soil Balance, and Precision Ag & Digital Technologies. CTC will have the usual sessions on Corn and Soybean Production, Nutrient Management, Water Quality and sessions in the Chapel that include cover crops, soil health and no-till practices. The keynote speaker will be Christine Jones, a Soil Ecologist in Australia. Information will soon be available at ctc.osu.edu.

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