



LET'S GET STRIP-TILLING

The 6th 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 in a unique environment.

You won't want to miss this! See the highlights:

- ✓ Exclusive Knowledge, Actionable Ideas from 19 Top-Notch Speaker Sessions
- ✓ 20 Roundtables for Seeking Answers to Your Most Challenging Strip-Till Questions
- ✓ Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner and Many More Valuable Networking Opportunities
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Get Hundreds of Strip-Till Tips, Techniques & Ideas During Two Info-Packed Days in Peoria!

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 6th annual National Strip-Tillage Conference from Aug. 1 to 2 in Peoria, Ill.

FOR NEARLY 40 YEARS, we've been covering the practice of strip-till within the pages of *No-Till Farmer* and then with our launch of *Strip-Till Farmer* nearly a decade ago to now include our e-newsletter, print edition, podcasts and webinars. And now, we're building on that established, authoritative success with our 6th annual educational and networking event that strip-tillers can call their own.

We're excited to bring you this unique, one-of-a-kind learning experience assembling the best strip-tillers, agronomists and researchers

together in one location to share cutting-edge ideas, techniques and strategies to raise your level of strip-till profitability, efficiency and efficacy.

The 6th 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 Peoria, Ill.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 1...

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 \$351.75. (See Page 7.)

8:50 to 9:00 a.m. Official Start of the 2019 National Strip-Tillage Conference in the River Ballroom

9:00 to 9:45 a.m. "Sustainability as a Commodity: Getting to the Root of Why We Strip-Till"

Farmers are used to overcoming adversity and the recent years have forced many to be increasingly resourceful and resilient with their farm management. Opportunity can take many forms, but the key is recognizing and acting on it when it arises. Since transitioning his Lake Mills, Iowa, corn and soybean operation to 100% strip-till in 2012, Ben Pederson has pursued a deeper understanding of the progressive benefits and public influences that are shaping the conservation tillage landscape.

Pederson challenges you to think critically about the scope of your strip-system, look for innovative pathways for increased profitability and have a positive impact on long-term food security.



Ben Pederson

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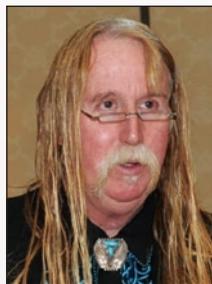


9:50 to 10:50 a.m. "It's Alive! Connecting the Conservation Dots to Keep Your Strip-Tilled Soils Thriving"

Strip-tillers strive for healthy soil. But it takes more than a casual approach to keep the biological activity beneath the soil thriving and evolving. Fortunately, there are interconnected steps strip-tillers can take to ensure the long-term health of their soil — including cover cropping, controlled traffic and proper drainage.

These are among the tenets Frank Gibbs, former USDA soil scientist and founder of Wetland and Soil Consulting Services (WSCS) in Rawson, Ohio, has been advocating for during more than 40 years as an agronomist and soil health expert and conservation ambassador.

"Improving your soils takes a comprehensive approach," he



Frank Gibbs

says. "It's not one single thing which will do the job — it's combination of improvements functioning together."

During this Premier Lecture Series general session, Gibbs discusses how to create and maintain a collaborative biological environment within your strip-tilled soils to improve plant health.

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

Strip-Till Classroom #1 ...

"Starting Out in Strip-Till: An Economic, Efficient Approach"

Concern over a large initial investment in equipment and time can have farmers second guessing a switch to strip-till. However, there are affordable and innovative entry points which can ease the transition. Since 2012, Seth Wenzel has been strip-tilling corn on the family's 4,000-acre farm near Kent, in northwest Illinois, embracing economic approaches to machinery, technology and fertilizer application that have helped increase yields.

Wenzel shares his top takeaways for starting out in strip-till and experience-based examples for how he's been able to add bushels to the bin by budgeting for change.



Seth Wenzel

Strip-Till Classroom #2...

