TAKE UTMOST CARE OF SOIL! – IT BELONGS TO THE NEXT GENERATION – Seek Knowledge and Advice in the Pursuit of Excellence in No-Till Conservation Agriculture

VENUE: ATKV Drakensville
DATE: 6, 7 & 8 September 2016

YOU NEED TO REGISTER PRIOR TO THE CONFERENCE TO ENSURE A PLACE
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EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION:
BEFORE 26 August 2016
Member: R 2600.00
Non-Member: R 2750.00

LATE REGISTRATION:
AFTER 26 August 2016
Member: R 2850.00
Non-Member: R 3000.00

A NO-TILL CONSERVATION AGRICULTURE CONFERENCE
COMPILED by farmers for farmers
PRACTICAL in nature
TECHNOLOGY that is up to date
ENCOURAGEMENT for your self-confidence
MOTIVATION for your future sustainability

International Decade of Soils
2015 - 2024

DAY 1 • TUESDAY 6 SEPTEMBER 2016 • REGISTER AT NO-TILL HOUSE • VIEW EQUIPMENT • COLLECT YOUR CONFERENCE PACK FROM 08h30

08h30 Registration at Conference House No 15 Please register on arrival to collect conference pack
10h00 Tea and Coffee On Sentinel Hall veranda
11h00-14h00 Topic – Soil compaction, its causes and how to manage the problem
Be – enlightened, encouraged and motivated with talks and professionals

11h00 Welcome, dedication and outline of Conference. Johann du Plessis, Pastor August Basson and Egon Zunckel
11h20 Working with compaction to optimise yields Dr Rianto van Antwerpen, SA Sugarcane Research Institute
11h50 Compaction: Is it still a problem on the aeolian soils of the central parts of South Africa? Prof. Leon van Rensburg, Soil, Crop, and Climate Sciences, University of the Free State

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When the rubber hits the track
Louv Joubert and Jeanne Hands, Trelleborg Tyres

No-Till Conservation Agriculture for the birds?
Charlie MacGillivray, Karkloof KZN - Farmer and Conservationist

13h20  LUNCH

14h00  No-till workshops and viewing EXPO display
There is a workshop with advice for you. Go and Ask!

18h30  Social Braai
Salads, bread rolls, and fires supplied – Meat is for purchase by delegates; cash bar
Socialise and enjoy meeting and greeting your friends both old and new

DAY 2• WEDNESDAY 7 SEPTEMBER • CROP ROTATION AND GRASS LEY SELECTION

08h45  Welcome to the second day and dedication
Johann du Plessis and Pastor August Basson

09h00  A story of collaboration in landcare!
Bright Mashiyana, KZN Dept of Agriculture and Rural Development, Soil Science Department, Cedara

09h30  Managing of forage Ley Crops for optimum animal production
Dr Chris Dannhauser, Pasture and Rangeland Consultant

10h00  Improving Insect Biodiversity through Conservation Farming
Dr Annemie Erasmus, ARC – Grain Crops Institute, Potchefstroom

10h30  Tea and Coffee
LOOKING AT ALTERNATIVE CROPS

11h00  New opportunities for dry beans in a No-Till farming system
Dr Rob Mellis, Pro-Seeds Pietermaritzburg

11h30  Where No-Till in vegetable production is practical
Bill Kerr, Alpha Seeds and Vegetable Consultant

12h00  Is Zambia the place to be?
Paul Dobson, Mkushi Zambia, Farmer

13h00  LUNCH
VIEW MACHINERY AND OTHER DISPLAYS

13h45  Continue workshop discussions
Rain simulator and cover crop discussions

15h45  Field Demonstrations: Cold drinks supplied
Attend machinery demo at MP Badenhorst’s farm

20h00  “Conservation—Yesterday - Today and Tomorrow”
Dr John Hanks, Guest Dinner Speaker

DAY 3• THURSDAY 8 SEPTEMBER • HEAR THE FARMERS – IRRIGATION AND ELECTRICITY TIPS

08h45  Welcome to the third day and dedication
Johann du Plessis and Pastor August Basson

09h15  The No-Till mechanisation system with the emphasis on planters and seed drills
Martin Adams, Machinery Consultant

09h45  Crop rotations for Conservation Agriculture in summer rainfall areas of South Africa
Bill Berry, Agronomy and No-Till Consultant

10h15  Tea and Coffee
VIEW MACHINERY AND OTHER DISPLAYS

10h45  Revival Agriculture – Herlewing Landbou
Jurie Bezuidenhout, Farmer North West Province

11h15  Are you wasting water? Smart irrigation for No-Till Conservation Agriculture
Felicity Mitchell, KZN Dept Agriculture and Rural Development

11h45  Your energy wastage is ESKOM’S gain!
Steve Heaider, ESKOM

12h15  Panel Discussion

13h00  LUNCH
Let us all return home to adopt No-Till Conservation Agriculture
It is the right thing to adopt!

Five Informal No-Till Conservation Agriculture Workshops will take place close to the Sentinel Hall
From 14h00-16h00 on Tuesday 6 and Wednesday 7 September
These workshops will be facilitated by people, who will endeavour to give you answers to questions you could not ask in the lecture hall

So...do not miss this opportunity!

1. SOIL AND FERTILITY
   Facilitators: Dr Alan Manson and Bright Mashiyana both from the Soil Science Department – KZN Department of Agriculture and Rural development, Cedara
   Discuss soil sampling—liming issues—side dressing issues—pH and Acid saturation difficulties!

2. MACHINERY/PLANTERS
   Facilitators: Martin Adams – Machinery Consultant and Egon Zunckel No-Till farmer
   Get the best from your machinery with accurate settings and knowing where to look
   How and when do I create good mulch—the need to rip or not?

3. ASK A NO-TILL FARMER
   Facilitators: Ralf Kusel, Paulpietersburg KZN, Bruce Shepherd, Bergville KZN, Tony Matchett, Karkloof Midlands KZN and Cobus van Coller, Vrijenskroon Free State
   Ask these farmers practical questions regarding the normal every day experiences of the No-Till farming
   Seek advice and opinions from those who know. “They have been there, done that, and got the T-shirt”

4. WEED CONTROL
   Facilitators: Dr Charlie Reinhardt, Extraordinary Professor: Weed Science, University of Pretoria, and
   Dr Suzette Bezuidenhout, Plant Health, KZN Dept Agriculture and Rural Development, Cedara, with
   Anthony Muirhead – a well-established and practical No-Till farmer
   Discuss the weeds that are giving you problems and all related weed spray and chemical problems you would like to get advice on!

5. COVER CROP SELECTION
   Facilitator: Richard Findlay at cover crop demo site