The 27th annual National No-Tillage Conference, to be held January 8-11, 2019, in Indianapolis, Ind., will bring to Indiana’s bustling, exciting state capital all the resources, information and networking opportunities you need to get your no-till operation off the starting line in record time in 2019.

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Just as important is the opportunity for you to profit from unlimited hallway networking with the most innovative and forward-thinking minds in no-till during this January event that kicks off the 2019 crop production season. Don’t miss out!

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**TUESDAY, JANUARY 8**

**9:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. “No-Till Registration Time.”**

Get registered! Pick up your conference materials, including FREE Special No-Till Reports valued at $137.70.

**10:00 a.m. to Noon “Special Members Only Workshop — Training the Trainers on Cover Crop Adoption.”**

*(This workshop, limited to 75 attendees, costs just $75 to attend and is available only to paid registered NNTC attendees. Sign up for this workshop using the form on Page 12.)*

Pennsylvania no-tiller and cover crop educator Steve Groff will host a seminar for agronomists, seed salespeople, NRCS/Extension agents, researchers and other stakeholders in agriculture whose job is to work with growers to adopt cover crops and provide technical assistance or guidance. Groff will cover roadblocks to adoption, setting realistic goals, what to do or NOT do when sharing anecdotes from innovators, and how to help growers understand the proper mindset for successful adoption. He’ll also cover mistakes cover crop seed salespeople need to avoid and share some tips for organizing field days that are helpful for growers.

**2:00 to 5:00 p.m. “Special Members Only Workshop — Cover Crop Basics for Rookies and Early Adopters.”**

*(This workshop, limited to 75 attendees, costs just $75 to attend and is available only to paid registered NNTC attendees. Sign up for this workshop using the form on Page 12.)*

Shifting gears Tuesday afternoon, Pennsylvania no-tiller and cover crop educator Steve Groff will provide valuable guidance and strategies to farmers for getting off the starting block with cover crops in a session geared toward cover crop rookies or those early in the adoption process. Groff will discuss the mentality needed to make cover crops work, how to set realistic goals, evaluating the payback on covers and the pros and cons of different seeding methods. He’ll also provide some answers on common challenges for cover crop adopters like termination timing, nitrogen tie-up, herbicide carryover and planting green effectively.

**6:30 to 9:30 p.m. “NNTC Welcome Reception.”**

Get checked into your hotel room and then get set for a relaxing evening with light dinner items and drinks — and some engaging discussion with your fellow no-tillers. Our annual Welcome Reception is made possible with the support of Topcon, Midwest Bio-Tech, AeroVironment and Praxidyn. This is the perfect way to network with farmers, sponsors and other conference attendees before you start absorbing 3 days of no-till techniques.

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**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9**

**6:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. “No-Till Registration Time.”**

**6:30 a.m. to 8:20 a.m. “Breakfast on Your Own.”**

**8:20 to 8:30 a.m. “Official Kickoff to the 27th Annual National No-Till Conference.”**

Join us in the Marriott ballroom as the No-Till Farmer staff sets the stage for 3 days of intensive no-till learning.

**8:30 to 9:20 a.m. “No-Till Isn’t Just Planting — It’s a Year-Round Ecological System.”**

No-tillers are known for being solid, traditional and having a steady hand at the wheel. But as farming gets tougher and more complex, there’s a need for no-tillers to innovate to be successful in the future, says Trey Hill.

Viewing farming as a creative endeavor, the Rock Hall, Md., no-tiller will share how he effic-}

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**“I am walking away with 6 to 8 ideas that I would at least like to try on a small amount of acres...”**

— Benoit Delbecq, Auburn, Ind.
corn, soybeans, wheat and alfalfa will share details about his unique sys-
tem of tissue testing cover crops in spring to analyze soil nutrients taken up
that could be available for the next cash crop. He’ll also share adjustments
he’s made to successfully no-till crops into green cover crops.

10:30 to 11:30 a.m. “Choose from 6
High-Powered No-Till Classrooms.”
Select one of six outstanding No-Till Classrooms to absorb more
specialized learning. Send others from your farming operation to sepa-
rate sessions to broaden your no-till knowledge.