"Cracking the Cover Crop Code: Mixes, Methods & Mistakes"

Cover cropping is on the rise among strip-tillers and can be a source of inspiration to revive a stagnant farm management system. To rejuvenate his 1,100-acre operation near Austin, Minn., strip-tiller and no-tiller Tom Cotter has committed to continuous and sometimes unconventional cover cropping practices which over time have helped increase yields, generate more income from the same amount of land and improve the quality and health of his soils, livestock and crops in a geography that generates some challenges.

"I played with cover crops, made mistakes and it took me about 14 years to really learn how to do it successfully," Cotter says. "We've used sometimes up to 17 different species, but I always ensure there are at least three grasses, three brassicas and two or three legumes in a mix because every field has different goals."

Cotter chronicles his successes — and missteps — with incorporating a compatible cover cropping strategy into strip-till and no-till environments.



Tom Cotter

"The hallway conversations can almost be twice as valuable as the conference sessions thanks to the connections I've made throughout the years..."

Strip-Till Classroom #3...

“Crunching the Numbers on Nutrient Efficiency in Strip-Till”

Stretching fertilizer dollars to maximize the effectiveness of nutrient applications is a key element of a comprehensive strip-till system. But even the best fertility programs can be disrupted by Mother Nature. Planning for the unexpected and managing variability are areas where Deweese, Neb., strip-tiller Brian Herbek has focused his nutrient management strategy since adopting the practice in 2009. Farming both dryland and irrigated farmland on his 1,900-acre corn and soybean operation, Herbek has embraced the challenge of finding more effective, efficient ways to apply fertilizer, conserve moisture and improve soil health.

Herbek details the structure and success of his nutrient management plan, including how he's reduced applied N to bushels per acre to below a 0.7 on his best fields along with ways he's made his strip-tilled crops more “drought tolerant” through moisture conservation practices.



Brian Herbek

3. Better Tactics & Tools for Residue Management
4. Taking Flight with UAVs: How Do I Measure ROI?
5. Hitting the Target with Your Banded Fertilizer
6. Finding & Fixing Sidewall Compaction Issues
7. Managing Manure Application: Do's & Don'ts
8. Strip Refreshing: The How, When & Why
9. What I Learned My First Year Strip-Tilling
10. Planting Green: What's the Secret to Success?

3:00 to 3:30 p.m. Networking/Refreshment Break

— Courtesy of Nutrien

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 #4...

“Strip-Tilling Soybeans: Managing Variables to Maximize Yields”

While corn is considered the dominant crop being strip-tilled, soybeans are an emerging complement or even alternative for some strip-tillers. Having the proper management strategy to maximize yield potential is essential. New research by the University of Wisconsin Extension evaluated the impact strip-till and fertilizer placement have on soybean row spacing and yield response. Data collected through 2018 on small and large plots compared 15- and 30-inch fall and spring strip-tilled soybeans assessing the advantages and challenges.

Senior Outreach Specialist John Gaska presents brand new university extension research results on strip-tilled soybeans to include analysis of nutrient management practices, seedbed preparation and yield results.



John Gaska

Strip-Till Classroom #5...

“Exploring the Opportunities & Obstacles of an Organic Strip-Till System”

When it comes to weed control, strip-tillers tend to opt for a chemical application to minimize invasive species popping up in their corn and soybean fields. But as they experiment with transitioning some of their 3,200-acre corn and soybean operation to organic practices, Frankton, Ind., farmer Mike Shuter and his sons, Brian and Patrick, are developing more environmental and economical options for weed control. In 2018, Shuter developed a new, non-invasive tool for weed control to complement to the farm's cover cropping practices and open the door for an easier organic transition.

Shuter details the design of his new weed control machine, along with the benefits and challenges of transitioning into an organic strip-till system.



Mike Shuter

Strip-Till Classroom #6...

“Testing Tillage Intensity: Learning from a Less is More Mindset”

Continuous corn can be a daunting system for strip-tillers to manage, from disease and pest control to rapid residue breakdown.

