

LET'S GET STRIP-TILLING



With a Focused Educational Program Delivering Strip-Till Secrets from Fellow Farmers and Strip-Till Experts

The 3rd annual National Strip-Tillage Conference offers nearly 40 cutting-edge, money-making sessions over 2 days, delivering insightful learning and unlimited networking with the best of the strip-till community.

This can't-miss, one-of-a-kind meeting offers strip-till ideas through several proven learning techniques.

See you August 3 and 4 in Bloomington-Normal, Ill.!

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2 Days of Strip-Till Learning...

Complete Immersion, Focus & Networking

- ✓1 special hands-on workshop focused on improving soil health and structure in strip-till
- ✓5 Strip-Till General Sessions with 7 practice-changing presentations
- ✓12 highly practical Strip-Till Classrooms
- ✓20 idea-sharing Strip-Till Roundtables
- ✓Dinner, Breakfast & Lunch with more ways to learn and network with fellow strip-tillers
- ✓32 hours of extremely valuable peer-to-peer networking opportunities

...AND MUCH MORE!

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3rd Annual National Strip-Tillage Conference * August 3 and 4, 2016 * Marriott Hotel, Bloomington-Normal, IL

Get Hundreds of Strip-Till Tips & Ideas During Two Info-Packed Days in Bloomington-Normal!

Whether you're deciding if strip-till is right for your farm operation or you're looking for ways to improve your current system, you'll get an abundance of valuable field-proven techniques during this highly intensive 3rd annual National Strip-Tillage Conference from August 3 to 4 in Bloomington-Normal, Ill.

FOR NEARLY 30 YEARS, we've been covering the practice of strip-till within the pages of *No-Till Farmer* and then online with our launch of *Strip-Till Strategies* e-newsletter. And now, we're building on the success of our first two National Strip-Tillage Conferences in 2014 and 2015 with the 3rd annual educational, networking event that strip-tillers can call their own.

We're excited to bring you this unique, one-of-a-kind learning experience that assembles the best strip-tillers, consultants, agronomists and researchers together in one location to share cutting-edge ideas, tech-

niques and strategies to raise your level of strip-till profitability, efficiency and efficacy.

The 3rd annual National Strip-Tillage Conference offers 7 general session speakers, 12 Strip-Till Classrooms and 20 invaluable Strip-Till Roundtables. Plus, Certified Crop Advisor credits are being pursued. Just as important is the chance to profit from unlimited hallway networking with the most innovative, forward-thinking minds in strip-till during this early August event in Bloomington-Normal, Ill.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 3...

7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. "Strip-Till Registration Time."

Get registered! Pick up your conference materials, including FREE special strip-till reports and literature valued at \$118.70. (See Page 7.)

8:50 to 9:00 a.m. Official Start of the 2016 National Strip-Tillage Conference in the Redbird Ballroom.

9:00 to 9:45 a.m. "Adopting Smart Strip-Till Methods to Strengthen Soils, Increase Yields."

Farming variable soils in southwestern Minnesota, Jerry Ackermann has a goal of raising 200-bushel corn on 140 pounds of nitrogen. At 190-bushel yields, he and his wife, Nancy, are pretty close to achieving it.

Aggressive — but calculated — experimentation with fertilization practices and strip-till trials on their 1,200 acre operation in Lakefield, Minn., have helped decrease input costs and overcome climate challenges to raise corn yields that are commonly 20 bushels per acre above the county average.

Ackermann will break down their motives and methods for reducing the ratio of applied nitrogen per bushel of corn to increase production and explain why sometimes, the highest yields aren't the most economical.



Jerry Ackermann

The Premier Lecture Series is made possible with the support of Midwest Bio-Tech Inc.



9:50 to 10:50 a.m. "How Well Do You Know Your Strip-Till Soils?"

With more than 25 years of field experience with the USDA's National Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), Ray Archuleta is widely regarded for his hands-on approach to analyzing and comparing soil health in a variety of tillage systems throughout the U.S. and overseas.

Archuleta's belief that promoting healthy strip-till soils requires following the lead of nature has solidified his reputation as a leading advocate for conservation tillage systems and earned him the nickname, 'Ray the Soils Guy.' "Healthy soil doesn't want to be disturbed, and it wants to be covered perpetually," he says. "And remember: The soil and plant are one — they are not separate."