▶ NO-TILL CLASSROOM #1...
“Putting Manure in its Place Without
Making a Mess of No-Tilled Fields.”
The task of injecting liquid manure has always been difficult for no-tillers wanting to utilize the product for its nutrient and soil organic matter benefits, as injection methods can disturb a lot of residue and soil. But corn and soybean farmer and custom hog feeder Phil Reed came up with a solution, designing and building an attachment that injects manure below the soil surface with far less soil and residue disturbance.

The Washington, Iowa, no-tiller will discuss the high-speed, low-
draft merits of the Vertical Till Injector for getting manure under the
soil surface with better results. He’ll also discuss the soil testing and
analysis performed on his farm that allows for precise manure and
nitrogen application for optimal no-till corn production.

▶ NO-TILL CLASSROOM #2...
With high-intensity rainfall events becom-
ing more numerous, the battle to install, repair or maintain waterways becomes more chal-
 lenging, says Marion Calmer. The Alpha, Ill., no-tiller recognizes that just because you’re
no-tilling doesn’t mean you can’t have prob-
lems with soil erosion.

Calmer will discuss why no-till waterways fail and how they can be reshaped; the best way to prepare a no-till seedbed to stand up to water
flow; seed mixtures that get you quick regrowth and withstand future attacks; equipment needs and setups; and the best time of year to establish or repair waterways.

▶ NO-TILL CLASSROOM #3...
“Putting More Money in Your Pocket
with a Diversified No-Till Operation.”
With grain prices remaining stagnant, the balance sheet might seem bleak for many no-
tillers. But Jan Layman is putting put more dollars in his family’s pockets by being divers-
sified and up to date on seed and fertilizer application technology.

The longtime Kenton, Ohio, no-tiller will share the economic payoffs he’s seen by adopting intensive soil sampling methods and utilizing precision fertilizing and seeding technology. Layman will discuss how he’s suc-
cessfully managing more than 600 acres of no-tilled continuous corn on his 4,800-acre farm and finding local markets for the grain. The 2016 Ohio Master Farmer will also share how he’s bolstered farm income by starting a custom tilling, excavation and fertilizer application business.

▶ NO-TILL CLASSROOM #4...
“Tips for Better No-Till Planter
Adjustments and Operation.”
When it comes to no-tilling, equipment choices and setups for planters have a major impact on a grower’s success during the season. The key to suc-
cessful no-tilling is understanding the soil and condi-
tions no-tillers have in their own fields and whether the planter equipment, attachments or methods they’re using will actually solve their challenges.

Jasa will help no-tillers develop a mindset to work through many variables with no-till planter setups, including proper adjustments to row units and the relationship between disc
openers and operating depth. He will also point out pros and cons to planting down the old row vs. between old rows, how to use no-till soil structure to optimize proper planting depth and the importance of weight distribution for the best planting results.

▶ NO-TILL CLASSROOM #5...
“Spring Strategies for Building
Soil Health with Cover Crops and No-Till.”
Rebuilding soil health and function is the key to regenerating full soil productivity. Cover crops can play multiple roles — scavenging nitrogen, improving infiltration and increasing water-hold-
ing capacity — which are critical for achieving maximum production in conservation cropping systems, says Barry Fisher.

The Central Region Leader for the NRCS Soil Health Division will focus on springtime strategies to help avoid any unforeseen circumstances that may limit successful integration of no-
till and cover crops, including adaptive nutrient strategies, cover crop termination timing and weed and pest management.

▶ NO-TILL CLASSROOM #6...
“Using Advanced No-Till Seeding Methods
to Protect Soils and Improve Soil Health.”
Growers have been faced with increasing and more-intense weather events in recent years that challenges their ability to protect and manage their soils to raise productive crops. But if you’re willing to look at cover crops as a ‘cash crop,’ there are seeding practices no-tillers can implement to safeguard soil, water and crops, says Jim Hershey.

The Elizabethtown, Pa., no-tiller and livestock producer will share his experiences in successfully no-tilling cash crops into living cover crops and how he handled chal-
 lenges interseeding covers to improve soil health. Hershey will discuss what he’s learned through his experimentations with row spacing and cover crop selection for interseeding on his 500-acre operation.

11:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. “The Annual NNTC
Luncheon with Support from AgroLiquid.”
(Included in your no-till conference registration fee.)
11th Annual Responsible Nutrient
Management Practitioners Program
AgroLiquid and No-Till Farmer will recognize three no-tillers judged to be environmentally, economically and prac-
tically responsible with their no-till nutrient management programs. The fertility practices and techniques utilized by these top-notch no-tillers — recognized as Responsible Nutrient Management Practi-
tioners — will provide you with some valuable ideas to consider in your own no-till operation for the coming year.
1:30 to 2:30 p.m. “20 Super No-Till Roundtables.”
Select from 20 No-Till Roundtables where attendees can ask questions, discuss challenges and contribute practical, field-proven ideas on a specific topic. Some longtime conference attendees say these “one-of-a-kind idea swaps” are well worth the cost of attending the conference all by themselves. Send others from your farm or family to different sessions to capture even more learning.

1. Drill Setups for Dynamite Soybean Stands
2. Simple Strategies for Applying Manure Effectively
3. Proven Tips for No-Tilling Vegetables Successfully
4. Super Sidedressing Strategies for No-Tillers
5. Safeguarding No-Tilled Fields from Seed, Soil Diseases
6. Ramping Up Production of No-Tilled Alfalfa, Forages
7. Exclusively for Case IH Planter Users
8. Finding a Fit Using Twin Rows on Your Farm Operation
9. Getting Back to Basics with Strip-Till Berm Building
10. Outstanding Opportunities with Non-GMO Crops
11. Cover Crop Strategies in the Northern Plains, PNW
12. Cover Crop Strategies in the Mid-South, Southeast
13. Cover Crop Strategies in the Northeast, Mid-Atlantic
14. Cover Crop Strategies in the Great Lakes, Ontario
15. Cover Crop Strategies in Ohio
16. Cover Crop Strategies in Indiana
17. Cover Crop Strategies in Illinois
18. Cover Crop Strategies in Iowa
19. Cover Crop Strategies in Missouri
20. Cover Crop Strategies in the Southern & High Plains

2:30 to 3:10 p.m. “Networking/Refreshment Break.”
Continue discussions from this afternoon’s roundtables and get ready for another round of no-till general sessions with coffee and refreshments courtesy of No-Till Farmer.

Harry Young Jr. Memorial Lecture Series
(Made possible with the support of Dawn Equipment)

3:15 to 4:30 p.m. “Making Your Cover Crops Pay Off — Every Day of the Year.”

Cover crops have the potential to do many things for no-tillers, one of the most important being improved nutrient cycling in no-tilled soils that can lead to input savings and a healthier bottom line. But many no-tillers are spending $25-$30 an acre on covers and still spending too much on fertilizer due to poor nutrient management, says David Brandt.

The veteran no-tiller and cover crop expert from Carroll, Ohio, will help no-tillers understand how they can get more ROI from covers through making the proper adjustments to their farm’s nutrient program to reduce fertilizer costs without sacrificing yield. Brandt will also share research data on 25 different corn hybrids sown into high-biomass cover crops on his farm to examine differences in corn emergence, stands and yield.

4:30 to 5:15 p.m. “Earthworms: Bioengineers and Sentinels of Living No-Tilled Soils.”

Most no-tillers know the presence of earthworms is an important sign of healthy soils, but their role in farming systems goes well beyond simply digesting residue and improving water infiltration with the tunnels they burrow, says Paul Reed Hepperly.

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5:15 to 7:20 p.m. “Dinner On Your Own.”

7:25 to 8:15 p.m. “Harvest Sunlight, Cater to Covers and Preserve Corn Yields with Wider Rows.”

Are you looking for ways to boost soil health without taking fields out of production? Retired John Deere engineer and farm consultant Bob Recker might have the answer: By turning off every other row on your planter and doubling per row populations, 60-inch corn leaves space for cover crops, companion crops, grazing livestock and high-clearance equipment.

Recker, who operates Waterloo, Iowa-based Cedar Valley Innovation, will share how his system — discovered by accident in 2017 and now under study on 23 farms across the Midwest — can help no-tillers build soil health and leverage increased sunlight without dingying corn yields.

8:15 to 9:05 p.m. “Preparing No-Till Operations for the Digital Revolution in Agriculture.”

Many data scientists argue that machine and agronomic data in agriculture fail to meet the definition of “big data.” But the combination of technology and venture capital directed at agriculture are changing the landscape with respect to the food system, says Scott Shearer.

The chair of Ohio State University’s Department of Food, Agricultural and Biological Engineering will explain how machine learning and cloud computing, the Internet of Things (IoT), data standards and exchange, data ownership, privacy and security, emerging ecosystems and broadband internet access and automation will affect all facets of food systems in the future and how no-tillers should prepare.