But there are opportunities and advantages to strip-tilled corn-on-corn, if done right. Recent comparative research by Emerson Nafziger, crop and soil fertility researcher and professor emeritus at the University of Illinois, dug into the benefits and challenges of continuous corn systems, taking into account nitrogen application, residue management and yield variance.

Nafziger shares university research on how different tillage systems — including strip-till — compared in continuous corn trials, along with management tips when considering a corn-on-corn cropping system.



Emerson Nafziger

Noon to 12:45 p.m. Lunch Break —

Courtesy of Youngblut Ag (Included in your strip-till conference registration fee.)

Refuel, reflect and relax with a sandwich, chips and drink. And take some time to reconnect with peers from past years or make some new connections with fellow strip-tillers before the afternoon program begins.



12:45 to 1:45 p.m. “2019 Strip-Till Innovators Program with Support from Montag Mfg.”

Join us in recognizing the first recipient of the Strip-Till Innovators Program honor for their dedication, commitment and advocacy for the practice. Hear directly from the individual who has made a significant contribution to the advancement of strip-till farming, elevating the practice and its benefits in reducing soil erosion, fertilizer use and increasing soil health and crop production.



2:00 to 3:00 p.m. 10 Super Strip-Till Roundtables

Select from 10 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. Seeding Smarter: Planter Tips, Tricks & Techniques
2. Let's Talk Spring Strip-Till: Benefits, Challenges & Results

Strip-Till Classroom #7...

“Ready, Set, Strip-Till: Proving First-Year Payback”

Strip-till tends to be practiced in pockets, with neighboring farmers evolving their systems, sometimes sharing or comparing berm-building strategies, planter setups and fertilization practices. But broadening awareness and adoption has been a goal of Cambridge, Ill., farmer Monte Bottens, who



Monte Bottens

“The investment of my time and money to be here is well worth it and well spent for the educational return I've gotten...”

— Gary Gangwer, Lafayette, Ind.

since 2004 has advocated for increased use of strip-till in California, as an effective method for increasing corn silage yields, conserving moisture and improving soil health.

Bottens shares how he and his team at California Ag Solutions have helped farmers move from 8-11 tillage passes to an efficient strip-till system, capturing first-year ROI, along with proven tips and tools for achieving early returns on the practice.

Strip-Till Classroom #8...

“60-Inch Strip-Till:

The Good, the Bad & the New”

Researcher Bob Recker acknowledges that wide-row corn isn't going to be a commercial success anytime soon. But there's plenty of potential in the unique cropping system as a pathway to increasing strip-tilled soil health. A former ag engineer and current owner of Cedar Valley Innovation in Waterloo, Iowa, Recker began experimenting with 60-inch corn in 2017, plotting a course for plants to better harvest sunlight and allow for more versatile seeding strategies with cover crops.

“While we've not yet seen a yield increase with 60-inch rows, I am exploring higher and lower populations for a combination that will make it a yield advantage for a traditional grower, which should greatly encourage him to adopt cover crops in his practice,” he says.

Recker shares how turning off every other row on your planter and doubling per row populations can create an accommodating environment for corn and cover crops, along with a candid look at some of the practical challenges — including weed control — that a 60-inch system can produce.



Bob Recker

4:45 to 5:45 p.m. 10 Even Better Strip-Till Roundtables

Once you determine which of the following 10 sessions to attend, send others from your farm to other roundtables so you can later swap dozens of great ideas that you can add to your 2019 strip-till operation.

11. Mixing it Up: What are the Best Cover Crop Combinations?
12. Let's Talk Fall Strip-Till: Benefits, Challenges & Results
13. Organic Practices & Strip-Till: Worth the Transition?
14. Smarter Water Management & Irrigation Practices
15. Stretching Your Fertilizer Dollar with Split Applications
16. Talking Toolbar Adjustments & Improvements
17. How to Make Informed Strip-Till Decisions Using Data

FRIDAY, AUGUST 2...

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 \$351.75. (See Page 7.)

