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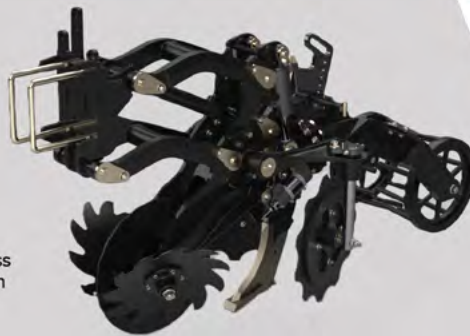
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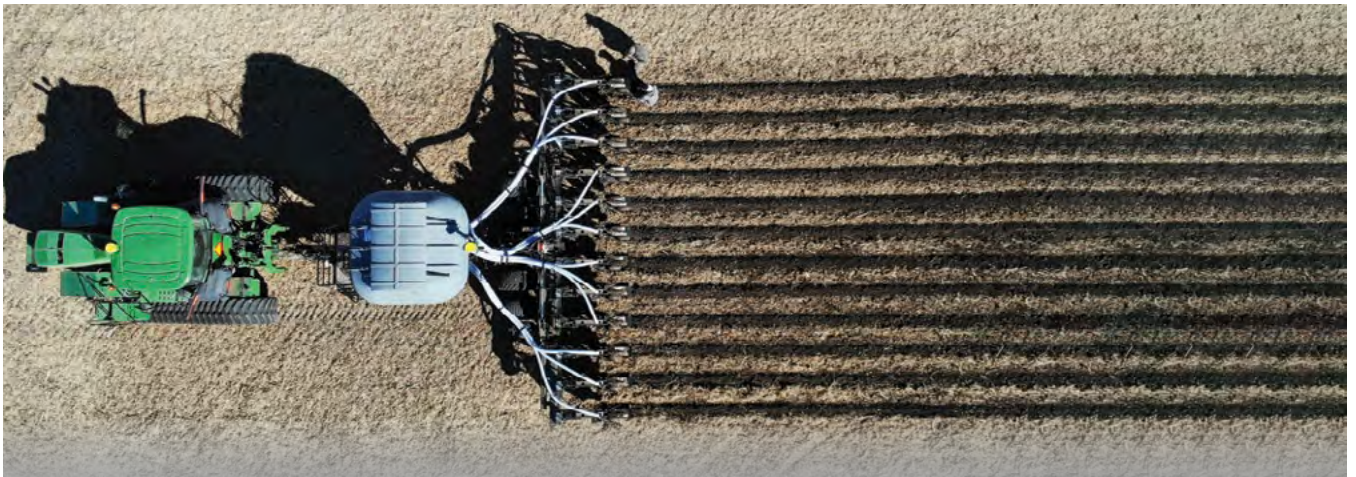


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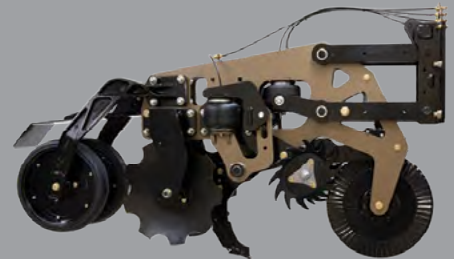
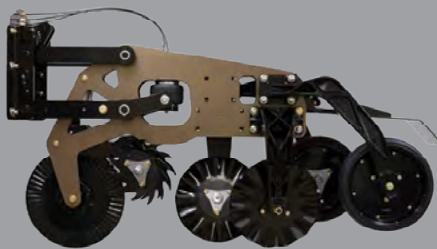
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Kickoff Presentation: Feeding & Weeding Your Strip-Tilled Crops

As input costs rise, it's more important than ever to efficiently fertilize your crops and reduce weed competition. In this dynamic kickoff presentation, **Brian Hefty**, who's been strip-tilling for over 20 years on his 4,000-acre farm near Baltic, S.D., explores how to fine-tune your nutrient management and crop protection plans with a comprehensive breakdown of soil tests, fertilizer rates/ placement, herbicides and spray timing/application.

"The goal is to have you walk away never thinking of fertility and weed control the same again," says Hefty, the longtime co-host of Ag PhD Radio and TV, the industry's leading agronomy shows.

You'll Learn: How to pick the right fertilizers & herbicides for your strip-till operation.



Brian Hefty
Baltic, S.D.

