Steve and his father farm 175 acres of corn, alfalfa, tomatoes, pumpkins, soybeans, small grains and a few other vegetables on hilly land in southern Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. Long term notillage, cover crops and effective rotations are the foundations of their farming system, which includes a unique emphasis on no-till transplanting of vegetables into killed mulches.

Steve Groff is fast becoming an emerging leader and innovator in no-till planting.

A third generation farmer and passionate advocate for soil conservation, soil health and food quality, Steve began no-tilling in the early 80's on about 15 corn acres. He began using cover crops in 1991 as another soil conservation measure and now plants cover crops based on the succeeding crop that he will plant into next year. Some fields have not been touched by any tillage equipment for 15 years.

Raising three children on their Holtwood farm, Steve and his wife Cheri highly regard their roles as environmental stewards. The innovative no-till techniques that Steve has adapted have not only greatly reduced pesticide use and cost, but also protected their valuable topsoil.

"Steve's been a real pioneer in looking at some innovative ways of managing cover crops mechanically to reduce herbicides." Leon Weber, Rodale Institute

Steve has received a grant from SARE to assist his research in new generation cropping systems and heisactively working withresearchersfrom USDA, Penn State Extension, University of Maryland, and NRCS. He is also currently serving on the Board of Directors of the Pennsylvania Association of Sustainable Agriculture (PASA). Steve hosts tours of his Holtwood farm and speaks at agricultural conferences across North America.

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