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Welcome to the No-Till Training Program for Agricultural Service Providers!

This letter contains all the information you need to know to participate in the No-Till Training Program. This training has been developed through a collaboration between the University of Vermont, University of Maine, and USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service.

Course Contacts:

If you have questions about the training program, have an attendance issue, or have any other questions/concerns throughout the program, please contact:

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Expectations:

Enrolled Agricultural Service Providers (ASPs) must commit to attend ALL webinar trainings, complete each webinar's accompanying quiz, and attend ONE in-field intensive training.

Before beginning the training on November 5th, participants MUST complete the survey provided on the class's Moodle site on eXtension under the 'No-Till Intensive Webinar Course Information' module. The survey has a green icon and is titled 'REQUIRED – Survey Must be completed before Viewing Webinars'. Link and log-in instructions to Moodle site provided below in this document.

Webinar Trainings—*8 CCA credits (1 per webinar), 1 Pesticide credit*

Each webinar will host a farmer, researcher, or other expert practitioner. The classes will discuss common obstacles to implementing a successful no-till program, address these issues through field proven technical knowledge, and follow a training plan that will best enable the Agricultural Service Provider to support the farmers in the no-till practice transition.

All webinars will be recorded through Zoom, then archived on the Moodle site through eXtension.

After each webinar, participants MUST log into Moodle to complete the short 3 to 5 question quiz to verify they watched the webinar. Participants will need to provide their Certified Crop Advisor (CCA) #, and Pesticide Credit #, on these quizzes in order to receive credit.

Each webinar is accompanied by additional resources you may find helpful. We recommend that you access the resources to further build your knowledge on the topic area. These can be accessed, read and/or viewed at any time throughout the course!

In-Field Intensive Training—*6 CCA credits per training*

Four (4) in-field intensive trainings will be offered to participants during Summer/Fall 2019. Participating ASPs are required to attend AT LEAST ONE. The in-field intensives will be held in Maine, Massachusetts, and Vermont. They will be hosted by local collaborating farms that have incorporated no-till into their crop management systems. These hands-on workshops will foster a stronger working knowledge of no-till equipment, soil health, fertility, and technology used to make no-till systems successful.

No-Till & Cover Crop Symposium—*5 CCA credits per event*

Participating ASPs will be able to attend both the 2019 and 2020 symposiums at no cost to them! Next year's event is scheduled for February 28, 2019 in Burlington, Vermont. While this component is not required, it is highly encouraged.

Schedule:

The webinars will be bi-weekly and run from November 5th, 2018 to February 18th, 2019 (skipping New Year's Eve on Monday, December 31st, 2018):

Webinar Dates: Mondays from 11 AM to 12:30 PM	Webinar Topics:
11/5/18	Introduction to No-Till
11/19/18	Equipment and No-Till Application Tools
12/3/18	Herbicide & Pest Management
12/17/18	Soil & Water Management
1/7/19	Fertility & Manure Management
1/21/19	Precision Ag. Technology for No-Till
2/4/19	Economics of No-Till; Record Keeping
2/18/19	It's a Management Style, Not a Technique

Zoom Webinar Access Link:

The webinars will be recorded via Zoom, then archived onto the Moodle site on eXtension.

Participants can access the webinars by clicking the following link:
https://uvmextension.zoom.us/j/800503782.

If you do not already have Zoom downloaded onto your computer, you may select 'download & run Zoom' in the window.

Training Site – Moodle through eXtension:

This is where you will go to find everything you need to know! Each webinar is listed chronologically and has a separate module within the online course. The modules list the webinar topic, speaker(s), subtopics, resources, Q&A forum, and quiz to complete after participating in the webinar. After each webinar is finished, it will be archived and made available on the corresponding module on this site.

Accessing the Site – The Moodle site (and archived webinars) will be housed at eXtension's online campus at: http://campus.extension.org. If you have not yet been to this site, you will need to create an account. To do so, on the left bar under "Login," click on "Create new account." You will need to complete some basic information and confirm your account via email.

Once you have created an account, you may access the No-Till program's site at any time by going to https://campus.extension.org/course/view.php?id=1606. Or, type in "No-Till Intensive Trainings" in the Search Courses box to find it easily! *We recommend saving this link by adding it to 'Bookmarks' in your browser.*

Webinar Quiz – This portion is ***REQUIRED***. The webinar quizzes will be used to record attendance and participation. This is especially important if you are looking to receive CCA credits and/or a Pesticide Applicator credit.

Participants must log into Moodle after watching each webinar to complete a short 3 to 5 question quiz. Please have your CCA credit #, and Pesticide Credit # for the 'Herbicide & Pest Management' week, ready before beginning the quizzes.

Participant Q&A Forum – Participants are encouraged to reach out with any follow-up questions. Each module has a Q&A set up at the bottom of the block. Participants may answer or provide feedback on one another's forum posts. If a question is posed, the advisory board will discuss and answer the question.

We look forward to receiving everyone's survey responses before November 5th!

Kind regards,
No-Till Training Program Team