9:10 to 11:59 p.m. “Wrap Up Your Day at the NNTC Hospitality Event.”

Enjoy this valuable opportunity to network and talk about the day’s presentations and hot no-till topics with your fellow no-tillers while enjoying refreshments and light snacks, courtesy of Hawkins.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 10

6:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. “No-Till Registration Time.”
Get registered! Pick up your conference materials, including FREE Special No-Till Reports valued at $137.70.

7:00 to 8:00 a.m. “Early Bird No-Till Breakfast Sponsord by Syngenta.”
Following the buffet breakfast sponsored by Syngenta, an industry expert will provide you with information and insights on protecting your crops for the upcoming growing season and keeping resistant diseases in check.

8:00 to 8:45 a.m. “Fighting Through the Evolving Landscape of Row Crop Diseases and Finding No-Till Profitability.”
Diseases in no-till corn, soybeans and wheat are often unpredictable, which leads to a growing environment for plants that is constantly in flux. Resistant diseases such as strobilurin-resistant floggeye leaf spot...
are spreading each year. Target spot is emerging as a new, important driver disease in Southern soybeans, and Southern rust is moving further north each year, says Carl Bradley.

The plant pathologist at the University of Kentucky will discuss how no-tillers can stay ahead of new disease pressure and further development of resistant diseases; how disease management can fit into the overall program for no-tilling row crops; and how new research and technology can help growers get the upper hand in disease management.

9:00 to 10:00 a.m. “Choose from 6 High-Powered No-Till Classrooms.”

Select one of six outstanding No-Till Classrooms to absorb more specialized learning. Send others from your farming operation to separate sessions to broaden your no-till knowledge.

► NO-TILL CLASSROOM #7...

“Applying the Principles of Process Improvement to Your No-Till Farm.”

Many no-till operations are becoming larger and more complex, and involve increasing diversity and numbers of employees and owners working toward a common mission. No-tillers today operate in a global environment where how goods are produced are almost as important as what is produced, which requires growers to consider the importance of process improvement, says Dick Wittman.

The 38-year no-till veteran and renowned farm business consultant will explain what process improvement is and where the principle can be applied in no-till operations. He will outline how no-tillers can develop standard operating procedures and identify the risks of operating without them, and discuss how to measure benefits of improved efficiencies and create reward systems for motivating improvement in farming systems and processes.

► NO-TILL CLASSROOM #8...

“Making Cover Crop Interseeding a Success Rather than a Lofty No-Till Goal.”

Interseeding cover crops into cash crops holds promise for no-tillers needing help getting them established on time and providing tangible benefits — especially where growing seasons are short. But choosing the right equipment, proper cover crop cocktails and optimal cash crop varieties or hybrids for interseeding can be difficult.

Carroll, Ohio, no-tiller David Brandt will discuss what he’s learned from many years of interseeding cover crops into cash crops on his 1,100-acre farm, including what cover crop species have worked best and what his on-farm data has shown in terms of yield. Brandt will also share how corn hybrid choices and populations factor into successful cover crop establishment.

► NO-TILL CLASSROOM #9...

“5 Ways to Speed Up the Payoff for Your No-Till System.”

When it comes to no-till, are you crawling along at 50 mph on your quest for improved soil health and reduced fertilizer costs? There are different approaches growers take that can push the speedometer on their no-till system to 60 mph, 80 mph or more — that is, assuming you can handle it, says Dan Towery and Hans Kok.

While it’s not exactly rocket science, the veteran conservation consultants from Indiana will explain the methods and science behind these approaches to revving up no-till systems, including the timing of seeding cover crops, adding wheat in rotations and following with a cover crop cocktail, planting green, grazing cattle and “doing the math” for profit, not yields or organic production.

► NO-TILL CLASSROOM #10...

“Leveraging Data and Benchmarks to Develop a More Profitable No-Till System.”

You can’t manage what you don’t measure, as the saying goes. And with modern no-till operations, tracking and analyzing the massive amounts of data being produced via precision technology to investigate management returns can be truly daunting for many growers, says Ron LeMay.