General Session: My Strip-Till Journey: Lessons Learned from the Field & the Mind

After more than 30 years in strip-till, **Dean Sponheim** has seen the wins, setbacks and hard lessons learned that only time can teach. In this candid session, the 4th-generation farmer from Osage, Iowa, reveals what worked, what didn't and the key adjustments that moved the needle on yield, soil health and efficiency during his 3-decade strip-till journey.

"As a new strip-tiller these sessions are invaluable!"

— **Rodney Necker**
Sumner, Iowa

Sponheim also taps into his passion for helping farmers navigate the psychological barriers of implementing change. He shares strategies for dealing with the feelings of being overwhelmed that hold some strip-tillers back from making key improvements. "No matter where you are in the process, there's always room for improvement and change," Sponheim says.

You'll Learn: Practical strategies for improving your strip-till system & building confidence in your decision making.



Dean Sponheim
Osage, Iowa

CHOOSE FROM 4 HIGH-POWERED STRIP-TILL CLASSROOMS

Dig deeper into topical and timely strip-till trends with these smaller-group presentations. Bring your specific questions and others from your farm team to take full advantage of multiple learning opportunities from these highly informative, concurrent classrooms.

Classroom #1: Tips & Tricks to Get the Most Out of Your Strip-Till Equipment

Learn from one of the top equipment experts in the strip-till world! Low Point, Ill., strip-tiller **Todd Mooberry** made headlines several years ago with his invention of the strip freshener, which is used to "freshen" strips in the spring before planting. Since then, the game-changing innovation has become a mainstay in the toolbox of many strip-tillers.

In this equipment-focused session, Mooberry covers the ins and outs of strip fresheners and also dives into the intricacies of coulters, shanks and knives to determine which setup is best for your operation. He also details why farmers don't need a "high-dollar setup" to get started with strip-till.

You'll Learn: Valuable, unbiased insights from one of the leading experts on strip-till equipment, whether or not a strip freshener makes sense for your farm & strategies for building better berms & minimizing erosion.



Todd Mooberry
Low Point, Ill.

Classroom #2: Maximizing Yield, Profit & Soil Health: An Agronomist's Take on Having Your Cake & Eating It Too

Joe Ailts, an independent agronomist and farmer from Deer Park, Wis., believes the best agronomic decisions come from understanding your specific fields, goals and constraints. "That's why I emphasize on-farm research to test practices and products on your farm, under your conditions, to find what truly works for you," he says.

Ailts unpacks 7 years' worth of research data to show how farmers can



Joe Ailts
Deer Park, Wis.

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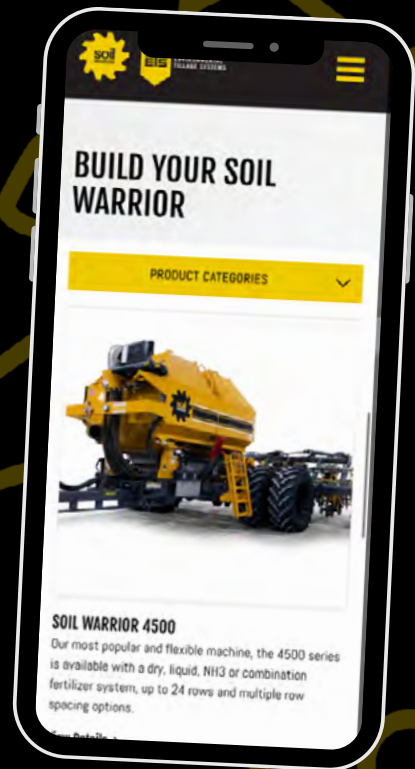
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You'll Learn: Why early planted soybeans remain a winning strategy, the nutrient sequestration powers of cover crops, ways to dial in efficient nitrogen application rates & why mycorrhizal fungi might be the most important species on the planet.

Classroom #3: Finding The Ticket to Conservation Gold with Strip-Till & Cover Crops

The combination of strip-till and strategically managed cover crops is your ticket to conservation gold, says **Joe Curless**. The longtime strip-tiller, who also runs an aerial application business in west central Illinois, takes an unfiltered look at his cover crop journey from 2008 to today, sharing the eye-openers, failures and breakthroughs he's seen along the way.

From aerially applying clover mixes into standing corn and soybeans in late summer to converting a planter into a strip freshener, Curless shows how thoughtful integration of strip-till and covers can protect soil, anchor nutrients, reduce erosion and improve soil biology.

You'll Learn: How to incorporate diverse cover crop mixes with strip-till, termination strategies for dry & wet conditions, advantages of aerial applications & how to pivot when things don't go as planned.

