

Niagara County Winter Meeting

Friday, Feb. 21, 2014
CCE of Niagara County

8:45am Registration

9:00-10:05am Reduced Tillage in Vegetable Production – *Prof. Anu Rangarajan, Dept. of Hort.*

Reduced tillage systems are being successfully adopted on several WNY vegetable farms. The impact of reduced tillage adoption on plant pathogens, weed management, and other crop health considerations will be covered in this discussion.

10:05–10:20am Break

10:20-11:05am Cover Crops for Improved Crop Health – *Carol MacNeil, CVP Specialist*

Cover crops can be used to reduce soil erosion, scavenge nutrients, and improve soil health. They also make important contributions to weed, pest and disease management. Carol will discuss how smothering cover crops can be used in and out of season to reduce weed pressure, how certain cover crops reduce soil borne pathogen loads of soils, and how cover cropping impacts pest cycles.

11:05-11:55am Improving Fertility Management in Squash – *Prof. Steve Reiners, Dept. of Hort.*

Correct crop fertility has wide reaching impacts on yield, and more is often not better. Excessive fertility can promote weed growth and insect pressure, while insufficient nutrition leaves crops more susceptible to stresses like disease.

11:55am DEC credit pick-up

12:00pm Lunch

Only eligible attendees sitting for the entire course, as determined by a designated room monitor, will receive training certificates.