

AGENDA

NOVEMBER 14, 2011

USING COVER CROPS TO IMPROVE SOIL HEALTH - LIVESTOCK/ROW CROP/LARGE SCALE

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| 8:00 AM | Registration |
| 8:45 AM | Welcome Kip Kolesinskas |
| 9:00 AM | Moving Toward Soil Health Jay Fuhrer |
| 10:30 AM | Break |
| 10:45 AM | Soil Health on the Brown Ranch Gabe Brown |
| 12:00 PM | Lunch |
| 1:00 PM | Cover Cropping in the Northeast Heather Darby |
| 2:00 PM | Local Soil Health Experiences Nelson Ceccarelli |
| 3:00 PM | Break |
| 3:15 PM | Cover Cropping and Soil Health Panel Discussion/Audience Questions |
| 4:30 PM | Adjourn |

NOVEMBER 15, 2011

USING COVER CROPS IN PERENNIAL SYSTEMS

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| 8:00 AM | Registration |
| 8:45 AM | Welcome John Guskowski |
| 9:00 AM | Moving Towards Soil Health Jay Fuhrer/Gabe Brown |
| 10:30 AM | Break |
| 10:45 AM | Introduction to Cover Cropping in Perennial Systems Tom Akin |
| 12:00 PM | Lunch |
| 1:00 PM | Cover Crops and Pest Management Richard Cowles |
| 2:00 PM | Undercover Farming Terry Jones |
| 3:00 PM | Break |
| 3:15 PM | Cover Cropping and Soil Health Panel Discussion/Audience Questions |
| 4:30 PM | Adjourn |

NOVEMBER 16, 2011

SMALL SCALE FARMING, RESIDENTIAL LANDSCAPE, AND PERMACULTURE

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| 8:00 AM | Registration |
| 8:45 AM | Welcome John Guskowski |
| 9:00 AM | Soils 101 - Why Should We Care About Soils? Dawn Pettinelli |
| 10:15 AM | Break |
| 10:30 AM | Permaculture – Sustainability at Any Scale Maria Grimaldi |
| 12:00 PM | Lunch |
| 1:00 PM | Putting it Into Practice – Can Less Be More? Kim Kelly |
| 2:30 PM | Break |
| 2:45 PM | The Lawn and the Cumulative Effect on Our Landscape Pamm Cooper |
| 4:00 PM | Audience Questions and Discussion |
| 4:30 PM | Adjourn |



Featured Speakers:

- Tom Akin, NRCS, Massachusetts
- Gabe Brown, Farmer, North Dakota
- Nelson Ceccarelli, Farmer, Connecticut
- Pamm Cooper, Coordinator, University of Connecticut Turf Program, Cooperative Extension System
- Richard Cowles, Entomologist, Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station
- Heather Darby, Professor, University of Vermont
- Jay Fuhrer, NRCS, North Dakota
- Maria Grimaldi, Permaculture Instructor, Hancock Permaculture Center
- Terry Jones, Farmer, Connecticut
- Kim Kelly, Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection
- Dawn Pettinelli, Assistant Educator, Cooperative



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Soils Health Workshop
Scout Hall – 28 Abbe Road, East Windsor, CT
November 14-16, 2011 – 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM
Registration: \$10 (includes breaks/lunch)
RSVP by November 4, 2011

- Reduces inputs and costs
- Soil is a living factory of macroscopic and microscopic workers who need food to eat and places to live and do their work.
- Tillage, fertilizer, livestock, pesticides, and other management tools can be used to improve soil health ... or significantly damage it if not applied correctly.
- Managing for soil health is mostly a matter of maintaining the creatures that comprise the soil food web. It can be accomplished by ...
 - Disturbing the soil as little as possible
 - Growing as many different species of plants as practical
 - Keeping living plants in the soil as often as possible
 - Keeping the soil covered all the time

Soil health is the capacity of a soil to function
--- (Doran & Parkin, 1993)

What is Soil Health? Why Should I Care?

A Practical Approach to Improve Soil Health Farming in the 21st Century

Application recertification points are available from the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP).

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Managing for
Soil Health
begins by
*changing the way you
think about soil.*



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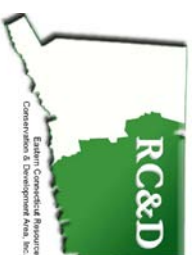
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INDIVIDUAL
ORGANISMS
IN A TEASPOON
OF SOIL THAN
THERE ARE PEOPLE
ON EARTH?



**Come see how *YOU*
can make a difference!**

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24 Hyde Avenue
Vernon, CT 06066

Farming in the 21st Century: A Practical Approach to Improve Soil Health

Name _____

Street Address, City, State, Zip _____

Phone No. _____ No. Attending @ \$10/each = \$ _____ Amount enclosed

Sessions you wish to attend Nov. 14 Nov. 15 Nov. 16

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Please RSVP by November 4, 2011

Space is limited ... register early!