Classroom #4: Capturing Strip-Till Success on Challenging Soils

Wes Arseneau, a young farmer from Iroquois County, Ill., convinced his dad and late grandfather that strip-till — not conventional tillage — was the way to go after a frustratingly wet 2018 spring. He bought an 8-row toolbar at a local auction and hasn't looked back, expanding his strip-till acreage every year since.



Joe Curless
Astoria, Ill.

"Of all the farm events I go to, I get the most bang for my buck coming to the National Strip-Till Conference."

— **Robert Boyle**,
Coolidge, Ariz.

"I was conditioned to believe you couldn't strip-till unless you had good drainage," he says. "Everyone told me that. I went along with it for a long time until I learned you don't have to have the perfect soils to make strip-till work. In our experience, it works even better in the marginal stuff." Arseneau dives into how strip-till and cover crops improve drainage and the chain effect both have on yields, nutrient uptake and soil health.

You'll Learn: How to get started with strip-till & make the system work on stubborn soils.



Wes Arseneau
Iroquois County, Ill.

Networking Lunch (included)

Refuel, reflect, relax and reconnect with peers and friends from past years, and make new connections with like-minded strip-tillers.

Strip-Till Innovator Award Presentation: Putting Strip-Till to the Test with Only 7 Inches of Rain!

Robert Boyle, the recipient of the 2026 Strip-Till Innovator Award, deals with drought conditions every year in Coolidge, Ariz. His 1,200-acre corn, cotton, alfalfa and dairy operation

only gets about 7 inches of rain — if he's lucky — and often it all comes over the course of 2-3 storms. Boyle tackles the challenge head on by embracing a strip-till mindset for everything he does, including water management.

Learn from one of the nation's leading strip-tillers, as he details his unique approach to strip-tilling in extremely dry conditions. Boyle also discusses his usage of diverse cover crop mixes to preserve soil structure and water, twin rows and cutting-edge technology like an autonomous irrigation and nutrient application machine.

You'll Learn: Strategies for incorporating cover crops with strip-till, the benefits of twin-row strip-till & how to improve water efficiency in adverse conditions.



Robert Boyle
Coolidge, Ariz.



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General Session: Fixing the Leaks in Your Strip-Till Nutrient Management Plan

The strip-till dream team of **Chris Perkins**, 2024 Strip-Till Innovator and Best Speaker Award recipient, and **Chris Kasten**, soil test data analyst and co-founder of Agrimodis, share how they're rethinking the traditional approach to strip-till nutrient management and plant testing. Perkins and Kasten detail a cutting-edge, data-driven approach that analyzes nutrient quantities, not concentrations, to pinpoint excessive and deficient nutrients in your crops. Perkins and Kasten also discuss the importance of nutrient balance and the crucial relationship between plant density, weight and nutrient removal.

You'll Learn: New plant testing methods, how to estimate yield potential as early as V8 & fine-tune your strip-till fertility plan to maximize efficiency.



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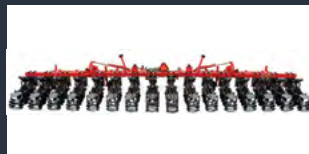
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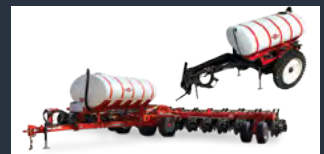
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5 Efficiency-Enhancing Nutrient Management Tips

When it comes to nutrient management, Deweese, Neb., strip-tiller **Brian Herbek** lives by the 4R philosophy.

As a fifth-generation farmer on a dryland and irrigated 1,900-acre corn and soybean operation, he's focused on slowly evolving his practices over the years to become more efficient. After trying ridge-till, conventional tillage and no-till, he eventually hit on strip-till in 2009 and hasn't looked back. Herbek shares some nutrient management tips that help increase his overall strip-till efficiency.

1 Soil Sample Often

To ensure efficient use of fertilizer and nutrients, it's best to understand what's happening in the soil itself. Herbek is a firm believer in developing an extensive sampling protocol.

"We're sampling in multiple places in the field," he says. "To get our consistency, we sample 4 inches off the growing plant when we're doing the in-season sampling. During post-harvest sampling, we're going in where we're going to plant next year's crop. We've got to know what's going on in each field and then what's going on with each zone in that field."

