

No-till on the Plains, Inc. will host a summer event which will provide producers with ways to increase profitability and gain a better understanding of the importance of soil health.

By utilizing continuous no-till, over five inches of water can be saved per acre, greatly improving dryland yields.

Fuel and labor requirements can be cut by 50 percent or more. Soil erosion by wind and water can be reduced by an average of 4 to 14 tons/acre, greatly reducing blowing dirt and surface water pollution.

The Whirlwind No-till Expo is set for Tuesday, June 14 near Wallace. It will kick off promptly at 8:45 a.m. CDT at the Conrad Nelson farm located at 37629 W. Nelson Road which is two miles west of Wallace on Highway 23, then one mile north on Parker Road.

The Expo includes a catered lunch. A \$30 registration fee is required by June 10 for attendance. This is an all-weather event.

Funded through a grant from the Nebraska Environmental Trust and PrairieLand RC&D, No-till on the Plains is pleased to offer this high-quality educational event to all interested Nebraska producers.

Power-packed hands-on learning will take place featuring expert speakers as well as an experienced local no-tiller from the area.

Nelson used an ecofallow rotation using no-till for 28 years and has started utilizing continuous no-till for the past five years. He uses a rotation of corn-corn-soybeans-wheat. His soils vary from sandy loam to silt loam on mostly rolling hills with an 18 inch rainfall average.

Nelson is experiencing much better residue cover, time savings, equipment savings, and moisture conservation.

Featured speakers include Dr. Kristine Nichols, soil microbiologist for USDA ARS in Mandan, North Dakota; Dr. Ray Ward, president of Ward Laboratories and highly knowledgeable no-till expert from Kearney; University of Nebraska-Lincoln Extension Engineer Paul Jasa who is a great source of information in the Midwest on no-till planting equipment and system management; Herndon, Kan. producer Dietrich Kastens who works with his father and uncle in a modern, 100 percent no-till operation growing wheat, corn, milo, soybeans, alfalfa and peas; and continuous no-till producer Keith Berns of GreenCover Seed in Bladen, who will share important information concerning the use of cover crops.

These prestigious speakers all work closely with No-till on the Plains, have spoken at previous meetings, and are well-respected by those in the no-till community.

Speakers will give PowerPoint presentations, and attendees will also have the opportunity to observe a soil pit with excellent demonstrations and discussion. Attendees are encouraged to bring lawn chairs for this afternoon portion in the field.

No-till on the Plains has hosted well over a dozen Whirlwind Expos since 2001 across Nebraska, Kansas, and Oklahoma, impacting thousands of producers in those states.

Executive Director Brian Lindley said, "Regardless of your experience level with continuous no-till, this event will meet—and hopefully exceed—your needs through the motivation, vision and experience of our excellent speakers. Come ready to learn!"

No-till on the Plains is a regional organization that reaches over 3,000 producers yearly. The producer-run group promotes practical and scientific application of continuous no-till farming and is currently setting up an online No-till University to provide education world-wide.

For more information on the Whirlwind No-till Expo or to pre-register by June 10, contact No-till

on the Plains, Inc. at 888-330-5142 or register online at www.notill.org.