7:00 to 7:50 a.m. Early Bird Breakfast — with Support from Midwestern BioAg



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

Start your day off right with our buffet-style breakfast. Then experienced cropping systems researcher Jeff Mitchell will serve up food for thought on the trending growth, environmental gains and unique aspects of strip-till systems in the western U.S.

7:50 to 8:45 a.m. “Changing the Production Landscape with Smarter Strip-Till Practices”

At the turn of the century, strip-tillage and no-tillage were used on less than 1% of California's annual crop land. Tillage practices in the

18. Applying Anhydrous: A Pro & Con Discussion

19. Calling All Earthworms: Soil Health Building Tips

20. Conquering Equipment Compatibility Challenges

6:15 to 7:45 p.m. The National Strip-Tillage Conference Dinner

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



Relax and enjoy a fabulous dinner at the Embassy Suites. We'll follow dinner with a thought-provoking general session presentation from Dr. Ray Asebedo, agronomic consultant and precision farming researcher.

“Sensing an Evolution in How Data Drives Strip-Till Solutions”

Sensing technology and strip-till are a promising pairing. But what are the opportunities and obstacles to adoption and ultimately, a more targeted, field-tested approach to leveraging optical sensors for real-time results.

At its best, information generated by sensor technology offers, “a well-rounded perspective on how the soil and plant are interacting within any given season and any environmental interaction,” says Dr. Ray Asebedo, former assistant professor of precision agriculture at Kansas State University. To fully unlock the potential of sensing technology in a strip-till system, farmers need to take a holistic approach to integrating these new technologies into their system.

From soil sensors to drones, Asebedo will dissect how each piece of the sensing puzzle can fit together for a more profitable picture during the keynote dinner presentation.

7:45 to 8:45 p.m. Dessert and Networking Hour
— Courtesy of Case IH



Ray Asebedo

8:45 p.m. to Midnight The Strip-Tillage Conference Hospitality Event — Courtesy of Hawkins



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(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.

state had in fact, changed very little for the prior 90 years.

Since that time however, a variety of motivations have now led to major reductions in overall tillage disturbance in several cropping sectors, as well as increased use of several variations on the strip-tillage theme in vegetables, but particularly in silage corn production, and more recently, on organic farms.

Working with the Conservation Agriculture Systems Innovation (CASI) Center, Jeff Mitchell, cropping extension specialist with the University of California-Davis, has been active in leading the evolution of new, reduced-disturbance systems with many farmer and private sector partners.

Mitchell provides research and results on up-to-date advances in the use of strip-till in California and shares concrete examples of how farmers in the Golden State are understanding and embracing effective strip-till systems.



Jeff Mitchell

“There are open-minded attendees and a lot of different viewpoints which is very educational. You don't get that at a lot of events...”

— Megan Wallendal, Grand Marsh, Wis.

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

Strip-Till Classroom #9...

“Calculating Cover Crop ROI: Bankable Benefits in Strip-Till”

Timing, seeding method and rate are key considerations to integrating cover crops into a strip-till system. But another avenue to success is a willingness to experiment. Strip-tilling since 2009 on his 1,300-acre operation in Blue Earth, Minn., Matt Alford began incorporating cover crops in 2013, testing different mixes and seeding options with the objective of measuring return on investment, both from an economical and biological standpoint.

Alford shares his bottom-line benefits of cover cropping to include reducing input costs, unlocking carryover nitrogen credits and the monetary benefit of using covers for natural weed control.



Matt Alford

Strip-Till Classroom #10...

“A Strength in Numbers Solution to Strip-Till Soil Health”

If you built it, they will come. Creating a comfortable environment for earthworms starts with strengthening your soils, says Frank Gibbs, former USDA soil scientist and founder of Wetland and Soil Consulting Services (WSCS) in Rawson, Ohio. As he notes, there are more than 3,000 different species of earthworms and understanding how they can work to improve soil health and structure is key to improving a strip-till system.

Bring your soil samples to this interactive classroom for evaluation as Gibbs digs deeper into the benefits and barriers to increasing earthworm activity.