Ray Archuleta

During this premier lecture series general session, Archuleta will discuss how to use diversity in cropping systems for improving soil function and help strip-tillers learn the logistics of soil health.

11:00 a.m. to Noon "Choose from 4 Thought-Provoking Strip-Till Classrooms."

Strip-Till Classroom #1...

"Increasing 'Yieldability' of Strip-Tilled Soybeans."

Farming 1,800 acres in Tekonsha, Mich., strip-tiller Ryan Groholske is accustomed to navigating rocky — though fertile — ground with rewarding results. Having increased strip-tilled corn yields by as much as 50 bushels per acre in some areas through intensive fertilizer experimentation, Groholske has had success applying similar strategies to increase soybean production and profitability.

"With strip-till, I have a raised berm, so the plants are higher than the rest of the ground, especially on top of that corn stubble, so we're able to harvest the plants a little bit lower," he says.

Groholske will relate his strip-tilled soybean success to his overall farm management system that includes include banded nutrient applications and extensive fertilizer application analysis.



Ryan Groholske

Strip-Till Classroom #2...

"Creating a Biological Architecture for Strip-Till Success."

Building a sustainable strip-till system and strengthening soil structure are cornerstones of Tim Smith's corn and soybean operation in Eagle Grove, Iowa. A commitment to the NRCS's Mississippi River Basin Initiative (MRBI) has helped Smith limit erosion, reduce fertilizer application costs and increase equipment and fuel efficiency.

"The biggest return with strip-till is greatly reduced soil loss," he says. "My soil holds up better in adverse conditions by having more residue on top to preserve structure."

Smith will share how the addition of cover crops, refinements to his nutrient management practices and the introduction of a bioreactor have contributed to a comprehensive strip-tilling strategy.



Tim Smith

"There were many sessions of valuable information, networking and discussions that will help me consider how to improve several aspects of my strip-till operation..."

— Tryston Beyrer, Colfax, Wis.

Strip-Till Classroom #3...

"Successful Strip-Till in Challenging Climates & Soil Conditions."

Lance Petersen has only been strip-tilling for 5 years, but has already seen his system weather the best and worst climate and field conditions imaginable. Farming in Rush City, Minn., adaptability is critical to the success of strip-tilling in wet, sandy loam soils.

Petersen's philosophy of having a "back-up plan" to supplement his strip-till system includes equipment innovations, an evolving nitrogen management program and cover crop experimentation.

Petersen will discuss how he's overcome climate and soil challenges with strip-till, along with future goals to improve yields and soil structure.



Lance Petersen

Strip-Till Classroom #4...

"Positioning Fertilizer to Hit the Sweet Spot of Strip-Tilled Corn Roots."

Location is everything when it comes to maximizing the benefits of banded fertilizer application in strip-till. How deep is too deep and how far away from the seed is too far? A recent study by Kansas State University researchers examined the impact that distance of fertilizer application from the seed can have on early emergence of corn in strip-till systems.

Soil fertility specialist Dorivar Ruiz Diaz will analyze the research results and share some best practices for strip-tillers to consider when banding fertilizer.

Noon to 12:30 p.m. "Lunch Break — Courtesy of CropZilla." (Included in your strip-till conference registration fee.)



Refuel with a sandwich, chips and drink and make some new connections with fellow strip-tillers before the afternoon program begins.

12:45 to 1:35 p.m. "Tracking the ROI of a Strip-Till System."

While many farmers collect field data, it's knowing what to do with it that will help you improve the productivity and efficiency of your strip-till operation. This is something strip-tiller Trent Sanderson has made a priority to improve management of his family's 2,000-acre corn, soybean and wheat operation near Clare, Ill.

Sanderson will share how number crunching and analysis of collected data, along with the use of precision farming practices like electric row clutches and rate control, are helping him assess the return on investment of the farm's strip-till system and shape annual input expenditures.



Trent Sanderson

1:50 to 2:50 p.m. "11 Super Strip-Till Roundtables."

Select from 11 Strip-Till Roundtables where you can ask questions, discuss challenges and contribute practical, field-proven ideas on a specific topic. Send others from your farm to different sessions to capture even more learning from these unique idea swaps.