2 Spoon Feed Crops

Herkbek has unlocked efficiencies by splitting nutrient applications. Each application is variable rated, based on soil samples pulled for each "zone," he says. To start, he does a fall and spring strip-till pass with his dual coulter 12-row Environmental Tillage Systems SoilWarrior. In the spring, Herbek freshens his strips while putting out his base rate of N.

The timing for this is also important, because he doesn't run any extra N through his planter. Instead of applying starter fertilizer, Herbek says he recently installed liquid fertilizer tanks on his strip-till rig to dribble pop-up fertilizer and a micronutrient package while he's freshening the strip in the spring. From there, he sidedresses N as needed throughout the growing season.

3 Mind the Micros

Herkbek says micronutrients have been one of his limiting factors according to tissue tests and soil samples. Working with his agronomist, he assembled a micronutrient "concoction" of mostly boron, molybdenum, manganese, copper and zinc to dribble out of his newly custom-fabricated and installed liquid tanks on the strip-till rig.

4 Get Deep

With Herbek's dual coulter system, he's able to put nutrients down about 7-8 inches — but the deeper the better, he says.

"We're looking into a different set up to get the nutrients even deeper in the profile," says Herbek. "Often, it seems farmers are ending up with most of their nutrients in the top 3 inches of their soil. We really want to get deeper, especially in the dryland acres, so we can get the nutrients down to where the roots are actively growing."

5 Dial Back N

One way to increase N efficiency is to just apply less of it while getting roughly the same results. In some of his most productive fields, Herbek says his N use ratio is down to about 0.7 pounds of N to the bushel. While adopting soil health-conscious policies across the farm may have set the stage for this success, Herbek says dialing back application rates is worth a try.

"People are always saying it, but it's probably true that most of us farmers are overapplying N," he says. "It's important, but it's not as important as we think it is. What we did recently was take some of our N budget and spent that on our micronutrients."



Brian Herbek
Deweese, Neb.

5 MORE STRIP-TILL CLASSROOMS

Select 1 of 5 more strip-till classrooms for intimate, specialized learning. Bring others from your farm to divide and conquer as you broaden your knowledge — and contacts — with these strip-till experts.

Classroom #5: Strip-Till vs. No-Till: The Best of Both Worlds

Strip-till and no-till complement each other well on **Dean Sponheim's** farm. But both systems have their own benefits and drawbacks, he concludes after experimenting with a hybrid no-till/strip-till approach with cover crops for almost a decade in Osage, Iowa. Sponheim explains what strip-tillers should know about no-till — and vice versa — and compares how the two systems stack up. He also details the custom-built equipment that's making strip-till and no-till easier to pull off in his operation.

You'll Learn: How no-till & strip-till can be used in harmony & how to evaluate which system fits your soils, crop rotation & management style.

Classroom #6: Bin-Busting Tips from Strip-Till Yield Champs

The current world records for corn (Dave Hula, 623 bushels) and soybean (Alex Harrell, 218 bushels) yields were both achieved with strip-till. Chasing monster yields isn't always the name of the game, but there are valuable lessons to be learned from championship-winning plots. In this session, **Mark Schleisman** (317 bushels, Lake City, Iowa), **Troy Uphoff** (346 bushels, Findlay, Ill.) and a panel of other NCGA Yield Contest-winning strip-tillers share the key takeaways from high yield plots that changed the way they manage the rest of their acres. From nutrient placement and residue management to hybrid selection, timing and technology, these strip-till yield champs discuss what's working on their road to 300 bushels.

You'll Learn: Actionable ideas & proven methods for breaking the 300-bushel barrier with strip-tilled corn.



Mark Schleisman
Lake City, Iowa



Troy Uphoff
Findlay, Ill.

Classroom #7: Building a Balanced Plate at the Strip-Till Buffet

It's hard not to be a "more-on" at an all you can eat buffet, and put more on your plate than your stomach can handle. If you fill up on prime rib and pasta, you won't have enough room for vegetables and fruit. The same goes for the living plant, as some strip-tillers make the mistake of

overapplying nutrients instead of balancing nutrition, says **Brian Herbek**, who strip-tills 100% of his 1,900 acres in Deweese, Neb.

The fifth-generation farmer shares fertility tips for feeding plants the right diet, explains how to increase nutrient use efficiency and clears up common misconceptions about strip-till nutrient management. He also highlights a new breakthrough that's allowing him to reduce his nitrogen usage by 50%.

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You'll Learn: Practical agronomic insights to improve the overall soil & plant health in your strip-till system.



Brad Hobrock
Beardstown, Ill.

