

Conservation Workshop For Corn and Soybean Producers

January 15th 2016 at the Comfort Inn

1872 Edwin Miller Blvd Martinsburg, WV 25404

Learn About

**Regional Conservation Programs, Fundamentals of Corn and Soybean
Production, Producing High Yield Corn, Cover Crops, The Penn State
Inter-Seeder, and Soil Health**



Sponsored by the Eastern Panhandle Conservation District, The West Virginia Conservation Agency, West Virginia University, and a USDA NRCS Conservation Innovation Grant

Who should attend: Farmers who have difficulty getting cover crops planted, Farmers who want to increase their yield, No-Till Farmers, USDA NRCS & FSA personnel, Farmers who are committed to conservation.

This Meeting is FREE but please RSVP with Heather Duncan by Jan 5th

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Tentative schedule:

10:00 am—Travis Keene is a Commercial Agronomist for Mycogen Seeds and Dow AgroSciences for the mid-Atlantic region. His roles include product development research and working directly with corn and soybean growers on their operations. His talk will include the fundamentals of corn and soybean production, and also cover some changing production trends that may influence mid-Atlantic growers.

11:00 am—Chris Miltenberger is a rocket scientist / farmer and his farm in the Keyser WV placed 2nd nationally in non-irrigated category of the National Corn Yield Contest for 2011. Chris will speak about his farm and the conservation practices they use to protect the environment and grow more corn.

12:00 pm—Lunch (provided)

1:00 pm—Chris Houser is the Interim Assistant Director: Agronomy and Natural Resources Programs with Penn State Extension. Chris will talk about the benefits of cover crops, the Penn State Interseeder, and how inter-seeding cover crops in corn and soy beans can help you on your farm.

2:00 pm—Tim Dilliplane is the NRCS Resource Soil Scientist for the WV North Area, located in Morgantown WV. Tim will talk about identifying soil physical properties to assess soil health. Learn how a healthy soil has better physical properties, which make it function better.

2:40 pm—Tim Canfield is the District Conservationist for Berkeley, Jefferson, and Morgan Counties in West Virginia. Tim will talk about his experiences with cover crops across the panhandle of West Virginia, and the impacts he has seen in terms of soil health

3:00 pm—An update on the local Conservation Innovation Grant, what we learned about inter-seeding; what worked, what did not, and what conservation opportunities await us in 2016.