Strip-Till Classroom #11...

“Applying an Agronomic Eye to Strip-Till Equipment Evolutions”

Succeeding with strip-till requires discipline along with a little bit of daring. Getting his first taste of the practice in 1988, Whitelaw, Wis., farmer Steve Tesarik has spent more than 30 years gradually putting the pieces of a profitable system together, mixing mechanical ambition with agronomic instinct. Farming 450 acres of corn for silage, soybeans and wheat, Tesarik, his son, Alex, and wife, Carrie, take pride in making modifications with purpose, leveraging comparative field trials and test plots to assess ROI.

Tesarik details how he's transformed his fleet of equipment — including 4 custom built planters — to complement his fertility goals, weed control program and yield objectives.



Steve Tesarik

Strip-Till Classroom #12...

“Success Through Adversity: Tips for High-Yielding Strip-Till Corn”

There's no secret formula for consistently harvesting 300+ bushel corn, especially in Southwest Kansas, where extreme levels of stress are the norm. It takes a combination of experience, innovation, opportunity and timeliness. Montezuma, Kan., strip-tiller Josh Koehn doesn't claim to have perfected the process for high-yielding corn, but meticulous plot work, attention to detail and willingness to learn from mistakes on his 10,000 acre operation have routinely kept him among the top yielding farmers in the country.

Koehn shares his approach to consistently achieving high-yielding corn, using strip-till to deal with adverse conditions in a growing season, choosing the right fertility program, developing a full-season farm management plan and setting attainable yield goals for your farm.



Josh Koehn

10:15 to 11:00 a.m. “How Well is Your Strip-Tilled Soil Functioning”

When it comes to soil health, it can be easy to embrace an “if it ain't broke, don't fix it” mentality. Strip-tillers are accustomed to taking a systematic approach to consistently produce a high-quality crop.

But in some cases, looks can be deceiving and it's important to understand how soil function is a catalyst for successful cover cropping, residue management and water infiltration. Stephanie McLain, Indiana NRCS soil health specialist, notes that farmers need to dig into the dirty details of their soil health and be proactive managers of soil function.

McLain offers advice for knowing how to analyze and activate soil function, utilizing 8 assessment tools including corn residue breakdown, nutrient cycling and earthworm activity.



Stephanie McLain

11:00 to 11:10 a.m. 2019 National Strip-Tillage Conference Title Sponsor Recognition

Join us in thanking our 12 Title Sponsors whose generous support of the 2019 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. “Precision Cover Crop Seeding & Nitrogen Management: A Winning Combination”

Strip-tillers are no strangers to experimentation, especially when the objective is increased efficiency. Working for the last 4 years on a farmer-initiated project, originally funded by SARE in Illinois, researcher John Pike has tested and analyzed the effects of “precision seeding” different cover crop species in relationship to the row vs. a broadcast application or drilling in a uniform mix.

Pike, who served as an extension educator and research agronomist for the University of Illinois for 15 years, says the trials have been successful in creating a bio-strip-till environment. Also working in conjunction with the Illinois Fertilizer & Chemical Assn., he coordinates on-farm nitrogen trials across southern Illinois and sees promise for incorporating these cover crop strategies to enhance strip-till and no-till systems, to play an important role in achieving goals to reduce nutrient loss and increase farm profitability.

Pike shares examples and results from on-going research into precision cover-cropping seeding to include variety selection, timing and placement.



John Pike

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.

1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Special Post-Conference Workshop — Sponsored by Birkey's Farm Stores



“Seeing is Believing: A Visual Validation of Soil Health with Frank Gibbs”

Join Frank Gibbs, former USDA soil scientist and founder of Wetland and Soil Consulting Services (WSCS), in the field for this unique and eye-opening post-conference demonstration of soil health. He will conduct his famous “smoking tile” experiment which provides a visual analysis of soil structure, quality and earthworm activity. Prepare for an interactive afternoon and come with questions for Gibbs, who will bring more than 40 years of experience as an agronomist and soil health expert into the field.