Classroom #9: Strip-Till Product Solutions Round 1

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— Kim Melton,
Breckenridge, Minn.

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Premier Lecture Series: Innovative Strip-Till Strategies to Boost the Bottom Line

Longtime strip-tiller and no-tiller **Marion Calmer** returns to the NSTC stage to share the latest discoveries from his independent on-farm research in Alpha, Ill. The 4-time Lessiter Media Speaker of the Year and No-Till Legend details his 10-10-10 System for strip-till and cover crops. Calmer aims to supercharge yields with the best of both worlds by combining 10 inches of cover crops with 10 inches of strip-tilled corn and 10 more inches of cover crops.

Plus, Calmer combs through soil test data to determine the correct depth for P and K placement. He also discusses the keys to chopping and spreading residue evenly ahead of fall strip-till and cover crop seeding.

You'll Learn: How to boost soil health with strip-till & cover crops, how to determine the correct placement of P & K, the importance of a residue-free strip & spring strip-freshening tips.



Marion Calmer
Alpha, Ill.

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to strip-till.
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with many
questions and
got them all
answered!"*

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7 More Sensational Roundtables

8. Residue Management Tips & Tricks
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10. Managing Manure Applications:
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11. Fall vs. Spring Strip-Till: Benefits, Challenges & Results
12. Tactics & Tools for Strip-Till Weed Management
13. Making Cover Crops Pay with Strip-Till
14. Strip-Till Strategies for Higher Corn Yields

4 MORE STRIP-TILL CLASSROOMS

Classroom #10: Next-Gen Strip-Till with Robots in the Rows

Get a glimpse into the future of farming with **Clint Brauer**, Greenfield Robotics co-founder and head of innovation. The third-generation farmer and technologist from Cheney, Kan., made it his mission to find a safer, chemical-free solution for weed control through autonomous robots after his father developed Parkinson's following years of using toxic chemicals on his farm.

Brauer explains how robots, which can also microspray nutrients, achieve this mission by working in harmony with strip-till and cover crops to create the ideal conservation system. He also details how bots are being deployed on farms in 11 states and shares his outlook for the future of technology and autonomy in strip-till.

You'll Learn: How cutting-edge autonomous technology can elevate weed & nutrient management in strip-till & cover crop systems.



Clint Brauer
Cheney, Kan.

Classroom #11: Knowing Your Strip- Tilled Soils: New Ways to Interpret Soil Health

Advancements in soil health testing are giving strip-tillers a better understanding of what's going on beneath the surface. **Kristen Veum**, research soil scientist with the USDA's Agricultural Research Service (ARS) in Columbia, Mo., digs into recent progress in test measurements and interpretation tools designed to help farmers track soil health over time and set practical improvement goals. Veum also updates attendees on the nationwide on-farm research initiative, Probing Our Country's Soil Health, for a look at how the project is making soil health tests more consistent and useful across different regions and systems.

You'll Learn: How to get an accurate read on your soil health with new tests & benchmarking tools & the public-private partnerships working to standardize soil health tests for better interpretation.



Kristen Veum
Columbia, Mo.

Classroom #12: A 5-Year Plan for Implementing Strip-Till & Proving It Works

Encouraged by his daughters to focus more on soil health, **Harmon Wilts** eventually identified strip-till as a system that could potentially achieve his goal of keeping the family farm economically and environmentally sustainable for future generations. But first, he had to make sure it would work



Harmon Wilts
Kerkhoven, Minn.