1. To Move Over or Not to Move Over: Where do I Place My Berm?
2. How to Hit the Target with Your Banded Fertilizer
3. Using Strip-Till to Adapt to Mother Nature
4. Tips for Strip-Tilling Beyond Corn & Soybeans
5. For Fall Strip-Tillers Only
6. For Spring Strip-Tillers Only
7. Perfecting Controlled Traffic in Strip-Till
8. How to Succeed with Strip-Tilled, Twin Row Corn
9. Stretching Your Fertilizer Dollar with Split Applications
10. Better Advice for Strip-Tilling Soybeans
11. What I Learned During My First Year Strip-Tilling

2:50 to 3:30 p.m. "Networking/Refreshment Break — Courtesy of Spectrum Seed."



Take a break while sharing more strip-till ideas with your colleagues. Then get ready to choose from 4 more thought-provoking Strip-Till Classrooms.

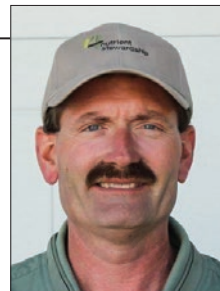
3:30 to 4:30 p.m. "Choose from 4 Strip-Till Classrooms Jam-Packed with Learning Opportunities."

Strip-Till Classroom #5...

"Stacking Up Nutrient Stewardship Benefits with Strip-Till."

Farming in an area that drains directly into the Western Lake Erie Basin, Gibsonburg, Ohio, strip-tiller David Myerholtz intensively manages nutrient application on his 1,500-acre corn, soybean and wheat operation. With an emphasis on the 4Rs of nutrient management, he's adapted cover crops, split nitrogen applications and variable-rate fertilizing to reduce erosion and runoff.

Myerholtz will share his experience and evolution with developing a comprehensive fertility program based on the four cornerstones of nutrient management in strip-till.



David Myerholtz

Strip-Till Classroom #6...

"Putting Together a Practical Gameplan for Adding Cover Crops in Strip-Till."

Incorporating cover crops in strip-till is an increasingly popular part of a comprehensive system. But selecting the most beneficial varieties or mixes along with the most practical seeding methods can be a challenge. Clare, Ill., strip-tiller Trent Sanderson has utilized cover crops for several years on his family's 2,000-acre operation, and recently started his own cover-crop seed dealership.

He will discuss the soil and nutrient retention benefits of his experimentation with cover cropping methods in strip-till to include inter-seeding cereal rye with a homemade machine.

Strip-Till Classroom #7...

"Innovating Out of Necessity to Improve Strip-Till Efficiency."

Strip-tiller Adam Nechanicky takes pride in getting the most production from his family's corn and soybean operation near Buckingham, Iowa. Strip-tilling corn for nearly 10 years, he has meticulously modified their farm equipment setups to match production and fertility goals, including improved emergence and plant health in traditionally lower-producing fields.

Nechanicky will share his approach to adapting farm machinery to suit your strip-till operation, optimize efficiency and meet production goals.



Adam Nechanicky

Strip-Till Classroom #8...

"Focusing on Flexibility to Increase Strip-Till Productivity."

Developing a strip-till system isn't an easy process. Just ask Brian Watkins, who took nearly 15 years to confidently transition from no-tilled corn to strip-till on his 7,000-acre operation near Kenton, Ohio. Throughout the transition, experimentation has been a mainstay of his strip-till system to include incorporation of crop sensing technology, equipment setup



Brian Watkins

"I learned a lot of new information about strip-tilling that I will use to avoid mistakes. I also liked the packed schedule, early morning to late evening. It makes it worth the trip..."
— Lindsey Johnson, Gibbon, Minn.

modifications and intensive fertilizer management practices.

Watkins will share his experience and payback utilizing remote sensing tools to improve fertilizer application methods, along with the addition of an air seeder cart for dry fertilizer application in strip-till.

4:45 to 5:45 p.m. **"9 Even Better Strip-Till Roundtables."**

Once you determine which of the following 9 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 2016 strip-till operation.