The founder of Main Street Data — a firm that has developed tools to measure and improve productivity ranging from agronomics to grain marketing — will share lessons learned through validation, benchmarking and predictive performance as they can be applied to agriculture. He’ll also discuss the value of leveraging data science and machine learning to develop benchmarks that provide insight into the true effectiveness of farming practices, such as no-till, relative to other practices.

► NO-TILL CLASSROOM #11...

“Turning Aerial Scouting into a Powerful Tool for No-Till Management.”

Drawing on his experience with aerial scouting by planes, drones and satellite imagery, the operator of Waterloo, Iowa-based Cedar Valley Innovation will illustrate how a view from the air can help no-tillers get a new perspective on crop nutrient uptake, stands, water infiltration, crop maturity, drift issues and other no-till challenges. He’ll also discuss interpretation of aerial scouting results and how to address the problems either immediately or in the next growing season.

► NO-TILL CLASSROOM #12...

“Using Watershed-Scale Cover Crops to Keep More Nutrients on No-Tilled Fields.”

Nutrient runoff from fields can enter nearby waterways, harming sensitive species, contaminating water supplies and fueling algal blooms. But researchers at Notre Dame, with collaborators at Indiana University, have been measuring and documenting the effects of winter cover crops seeded in these areas to reduce nutrient losses, says Jennifer Tank.

The Galla professor and director of the Environmental Change Initiative at Notre Dame will share results from the Indiana Watershed Initiative, where the team is measuring nutrient losses from multiple subsurface tile drains and along ditches in two Indiana watersheds where cover crop programs have been implemented. She’ll discuss the effect of cover crops on reducing the loss of nitrate nitrogen and dissolved phosphorus from tiles, and how these reductions influence estimates of watershed nutrient export.

10:10 to 11:10 a.m. “20 Even Better No-Till Roundtables.”

Once you determine which of the following 20 sessions to attend, send others from your farm to other sessions so you can later swap...
dozens of great ideas that you can add to your 2019 no-till operation.

21. Tweaking Your Planter for Successful Soybeans Stands
22. Stretch Your Input Dollars with Biosolids, Sludge
23. Rounding Up Plans for Integrating No-Till and Livestock
24. Using the Right Lime Source to Boost No-Till Productivity
25. Getting a Leg Up on Pesky, Yield-Robbing Slugs
26. Finding Success with Narrow-Row Corn — 12s, 15s, 20s, 22s
27. Making the ‘Impossible’ Possible with No-Till Organic Systems
28. Incredible Ideas for Improving Irrigation Efficiency
29. Do-It-Yourself Shop Creations for Successful No-Tilling
30. Lifting Up No-Till Efficiencies with Drones
31. Stratification in No-Tilled Soils — a Challenge or Opportunity?
32. Super Strategies for Continuously Strip-Tilled Corn
33. Unbeatable Ideas for Utilizing Precision Ag Data
34. Taking the Fight to Foliar Diseases, Plant Viruses
35. Working Up a Win-Win with Double-Cropping Systems
36. Managing Micronutrients for Magnificent No-Till Yields
37. Getting it Done with One-Pass Planting, Fertilizing
38. Passing the Torch with Successful Farm Succession
39. Discussing Cover Crop Failures, Finding Solutions
40. Practical Practices for Succeeding with Annual Ryegrass

Frank Lessiter Legacy Lecture Series
(Made possible with the support of Calmer Corn Heads)

11:20 a.m. to 12:20 p.m. “Lessons Learned from 38 years of No-Till Farming Transitions.”
Dedication to conservation and community is what’s driven Dick Wittman and his family business partners to pursue no-till, combining the practice with a healthy rotation of fall- and spring-seeded crops that comprise a sustainable cropping system among the steep hills of the Palouse.

The Lewiston, Idaho, grower and farm business consultant will profile the evolution of his farm’s no-till practices over the last four decades, and the critical support provided by creation of the Pacific Northwest Direct Seed Assn. He’ll also cover the importance of balancing economic with environmental benefits to improve profitability and quality of life on no-till operations, examine the value of collaborating with non-traditional partners, and discuss the importance of engaging in policy development related to conservation agriculture.

12:20 to 1:20 p.m. “Lunch on Your Own.”

1:30 to 2:20 p.m. “Understanding and Perfecting Conservation Agriculture and Carbon Management in Your No-Till Operation.”
Carbon is at the crux of a highly functioning no-till system, but are you fully maximizing your farm’s ability to produce carbon and realize its benefit to your soils? Don Reicosky, retired soil scientist for the USDA-ARS in Morris, Minn., will outline the connection between conservation agriculture and soil health principles that are elevating the importance of carbon management.