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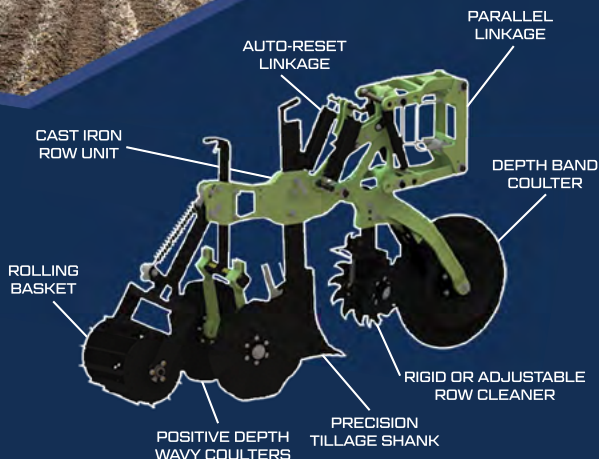
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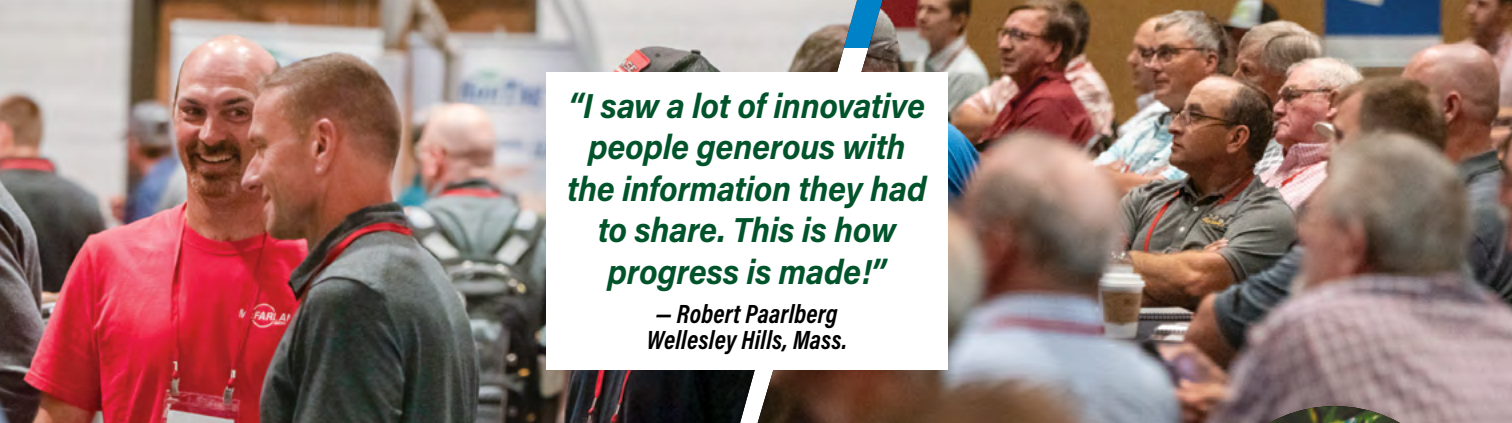
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— Robert Paarlberg
Wellesley Hills, Mass.

on his heavy, hard black soils in Kerkhoven, Minn. Wilts launched a multi-year plan in 2019 to try strip-till on different fields and crops while running side-by-side comparisons with conventional tillage to ensure the numbers penciled out. Today, Wilts strip-tills nearly all his corn, soybean and sugar beet acres in 22-inch rows, while also raising beef cattle. In this session, he shares key takeaways from recent trials, details how he manages corn-on-corn acres with multiple fall strip-till passes and discusses the overall experience of adopting strip-till in a cold climate.

You'll Learn: How strip-till compares to conventional tillage & strategies for testing the economic impact of strip-till in your operation.

Classroom #13: Strip-Till Product Solutions Round 2

Gain valuable strip-till product and application knowledge in the second round of Strip-Till Product Solutions sessions. These rapid-fire presentations from strip-till's leading suppliers examine different strip-till solutions and how-to tips for applying them in your operation.

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Anniversary Lecture: Rebuilding a Conservation-Minded Fertility Program

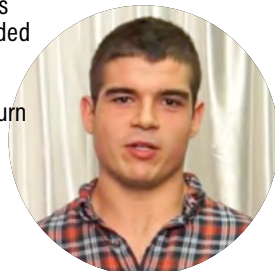
Constantly evaluating the form, rates and placement of nutrients can make the difference between profitability and not farming at all. This is a philosophy that strip-tiller **Donn Branton** and his son, **Chad Branton**, subscribe to on their 2,000-acre operation in LeRoy, N.Y. Ten years ago at NSTC, Donn turned heads with results from his on-farm nutrient management experiments and details of his conservation-minded fertility program, which included deep placement of fertilizer and multiple nitrogen applications contributing to a 40-bushel boost.

In this year's Anniversary Lecture, the Brantons return to the general session stage to discuss how their strip-till system has evolved significantly and the big changes they've made to their fertility program since 2016.

You'll Learn: How to boost soil health & yields with precise fertilizer placement, intensive soil sampling & cover crops.



Donn Branton
LeRoy, N.Y.



Chad Branton
LeRoy, N.Y.

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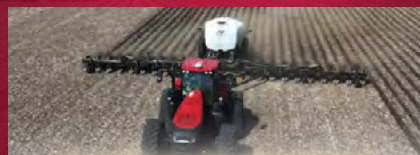
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