

# No-till

On The Plains

**Agriculture Systems Modeling Nature**

## WHIRLWIND NO-TILL EXPO

Paxton, Nebraska

Tuesday June 3, 2014

### AGENDA *subject to change without notice*

**8:00 a.m. (Mountain Daylight Time) Registration**  
At Eldon Dyck's farm – 1450 Road East 50, Paxton

**8:30 a.m. Welcome, Paul Jasa, Extension Engineer,  
University of Nebraska**

**Dan Gillespie, NRCS No-till Specialist**

**Rainfall Simulator presentation & Soil demonstrations**

Dan utilizes continuous no-till on his own farm and has been over twenty years continuous no-till in irrigated and dryland of predominantly Nora Crofton silty clay loam soils on 4 to 16% slopes. Experimenting with cover crops in a corn/soybean rotation since 2005, he noticed recognizable benefits of increased erosion control and the decrease in ephemeral gully control problems on the Highly Erodible Land (HEL) fields.

**Dr. Ray Ward, President,**

**Ward Laboratories, Kearney, Nebraska**

Ray will be discussing the soil quality, soil structure and the positive impacts of continuous no-till on soil health. See the soil horizons in the soil pit. Come experience his vast knowledge of soil quality and agronomic expertise in an easy-to-understand manner. He will answer all of your questions on continuous no-till and nutrient management.

**Paul Jasa, Extension Engineer**

**UNL Extension, Lincoln, Nebraska**

Paul serves as an Extension Engineer, University of Nebraska where he develops and conducts educational programs related to no-till equipment and system management. Experience gained from research and Extension, Paul is a great source of information in the Midwest on no-till planting equipment and system management. Paul will share information that stresses the systems approach and the long-term benefits of no-till while discussing planter and seeder setup tips.

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**12:00 p.m. Lunch (Ole's Steakhouse, Paxton)**

**Rick Bieber**

**Continuous no-till producer, Trail City, SD**

Rick Bieber started no-tilling in 1987 because of weed pressure and the lack of affordable herbicides. Rick will share how he harvests sunlight and water with plants and animals and how soil health is key to his operation. Rick is an inspirational speaker with a great story to tell and a passion for helping the next generation to operate successfully as agriculture producers.

**Keith & Ben Thompson**

**Continuous no-till producers, Osage City, KS**

Keith (father) and Ben (son) Thompson along with Keith's brother Doug operate Thompson Farms in Osage City, KS. The Thompson's have been practicing continuous no-till for over 20 years. Diverse rotations, intensification, and always growing something are the foundation of their agriculture operation. Integration of livestock and cover crops are the most recent part of the diversity applied to the farm. Using non-permanent fencing and cover crops for forage give the Thompson's more options for their cattle herd.

**Mark Watson**

**Continuous no-till producer, Alliance, NE**

Mark Watson and his brother Bruce farm 3,500 acres north of Alliance, Nebraska. The farm has been in the family for more than 100 years and they have been practicing continuous no-till since 1994. The farm has both dryland and irrigated ground, raising wheat, corn, pinto beans, garbanzo beans, proso millet and peas. Mark will discuss water conservation and irrigation management in no-till production systems.

**4:00 p.m. Interactive Q & A**

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