Reicosky will discuss the differences in various cover crop characteristics as they affect biodiversity and relate to carbon production in soils, including carbon-to-nitrogen ratios, rooting characteristics and nutrient cycling. He’ll cover the role that living or dormant covers or dead biomass play as an energy source for soil biology.

2:20 to 3:10 p.m. “Get Better Results with a Systems Approach To No-Till And Soil Health.”
No-till doesn’t just mean putting the plow away — it’s really about a systems approach to farm management that starts by understanding the importance of avoiding soil disturbance and managing residue properly to optimize soil biological activity and get residue working better for you, says Paul Jasa.

The ag engineer at University of Nebraska Extension will discuss why no-tillers should aim for 100% continuous no-till systems to promote proper no-till soil structure and nutrient cycling and facilitate proper heating and cooling of farm ground for raising better crops. He’ll also cover the advantages of diversifying no-till rotations with wheat or forages and explain the benefits of controlling wheel traffic in fields.

3:10 to 3:45 p.m. “Networking/Refreshment Break.”
You’re halfway through the most informative day of the no-till year. Grab a refreshment courtesy of No-Till Farmer while discussing the things you’ve learned with no-tillers.

3:50 to 4:50 p.m. “Choose from 6 More Intriguing No-Till Classrooms.”
You’ve got six more intriguing no-till classrooms to choose from to help you make a big impact on your 2019 cropping operation.

NO-TILL CLASSROOM #13...
“Yield-Robbing No-Till Pests to Protect Against in 2019.”
When it comes to raising profitable no-till crops, what’s been keeping you up at night? Is it poor weed control in no-tilled soybeans or corn? Are old foes like nematodes in soybeans or new diseases like tar spot in corn eating your lunch? Are rootworms chewing away at the foundation of your profits due to poorer performance from traits?

Syngenta agronomist Phil Krieg will invite attendees to share specific crop-protection concerns that arose in 2018 and discuss what they might be able to do culturally — through no-tilling and cover crop seeding — and with crop protection classes of chemistries to protect their yields and the bottom line.

NO-TILL CLASSROOM #14...
“Cows on Cropland: How Grazing Synergies Boost Yields and Soil Health.”
The initial reason Michael Thompson introduced livestock on his no-till operation was to deal with herbicide resistance issues. But he soon found cattle were an essential tool for stimulating soil biological activity, increasing soil organic matter, cycling nutrients and residue and increasing plant diversity.

The Almena, Kan., no-tiller will discuss how he addressed challenges to the integration of animals on his 4,000-acre farm, including how he handles fencing and watering logistics and manages for soil moisture for growing a cover crop and cash crops. He’ll also address concerns about compaction and explain how he uses the Haney soil test for nutrient planning.

NO-TILL CLASSROOM #15...
“Using the Whole No-Till Toolbox to Manage Nitrogen with Precision.”
Most no-tillers know what cover crops bring to a no-till system in terms of fixing nitrogen in the soil profile to be utilized by cash crops. But due to application challenges, fickle weather, residue tie-up and other management issues, identifying and utilizing those benefits can be a challenge, says Trey Hill.

The Rock Hall, Md., no-tiller will share how he balances carbon-to-nitrogen ratios with his cover crop program to balance organic matter formation with nutrient availability, factoring in termination timing and starter fertilizer rates to optimize his nitrogen investment. Hill will also share precision tools he uses to diagnose and fix nitrogen management issues, and what he learned using dual nitrogen-placement systems.

NO-TILL CLASSROOM #16...
“How Soil Disturbance Disrupts Your No-Tilling Efforts.”
Still hanging on to that disc or chisel plow in your shed? Or thinking “just this one time” its OK to do some recreational tillage? You might be doing...
more harm than you realize to the structure and biological health you’ve been working to build in your no-tilled soils, says Don Reicosky. 

The retired soil scientist for the USDA-ARS in Morris, Minn., will discuss how tillage practices — even vertical tillage — and other soil disturbances fragment fungal hyphae networks and disrupt the balance between fungi and bacteria, and subsequently, carbon and nitrogen storage and utilization efficiencies.