12. What is the Secret to Building an Ideal Berm?
13. Selecting, Adjusting & Upgrading Strip-Till Row Units
14. Creating a Natural Strip with Cover Crops
15. What Can I Do about those Invasive Weeds?
16. Making the Most of Irrigation in Strip-Till
17. Investing in Implement Guidance: Price vs. Payback
18. Strip-Till Planter Setups: Tricks, Tactics & Troubleshooting
19. Breaking Down Top Corn-On-Corn Residue Management Tips
20. Calling All Earthworms: Building Soil Health with Strip-Till

6:15 to 7:45 p.m. **"The National Strip-Tillage Conference Dinner — Courtesy of AgroLiquid."**



(Included in your strip-till conference registration fee.)

Relax and enjoy a fabulous dinner at the Marriott. We'll follow dinner with an insightful and informative general session presentation from Kansas State Soil and Fertility Management Professor Dorivar Ruiz Diaz.

"Fine-Tuning Strip-Till Fertility for Long-Term Benefits."

Proper placement of fertilizer in strip-till is a key factor to optimize your yields and minimize environmental impact. But in practice, the right placement is continually evolving, and can be impacted by planting technology, tillage system and weather variability.

Recent research by Kansas State University soil fertility specialist Dorivar Ruiz Diaz compared placement of phosphorus in strip-till with other tillage systems to track uptake, carryover and loss.

Diaz will share the results of a recently concluded 10-year university study on phosphorus application on corn after soybeans in different tillage systems and analyze key takeaways for strip-tillers from the study.

7:45 to 8:45 p.m. Dessert and Networking Courtesy of AgroLiquid.



Dorivar Ruiz Diaz

8:45 p.m. to Midnight. **"The Strip-Tillage Conference Hospitality Event — Courtesy of Environmental Tillage Systems."**



(Included in your strip-till conference registration fee.)

This evening hospitality event offers a way to relax after a full day of learning and continue strip-till discussions with fellow attendees before calling it a day.

Thursday, August 4...

6:30 to 11:30 a.m. **"Strip-Till Registration Time."**

Get registered! Pick up your conference materials, including FREE special strip-till reports and literature valued at \$118.70. (See Page 7.)

7:00 to 8:45 a.m. **"Early Bird Breakfast — with Support from Schlager Manufacturing Inc."**



(Included in your strip-till conference registration fee.)

Start your day off right with our buffet-style breakfast. Veteran Illinois strip-tiller John Werries will serve up food for thought on maximizing production and profitability strip-tilling continuous corn.

"Piecing Together a Profitable Corn-on-Corn Strip-Till System."

Striking a productive balance between the benefits and potential challenges of strip-tilled corn-on-corn is an attainable goal for Chapin, Ill., farmer John Werries.

Strip-tilling 3,200 acre of continuous corn since 2010, he's consistently harvested yields 25 bushels above the county average and, with the addition of cover crops, dramatically improved soil structure. "Strip-tilled corn-on-corn and cover crops have reduced erosion to almost nothing on our farm," he says. "It's a wonderful combination."

Werries will discuss ongoing experimentation and results within his strip-tilled corn-on-corn system, to include expanded use of cover crops and continuing modifications to his successful nutrient management program.



John Werries

9:00 to 10:00 a.m. **"Choose from the Final Set of 4 In-Depth Strip-Till Classrooms."**

Strip-Till Classroom #9...

"Taking a Natural Approach to Managing Weeds, Reducing Erosion & Improving Water Infiltration with Strip-Till."

While strip-till can dramatically improve soil structure and health, there are additional practices that can supplement a system to further increase productivity. Cover crops have proven to be a valuable asset in retaining nutrients for Lakefield, Minn., farmer Jerry Ackermann. But through aggressive experimentation during the last 3 years, he's also seeing added benefits that have helped reduce input costs and increase yields.

Ackermann will share how his evolving cover cropping program has accelerated water infiltration and reduced reliance on herbicide application.

Strip-Till Classroom #10...

"Making Every Drop of Moisture Count in Strip-Till."

Farming in arid conditions, Plainview, Texas, strip-tiller Steve Olson views water as a precious commodity on his 2,500-acre cotton, corn, sorghum and wheat operation. With most of his strip-tilled corn and cotton under center pivot or drip irrigation, he uses moisture probe technology and intensive water management practices to maximize crop yields in a drought-stricken area.



Steve Olson



"A great experience with many smart people. I was able to take important ideas and implement them in my own operation..."

— Brad Bernhard, Urbana, Ill.

