

Improving Crop Production, Soil Health & the Environment – See how they all work together

Soil Health Workshop – Donn Branton’s Farm

Tuesday, August 19, 2014

3:00 – 8:30 PM

6536 E. Main Rd/Rte. 5, Stafford NY 14143

(4 mi. east of Batavia; 2.5 mi. west of LeRoy)

1.5 DEC credits and CCA credits will be available

Pre-registration by August 8 - \$5; Walk-ins - \$10

Pre-registration, sponsors, special needs: Dennis.kirby@ny.nacdn.net or 585-589-5959

- 3:00** **Registration, DEC & CCA sign-up, Equipment Exhibits, Sponsor Exhibits, Networking**
- 3:50** **Introductions and welcome!**
- 4:00** **Unlocking the Secrets in the Soil – Frank Gibbs, Certified Soil Scientist, Rawson, Ohio**
Improve your bottom line by improving your soil health and reducing chemical inputs
- 4:45** **Using Cover Crops in Tough Northern Climates – Eric Kaiser, Farmer from Napanee, Ontario, Canada**
Building soil health using cover crops and modified no-till north of Lake Ontario
- 5:15** **Adapt-N for Fine-Tuning Nitrogen Applications on Corn – David DeGolyer, WNY Crop Management**
Results of a study of Adapt-N use on local farms over the last 2 years
- 5:40** **Cornell Soil Health Test – What It Can Tell You About Your Soils – Carol MacNeil, Cornell Vegetable Program,** Assessing your soil’s physical, biological and chemical health
- 6:00** **PULLED PORK DINNER and the Fixings**
- 6:30** **Farmer Panel on Building Soil Health -**
Hugh Dudley, Hu-Lane Farm, Albion - Cash Crops & Vegetables
Casey Kunes, Hemdale Farms, Seneca Castle - Dairy & Vegetables
Ken Van Slyke, Portageville – Dairy & Compost sales
Donn Branton, Branton Farms, Stafford – Cash Crops & Vegetables
Robert Clement, Stafford - Landlord
- 7:30** **Frank Gibbs in the Soil Pit -** See what is happening below the soil surface
- 8:00** **View Reduced Tillage and Cover Crop Seeding/Interseeding Equipment**
- 8:30** **Distribution of DEC Certificates, and Adjourn**

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