**NO-TILL CLASSROOM #17…**

*“The Importance of Nutrient Cycling and the Pitfalls of Poor Soil Fertility.”*

Whenever forage or grain is removed from a field, many valuable nutrients that are vital to the soil’s long-term health are removed with it. Taking action to ensure carbon and other essential nutrients are applied to replace the deficiency — via organic matter decomposition, manure or fertilizer application — should be a top priority for no-tillers, says Ray Ward.

The president of Ward Laboratories will discuss the importance of nutrient cycling in maintaining productive soils and share valuable application strategies that will help no-tillers not only raise profitable crops but promote healthy soil microbes as well.

**NO-TILL CLASSROOM #18…**

*“Breaking Through Yield Barriers, Soil Health Issues with Long-Term No-Till and Gypsum.”*

Traditional corn fertility plans often center around soil testing and applying enough nutrients each year to replace what’s been removed by crops to keep fields productive. But veteran no-tiller Ken Curtis sees a different story when reviewing long-term data he’s assembled on what drives yields on his 2,100-acre farm.

The Prairie City, Ill., grower will share the results of research he’s done on his farm jointly with Ohio State University on the benefits of long-term no-till to soil biology vs. conventionally tilled fields, and outline new efficiencies he’s identified applying fertilizer in the row vs. broadcasting it. He’ll also highlight soil-health benefits he’s seen from long-term applications of gypsum in his fields.

5:00 to 6:00 p.m. “Another Set of 21 Engaging No-Till Roundtables.”

Our third set of no-till roundtables gives you another chance for valuable “one-on-one” learning with no-till colleagues. It’s also your opportunity to find an answer to a dilemma or be a hero to another no-tiller by offering your own farm-tested advice.

41. Dealing with Dicamba — Tips for Protecting Yourself
42. Strategies for Building Better Weed Burndown Formulas
43. Wonderful Ways to Win Over Landlords with No-Till
44. Managing Moisture Effectively with Tile, Drainage Systems
45. Exclusively For Kinze No-Till Planter Owners
46. Powering Up Soil Health with Mycorrhizae, Humics, Soil Builders
47. Terrific Tips for Foliar Fertilizer Application Success
48. No-Tilling Cotton and Other Specialty Crops
49. Getting a Grip on Successful Guidance Systems
50. Winning Ways to Whip No-Till Weeds
51. Helpful Tips for Handling Residue with the Combine
52. Finding Consistent Results with Variable-Rate Fertility
53. Setting Up Your Planter for Strip-Till Success
54. Boosting Pest Control with Biological Solutions
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71. Getting Into the Zone with Variable-Rate Seeding Success
72. Eradicating Rootworms, Other Tough No-Till Insects
73. Obliterating Obstacles with No-Tilled Corn
74. Seeking Foliar Fungicide Formulations in Cereal Crops
75. Pointers for Keeping More ‘P’ and ‘N’ in Your Fields
81. Debating Drilled, 15- or 30-Inch Soybeans — What’s Best?
9:10 to 10:10 a.m. “Choose from 5 More Top-Notch No-Till Classrooms.”
You’ve got five more top-notch no-till classrooms to choose from to help you make a big impact on your 2019 cropping operation.

► NO-TILL CLASSROOM #19...
“Finding New Opportunities Raising Non-GMO Crops in a No-Till Environment.”
Surveys show more and more no-tillers are interested in raising various non-GMO crops, especially corn and soybeans, to help their farm become more diversified, meet new market demands and improve their operation’s profitability. But it’s no walk in the park, Rick Clark says.

The Williamsport, Ind., no-tiller will share how he raises non-GMO feed for Dannon, including choosing the right hybrids and varieties for his corn, soybeans, wheat and alfalfa. He’ll also cover how he manages cover crops and fights weeds in this system, and what’s leading him to convert some of his 7,000-acre farm to organic methods.

► NO-TILL CLASSROOM #20...
“Optimizing No-Till Yields Through Pinpoint Phosphorus Placement.”
Cool, wet soil conditions common in the Upper Midwest in spring can create big challenges for no-tillers focused on raising high-yielding corn and soybeans. But these conditions tend to elicit the best responses from nutrient applications — even in situations where soil tests may not recommend additional fertilizer, says Tryston Beyrer.

The strip-tiller and agronomist at WinField United, who recently completed his PhD under the direction of Fred Below at the University of Illinois, will dig into the key findings of his research on interactions between phosphorus fertilizer placement, rate, source and timing in corn and soybeans.