(This workshop costs just an additional \$99 to attend. Sign up for the workshop using the registration form on Page 8.)



97.2% of Strip-Tillage Conference attendees would recommend attending.

— 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018 National Strip-Tillage Conference Attendees

20 Reasons Why This Strip-Till Event is the Most Valuable Learning Experience You'll Have in 2019!

- 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 2019-20 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 keep the program directly relevant to your needs and the issues you face each day in the field.
- 11. RECEIVING** \$351.75 of extremely valuable Special Strip-Till bonuses you'll refer to all during the coming year — more than 1,000 pages!
- 12. BUILDING** a dynamic "This Conference is for Me" style of program that will deliver a healthy shot of adrenaline and valuable ideas for your 2019-20 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 2019-20.

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The Embassy Suites by Hilton East Peoria Riverfront Hotel & Conference Center will host the 6th annual National Strip-Tillage Conference August 1-2, 2019.

You can reserve your hotel rooms at the special National Strip-Tillage Conference rate of \$142 per night by calling (309) 694-0200 and mentioning the National Strip-Tillage Conference. Hotel room cut-off is July 7, 2019, or until allocated rooms are sold out.

Located at 100 Conference Center Dr., East Peoria, Ill., this 4-star all-suite hotel overlooking Peoria Lake is just 5 minutes from the Peoria Civic Center, and just a short drive from these popular area attractions and more:

- The **Wheels O' Time Museum** offers a fascinating collection of antique autos, trains, airplanes, tools, tractors and more.
- Stop by the **Caterpillar Visitors Center** and learn all about Caterpillar's storied history. Unleash your inner engineer as you design your very own Cat machine. And test your skills on an interactive simulator.
- **Cheer on the Peoria Chiefs** minor league baseball team at Dozer Park, located just a short walk from the Embassy Suites Hotel.

- 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 2019-20!
- 20. REAPING** the best return on investment of any single learning activity you'll be a part of during the next year!

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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 8 years with the creation of our *StripTill Farmer.com* website, *Strip-Till Strategies* daily and weekly e-newsletters, podcast series, webinars and most recently, our *Strip-Till Farmer* quarterly print edition, all dedicated to trends, insights and grower practices involving strip-till.

Using the proven educational format fine-tuned through 27 years of the National No-Tillage Conference, we're confident this 6th 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 50 years, farmers have trusted us to deliver unbiased, highly practical, how-to, reduced-tillage information. Hosting this event is still another way for us 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 hallway conversations.

This unsurpassed guarantee should convince you that we're worthy of your trust and to attend the 6th annual National Strip-Tillage Conference coming up this Aug. 1 and 2, 2019.

See You in Peoria!



Jack Zemlicka

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These special “Strip-Till Bonuses” provide 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.

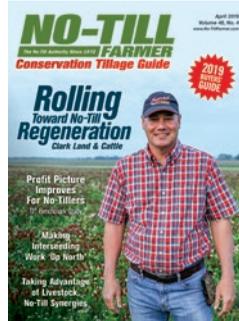
Your strip-till learning shouldn’t end on the final day of the National Strip-Tillage Conference. To meet your constantly evolving strip-till system needs, you’ll find plenty of valuable tips and techniques you can put to immediate use in these 6 FREE “Strip-Till Bonuses.” Loaded with hundreds of top-notch, nuts-and-bolts ideas, these 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 Premium Print+Digital Subscription to *No-Till Farmer* delivered monthly, including 8 issues of the popular 16-page newsletter, 4 issues of the info-packed *Conservation Tillage Guide* quarterly magazine and unlimited access to No-TillFarmer.com.

Bonus Value: \$59.95

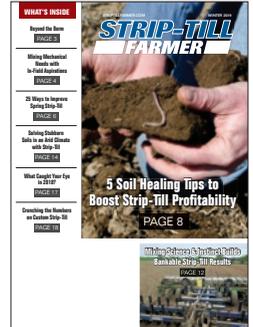


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