



Planning for Soil Health

March 23, 2016
8:30 AM – 4:00 PM

Scout Hall
28 Abbe Road, East Windsor, Connecticut



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- 8:30-9:00 AM **Registration**
- 9:00-9:15 AM **Welcome** Tom Morgart, State Conservationist
- 9:15-10:30 AM **The Ecology of Soil Health** Ray Covino, District Conservationist
The understanding of soil ecology and landscape management practices that both improve and degrade soil function. Chemical application, tillage, and diversity in cropping will be some of the key topics of discussion.
- 10:30-12:00 PM **Designing Soil Health** Paul Salon, Soil Health Specialist
Designing systems specific to a wide array of land uses, and feature how to design and properly manage cover crops, appropriate tillage techniques, pesticide and herbicide application, and carryover, among others.
- 12:00-1:00 PM **Lunch**
- 1:00-1:45 PM **Aerial Seeding** Chris Thresher, JBI Helicopters
The history of aerial application, what JBI has been performing, a recap of the 2015 seeding season, and future goals for aerial seeding in the region.
- 1:45-2:00 PM **Soil Health on Pastures with Heavy Use Area Management** James Hyde, State Agronomist
The effects of winter sacrifice areas on soil health and forage quality. Some different ways of managing animals during winter will be discussed to help maintain your existing pasture, minimize loss, and allow you to focus on soil health.
- 2:00-3:00 PM **Designing Systems – Group Exercise** All
Group exercise will focus on how to design a wide array of cover crops for different cash crop types, looking into seed diversity, rates, and how to design rates by the square foot, as well as looking into termination methods.
- 3:00-3:30 PM **Discussion of System Approach** All
- 3:30-4:00 PM **Question and Answer Session** All
- 4:00 PM **Adjourn**

Should you require special accommodations, please notify Raymond Covino (860.779.0557, Ext. 102)



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Name _____ Farm/Affiliation _____

Street Address, City, State, Zip _____

Phone Number _____ No. Attending @ \$20/each _____ \$ _____ Amount enclosed

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Please RSVP by **March 11, 2016** (after that Ist come, Ist served)

Space is Limited ... Register Early!