Olson will share his experience and advice for making every drop of moisture count in a strip-till system and how he's designed a sustainable fertility program to accommodate his dry conditions.

Strip-Till Classroom #11...

"Building Soil Health & Structure with a Bio Strip-Till System."

For the last 10 years, Woodville, Ont., strip-tiller Dustin Mulock has been building and refining a combination no-till/strip-till system. Integrating different pieces of equipment, fertility methods and cover crops put him on a productive path to bio strip-till. This approach complements his twin-row, strip-till setup for corn and soybeans and has helped increase yields by 25%, while also naturally building nutrient levels in his mostly sandy loam soil.

Mulock will detail the development and results of his bio strip-till system, to include fertilizer application equipment modifications and experimentation with more than a dozen different cover crop species.



Dustin Mulock

Strip-Till Classroom #12...

"Taking Flight with UAVs: Practical Applications and Uncertainties."

Interest and use of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs) in agriculture continues to increase, but questions remain about whether the technology is a practical tool or simply a toy? Having researched and experimented with application of UAVs in conservation tillage systems, John Nowatzki, agricultural machine systems specialist at North Dakota State University, is an authority on the use of unmanned aerial imaging and sensing technology.

Nowatzki will share his experience and advice on current use of UAVs in strip-till, along with a look at future applications and opportunities with the technology.



John Nowatzki

10:15 to 11:00 a.m. "Structuring a Strip-Till Fertility Program: Lessons Learned & Goals Achieved."

Constantly evaluating the form, rates and placement of nutrients can make the difference between profitability and not farming at all. This is a philosophy that strip-tiller Donn Branton and his son, Chad, subscribe to on their 1,500-acre operation in LeRoy, N.Y., since adopting the strip-tillage more than 12 years ago.

Deep placement of fertilizer, multiple nitrogen applications and nutrient management trials have contributed to a 40-bushel-per-acre boost in some corn fields. "Every decision we make on the farm is an investment," Branton says. "We've stuck with strip-till, cover crops and other practices because they improve our soil, yields, the environment and our bottom line."

Branton will share results of on-farm nutrient management experimentation and detail his strategies for improving your yields and soil health with a conservation-minded fertility program.



Donn Branton

11:00 to 11:10 a.m. "2016 National Strip-Tillage Conference Sponsor Recognition."

Join us in thanking our 12 Title Sponsors whose generous support of the 2016 National Strip-Tillage Conference makes it possible to bring you the most highly informative strip-till learning event available today.

11:10 to 11:55 a.m. "Taking the Stress Out of Strip-Tilled Corn to Improve Yields."

Keeping plants healthy throughout the growing season is critical to a successful corn crop. But understanding and satisfying early season nutrient needs can help strip-tillers set the stage for a bumper crop. Jerry Hatfield, supervisory plant physiologist with the USDA's Agricultural Research Service (ARS), has done extensive research on the interactions within the soil-plant-atmosphere spectrum and their connection to air, water and soil quality.

Hatfield will discuss recent research that looks at the correlation between early-season nutrient applications on plant health in strip-tilled corn and its impact on yields.



Jerry Hatfield

11:55 a.m. to Noon "Get Ready to Put All that Strip-Till Knowledge to Work."

Say your farewells and collect contact information of successful strip-tillers you'd like to network with in the future before you head home.

1:30 to 4:30 p.m. "Special Hands-On Workshop — Digging Into Secrets, Strategies & Solutions for Strip-Till Soil Health with Ray Archuleta, NRCS Conservation Agronomist."

(This workshop, limited to 40 attendees, costs just \$50 to attend.

It is available only to paid registered NSTC attendees.

Sign up for this workshop using the registration form on Page 8.)

How deep is your knowledge of your strip-tilled soil? A visual assessment only scratches the surface of what lies beneath. Get ready to dig deep into the microbial world living within your fields and gain a better understanding of organic growth opportunities from Ray Archuleta, conservation agronomist with the USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service.

During this interactive post-conference strip-till workshop, Archuleta will take attendees into the field for hands-on demonstrations of soil testing techniques, explain the benefits of naturally building soil health and illustrate some of the key positive indicators — and warning signs — that strip-tillers should look for to ensure that they're nurturing their soil for long-term productivity.