► NO-TILL CLASSROOM #21...
“Tackling Challenges, Seizing Opportunities With a One-Pass Organic No-Till System.”
Marrying no-till practices and organic production isn’t easy. But years of studying these systems convinced Paul Reed Hepperly that a one-pass organic no-till system that incorporates cover crops and the nutrient cycling power of earthworms is a viable option to eliminate dependence on synthetic inputs and supply this growing consumer market.

The Maryland, Tenn.-based agricultural consultant will reveal the results of trials highlighting the competitiveness of organic no-till systems, especially in soybeans with their potentially 100% organic price premium and lower production costs. He’ll also discuss how to work through transition from traditional to organic no-tilling, including handling documentation and independent monitoring.

► NO-TILL CLASSROOM #22...
“Reducing the Hype, Knowing Your Limits with New Soil Health Tests.”
New, advanced commercial soil tests can provide no-tillers with a lot of information about the level of biological, chemical and physical properties in their soils to help farmers improve soil productivity. But sometimes the picture these samples provide isn’t as clear as it may seem, says Eileen Kladivko.

Drawing on evaluations of on-farm data, the agronomist at Purdue University will discuss interpretations of some results of the Cornell, Haney and Phospholipid Fatty Acid Analysis (PFLA) tests and explain why they aren’t as clear cut as they may seem.

► NO-TILL CLASSROOM #23...
“It’s All in Your Mind: Overcoming Mental Stumbling Blocks to Adopting No-Till and Cover Crops.”
Are you at the National No-Tillage Conference to learn more about no-till and cover crops, but struggle with making the change back home? It’s not always easy to grasp new ideas and concepts, let alone put them into play, says Eric Volsen.

The no-tiller from Wells, Minn., who raises corn, soybeans and small grains on 600 acres, will share his take on why many operations struggle to implement a new practice like no-till or cover cropping — even when the facts say farmers should do it. The sixth-generation grower will explain some of the personal and generational problems that might be holding growers back from no-till and cover-crop adoption and share what he’s doing on his own farm to make a difference now and for the future.

10:10 to 10:45 a.m. “Networking Break.”
Continue discussions from this morning’s roundtables and get ready for a final round of no-till general sessions courtesy of No-Till Farmer.

10:50 to 11:40 a.m. “Advancing Toward Autonomy: What No-Tillers Need to Know.”
Widespread availability of fully autonomous vehicles in agriculture may still be several years away. But with the size of today’s ag equipment getting to the point of diminishing returns, companies have publicly showcased self-driving innovations — advancing development to the curb of commercial production, says Norbert Beajout.

The president and founder of Saskatchewan-based SeedMaster and DOT will lay out diverse opportunities with autonomous machinery for no-tillers based on his own experimentation. He’ll discuss the potential for efficient intercropping, seeding multiple varieties simultaneously in different fields and targeted in-season application of different fertilizers — all performed by a remote-controlled implement.

11:40 a.m. to 12:35 p.m. “Unlocking the Profit Potential of an Effective, Responsible No-Till Nutrition Management Program.”
After 33 years of large-plot, independent on-farm research, Marion Calmer, a veteran no-till farmer from western Illinois, has learned there’s a huge difference between maximum physical yield and maximum financial yield.

Calmer will discuss 10 years’ worth of yield, economic and soil-test data from his fertility plots and how he identifies profitable applications of nutrients. Years of surface-applied phosphorus, potassium and lime on these plots not only show the nutrients are stratifying, but his PH levels are as well. Calmer will share some innovative ideas for managing nutrient challenges without sacrificing yields.

12:35 to 12:40 p.m. “Get Ready to Put All that No-Till Knowledge to Work.”
The No-Till Farmer staff will send you home with a final encouragement to improve your no-till system in 2019 as we wrap up the 27th edition of the National No-Tillage Conference.
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1 **FEATURING** an extremely valuable combination of 13 general session presenters, 23 No-Till Classrooms and 81 “face-to-face” No-Till Roundtables earning a “see-it-here-first” reputation unlike any other event.

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Call or fax or mail back this completed form to the information listed on page 11. Registration forms must be received by 12/31/18 to get the regular rate of $339 ($50 savings off the onsite rate). Meals noted in program are included with each registration.

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