It is not the fertilizer, but the [soil] ecosystem that feeds the plant.

- Ray Archuletta, Soil & Health Expert with NRCS East National Technology Center

Soil Health Workshop
Improving Crop Production, Soil Health & The Environment—See how they can all work together

Donn Branton's Farm
Tuesday, August 19, 2014
3:00—8:30 PM
6536 E. Main Road (Route 3)
Stafford, NY 14143
(4 miles east of Batavia; 2.5 miles west of LeRoy)

Agenda
3:00pm: Registration, DEC & CCA Sign up, Equipment Exhibits, Sponsor Exhibits, Networking.
4:00pm: Unlocking the Secrets in the Soil: Frank Gibbs, Certified Soil Scientist, Rawson Ohio
4:45pm: Using Cover Crops in Tough Northern Climates: Eric Kaiser, Kaiser Lake Farms, Napeanee, Ontario, Canada
5:15pm: Adapt-N for Fine Tuning Nitrogen Applications on Corn: David Degoyler, Western New York Crop Management Association
5:40pm: Cornell Soil Health Test—What It Can Tell You About Your Soils: Carol MacNeil, Cornell Co-operative Extension Vegetable Specialist
6:00pm: Pulled Pork Dinner
6:30pm: Farmer Panel on Building Soil Health: Hugh Dudley, Dudley Farm LLC, Albion, NY; Casey Kunes, Kunes Farms, Seneca Castle, NY; Ken VanSlyke, VanSlyke’s Dairy Farm LLC, Portageville, NY; Donn Branton, Branton Farms, Stafford, NY; Robert Clement, Landlord, Stafford, NY
7:30pm: Frank Gibbs in the Soil Pit—See what’s happening below the surface of our soils.
8:00pm: View Reduced Tillage and Cover Crop Seeding/Interseeding Equipment
8:30pm: Distribution of DEC Certificates, and Adjourn

Pre-Registration Fee: $5/person
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Pre-register by August 8, 2014 for $5/person by filling out the other side and return to Dennis Kirby at the above address; email to: dennis.kirby@ny.nacdnet.net; fax to: 855-347-7122 or call 585-589-5959.

Please make check payable to Orleans County SWCD.

Frank Gibbs

Mr. Gibbs is an Honors Graduate of the Ohio State University with a Major in Agronomy and Soils. He recently formed Wetland and Soil Consulting Services, LLC (WSCS) after retiring from working 36 years for NRCS in Ohio and teaching for The National Training Center across the country.

Frank has an extensive background in Hydric Soils, Wetlands, Water Tables in the Soil, Soil Compaction, Soil Quality, Cover Crops, Manure Disposal, Preferential Flow, Septic Systems and Drainage Problems. Frank is a Certified Professional Soil Scientist, Professional Wetland Scientist, Certified Professional Soil Classifier, Certified Crop Consultant, a Certified Interagency Wetland Delinuator, a National Interagency Hydric Soil and Wetland Delination Instructor, Past President of the Association of Ohio Pedologists and Past Chair of the Ohio Soil Scientist Certification Board for the Soil Science Society of America.

Frank is the 5th generation to reside on and operate the family farm near Rawson, Ohio.

Eric Kaiser

Owner, Kaiser Lake Farms, Napanee, Ontario, Canada

After graduating college in 1962, Mr. Kaiser spent four years as an infantry officer. In 1966 he returned to poultry and crop farming, which is where he was born and raised. The farm where he grew up raised crops including small grain, tomatoes and peas.

Eric and his son Max currently own a 1300 acre farm on a peninsula bordered on the south by Hay Bay and on the north by the Bay of Quinte.

Over the years, Eric has held leadership roles with the Ontario Soil and Crop Improvement Association, 5 years as Director of the Innovative Farmers Association of Ontario, acting as conference chairman twice.

David DeGolyer

CCA & Environmental Planner, WNY Crop Management Association

David DeGolyer is the Executive Managing Consultant for Western New York Crop Management Association (WNYCMA), a grower-owned cooperative that specializes in crop consulting and environmental planning. He is a CCA (certified crop consultant) and the first certified CAFO (Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations) planner in New York State. David, a crop consultant for twenty-five years, has been managing the cooperative since 1995. He holds a Bachelors of Science in Agronomy from Cornell University.

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