Farmers' Feedback on the National Strip-Tillage Conference

95.2%



of Strip-Tillage Conference attendees would recommend attending

2014 and 2015 National Strip-Tillage Conference Attendee Surveys



"We were first time attendees, just starting out in strip-till so we were sponges listening and learning to all of the different approaches, options and benefits..."

— Rick Yaulton, Chatham, Ontario

20 Reasons Why this Strip-Till Event is the Most Valuable Learning Experience You'll Have in 2016!

- 1. FEATURING** an extremely valuable mix of 7 general session presenters, 12 Classrooms and 20 "face-to-face" Roundtables, the National Strip-Tillage Conference is poised to earn a "see-it-here-first" reputation unlike any other event in the industry.
- 2. RECOGNIZING** that every minute of this intensive, no-nonsense event is geared toward leading you to more effective strip-tilling.
- 3. TAPPING** the expertise of leading strip-till researchers and innovators during 2 days of "nonstop" hallway networking.
- 4. LEARNING** new ways to make nutrient applications more effective even while trimming your 2016-17 fertilizer costs.
- 5. AVOIDING** dozens of costly time- and \$\$\$-wasting mistakes that have already been made by fellow strip-till attendees.
- 6. DELIVERING** equipment modification tips and thought-provoking product innovations in a powerful learning environment.
- 7. DISCOVERING** new ideas guaranteed to meet your cropping needs in an extraordinary "one-of-a-kind, think-tank" atmosphere.
- 8. CAPITALIZING** on the latest field-proven ideas for solving the most critical strip-till problems that you face each day.
- 9. PROVIDING** an in-depth, unbiased strip-till program offering state-of-the-art ideas to meet your specific needs without pushing specific system ideas, cropping techniques or government agendas.
- 10. STEERING** this event are strip-tillers just like you. The opinions and suggestions of strip-tillers keeps the program directly relevant to your needs and the issues you face each day in the field.
- 11. RECEIVING** \$118.70 of extremely valuable Special Strip-Till "Bonus Reports" you'll refer to all during the coming year — more than 1,000 pages as a conference bonus.
- 12. BUILDING** a dynamic "This Conference Is For Me" style program that will deliver a healthy shot of adrenaline and valuable ideas for your 2016-17 strip-till cropping season.
- 13. OFFERING** three distinct styles of learning spread over 32 hours and nearly 40 sessions that will be hailed as a breath of fresh air for the entire strip-till community.
- 14. ATTENDING** a conference that's fully guaranteed to elevate your strip-till skills, knowledge and results in 2016-17.

Reserve Your Room at the Bloomington-Normal Marriott!

The Marriott — Bloomington-Normal — Hotel & Conference Center will host the 3rd annual National Strip-Tillage Conference August 3-4. The hotel, located just off I-74 at 201 Broadway Ave. in Normal, Ill., will provide plenty of down-home comfort and a superb learning environment for you during 2 days this summer.



You can reserve your hotel rooms at the special National Strip-Tillage Conference rate of \$110 per night by calling 888-236-2427. Make sure you mention the National Strip-Tillage Conference to get the special rate. Room availability is limited, so be sure to make your room reservations as soon as possible.

Following are some area attractions you and your party may want to look into while in Bloomington-Normal:

- Bloomington's Miller Park Zoo offers family-friendly fun and attractions, including interactive exhibits, learning opportunities and both indoor and outdoor habitats from around the world.
- Destihl Brewery in Bloomington started in 2007 and offers an array of year-round and seasonal craft beers along with tours.
- The McLean County fair runs Aug. 3-7 at the Interstate Center, located at the intersection of I-74, I-55 and I-39 in Bloomington.

- 15. COMPARING** the newest strip-till products and strip-tilling guidelines offered by 12 leading suppliers who make this event possible by co-sponsoring it with *Strip-Till Farmer*.
- 16. REVEALING** dozens of thought-provoking ideas and cost-cutting opportunities you'll put to immediate use once you get home.
- 17. DEVELOPING** a network of fellow strip-tillers who can help you solve strip-till challenges at the conference and into the future.
- 18. PICKING UP** just one rock-solid idea from 32 hours of education will more than pay for your cost of attending this event.
- 19. GATHERING** proven strip-till tactics from hundreds of strip-tillers that you can put to use in your management system in 2016-17!
- 20. REAPING** the best return on investment of any single learning activity you'll be a part of during the next year!

