
Agenda

Registration and Vendor Show 9:00 - 9:30

Welcome & Introductions 9:30 - 9:40

First Speaker 9:40 - 10:40

Justin McCullough - Carbon Credits

Break & Vendor Show 10:40 - 10:55

Second Speaker 10:55 - 11:55

Heidi Reed - Planting Green

Lunch and Vendor Show 11:55 - 1:00

Breakout Sessions

Round #1 1:00 - 2:00

A) Tony Miller - Spraying and Fungicide

B) Brook Duer - PSU Ag Law Center

C) Bill Iams - Rotational Grazing and Fencing

Round #2 2:00 - 3:00

A) Nicole Wood - PDA Plant Industry
(2 Core Credits Pending)

B) Joel Semke - REAP

C) Pierce Willson - Grazing Economics

Wrap Up and Door Prizes 3:15

Conference presented by:

- Penn's Corner Conservancy Charitable Trust
- PSU Extension
- Natural Resources Conservation Service
- Conservation Districts located in the Southwest Region of Pennsylvania
- PDA — Bureau of Plant Industry



Available Credits:

-2 Core + 2 Category (with PDA approval)
Pesticide Credits

-Nutrient Management Credits

-Conservation Planning Credits

-CCA credits

For further information, contact:

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Directions:

From Pittsburgh, Greensburg, and West

Follow Route 30 East 5 Miles past Westmoreland Mall. At the stop light at Saint Vincent Drive, turn left onto Fraser Purchase Road (unmarked), go 1/2 mile, and turn left onto campus. Stop at the entrance booth for parking information and further direction.

From Latrobe, Ligonier, and East

Follow Route 30 West. After the light at Arnold Palmer International Airport, St. Vincent is on your right.

From Delmont, Murrysville, and North

Follow Toll 66 to the Route 30 Exit. Make a left on Route 301. Follow Route 30 East (directions above).

2023 Southwest PA Soil Health Conference



**Wednesday
January 25, 2023
9am - 3:30pm**

**Fred Rogers Center
Saint Vincent College
300 Fraser Purchase Rd
Latrobe, PA 15650**

**Registration Fee: \$40 per person
(\$45 after January 13th)**

SPEAKERS

Can you make money by selling carbon credits from your farm? Justin McCullough from Corteva will fill us in on why companies are buying carbon credits and what it takes for farmers to get in on the action. Pricing, contracts, credits, records, soil testing, and more will be covered.

If you want to plant green, get rolling.

Heidi Reed, Penn State Extension Agronomy Educator, will summarize research results from recent planting green trials. The audience will walk away with several best management practices to make planting green work on their farm.

Want to learn more about fencing options in a rotational grazing system?

The Iams Farm, located in Washington County, Pa, implements a rotational grazing system on 222 acres with 28 grazing cells. Bill Iams, also owner of Log Cabin fence, will discuss their operation and tips on installing fencing in a rotational grazing system.

PDA Plants Core Talks

Nicole Wood is a PDA Plant Industry Agronomic Products Inspector. She will be speaking on several current topics: Updates on rules and regulations, plus Worker Protection Standards, and relevant laws. 2 Core credits will be offered for her session, pending PDA approval.

Are you finding your corn production maxed out for some reason?

After a year like 2022, you may have found that pushing for higher corn production is much more difficult. One place to look for solutions is your spray program. Chemicals need to be used correctly to be effective, and using the right chemicals is extremely important. Fungicides might need to be used, as well as other precisely applied chemicals. Tony Miller will give advice on sprayer tips, pumps, nozzles, rates, and more.

Are you interested in passing on your farm with your conservation goals remaining intact? Brook Duer, staff attorney at the Penn State Ag Law Center, will present information on the various ways landowners can leave a lasting legacy of their stewardship of the land and soil, and the conservation practices employed, for heirs and subsequent owners.

Are you interested in switching to rotational grazing? Pierce Willson, Ag Coordinator with Fayette County Conservation District and beef farmer, will take a look at the benefits of rotational grazing from the business aspect. Pierce will also provide lessons learned from his operation.

REAP Tax Credit Program. Back by popular demand, Joel Semke, Resource and Enhancement Program Administrator, will explain the program updates and answer questions about tax credits for conservation practices. Eligible applicants receive up to \$250,000 in credits per operation in a 7-year time-frame in the form of PA State tax credits.

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Register before January 13th to get the reduced rate!

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westmorelandconservation.org

Or register by mail:

Name (s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____

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County: _____

E-mail: _____

Number Attending: _____

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Please make checks payable to:

Westmoreland Conservation District

Please mail registration form and payment to:

Westmoreland Conservation District

Attention Jen Novak

218 Donohoe Road

Greensburg, PA 15601

For any question related to registration contact Jen Novak at 724-837-5271