We've heard from strip-tillers that they need a high-quality educational event and we're ready to deliver.

This is a no-holds-barred, one-of-a-kind conference set to earn your trust for delivering **focused strip-till solutions**.

We Fully Guarantee Your Satisfaction!!!

We've written about hundreds of strip-till operations since the 1980s within the pages of *No-Till Farmer*. And we've increased our coverage of this innovative conservation-tillage practice the past 6 years with the creation of our twice-a-month e-newsletter — *Strip-Till Strategies* — and *StripTillFarmer.com* website dedicated to news, insights and grower practices involving strip-till.

Using the proven educational format fine-tuned through 24 years of the National No-Tillage Conference, we're confident this 3rd annual highly intensive, information-filled 2-day conference on strip-tillage will give you dozens of ideas to consider incorporating into your strip-till operation.

That's why if this one-of-a-kind event isn't everything we promised, write me and I'll send you a full 100% refund. Take up to 6 months to decide so that you can measure the return on your investment from this unique learning experience.

For nearly 45 years, farmers have trusted us to deliver unbiased, highly practical, how-to reduced tillage information. Hosting this event is still another way to help you continue your strip-till education, not just through the informative speakers and classroom presenters, but with the valuable networking opportunities that occur through valuable hallway conversations.

This unsurpassed guarantee should convince you that we're worthy of your trust and attendance at the 3rd annual National Strip-Tillage Conference coming up this August 3 and 4, 2016.

See You in Bloomington-Normal!



Darrell Bruggink

J. A. Bruggink

YOURS FREE! \$118.70 of Valuable Strip-Till Reports, Guides

These special “Strip-Till Bonuses” provide nearly 1,000 pages of essential, innovative information that’s worth the value of your conference registration fee alone. It’s all yours FREE for the commitment you’ve made in taking your strip-till system to the next level by attending our unique event.

Your strip-till learning shouldn’t end on the final day of the National Strip-Tillage Conference. To meet your constantly evolving strip-till system needs, you’ll find plenty of valuable tips and techniques you can put to immediate use in these 6 **FREE** “Strip-Till Bonuses.” Loaded with hundreds of top-notch, nuts-and-bolts ideas, these nearly 1,000 pages of valuable reference materials offer information you certainly won’t want to be without when you head to the fields with your strip-till toolbar.

Bonus #1

No-Till Farmer & Conservation Tillage Guide

Each paid registered attendee receives a FREE 1-year subscription to *No-Till Farmer* delivered monthly, including 8 issues of the popular 16-page newsletter and 4 issues of the info-packed *Conservation Tillage Guide* quarterly magazine.

Bonus Value: \$44.95



Bonus #4

Soil Health: The Engine For Your No-Till Operation

This report includes in-depth articles on how fully functioning soil biological processes improve the viability of no-till and strip-till systems, as well as explain the role that soil additives and amendments can play in making your soil profile, and farm operation, even more profitable.

Bonus Value: \$15.95



Bonus #2

9 Ways to Effectively Manage No-Till Residue

Whether it’s precision technology tips for planter setups, vertical tillage or just letting your soils do the work, this 40-page report shares numerous ways you can get residue in your fields under control.

Bonus Value: \$15.95



Bonus #5

Getting a Handle on Nasty No-Till Weed Issues

New seed technologies and innovative techniques are helping farmers in the battle to take back control of yields and profitability from nasty weeds. In this 36-page report, you’ll find several diverse weed-control ideas and strategies to preserve the way of strip-till farming.

Bonus Value: \$15.95



Bonus #3

Covering Up, Part 3: Branching Out with Your Cover Crop Program

The third installment on cover crops will zero in on advancing your cover crop program, including the latest seeding technologies and equipment, how to integrate livestock, working with multiple species in mixes and finding a return on investment.

Bonus Value: \$15.95



Bonus #6

Growing High-Profit No-Till Soybeans

Following a half dozen no-till production strategies are critical for boosting both your soybean yield and income. This 16-page report outlines 19 in-depth, profit-boosting soybean tips to consider before planting, during planting and beyond.

Bonus Value: \$9.95



4 EASY WAYS TO REGISTER



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