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*Please RSVP to **Tracey Oman** at the Columbia CD at tracey.oman@columbiaccd.org by **Friday, March 3, 2017** or call at 570-784-1310 x102. Make Checks Payable to CCCD. If you need special accommodations for access to the conference please let Tracey know when you register.

Cost: $25/person (includes a hot lunch)
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Columbia Co. Conservation District
702 Sawmill Road, Suite 204
Bloomsburg, PA 17815

MARCH 9, 2017

CONNECTING SOILS AND PROFITS:

No-till, Cover Crops, Soil Health & Grazing

PINE BARN INN
1 PINE BARN PLACE
DANVILLE PA, 17821

AGENDA

7:30 - 8:30 AM
Registration and Networking

8:30 - 8:45 AM
Welcome (Columbia County CD & NRCS)

8:45 – 9:45 AM
Cover Crops, No-till, and Our Soil Health Journey
Keith Berns, Green Cover Seeds

9:45 - 10:45 AM
Adaptive Grazing Management and Using Multi-species Covers As part of a Grazing System Part I
Russ Wilson, PA Grazer

10:45 - 11:15 AM
Break & Networking

11:15 - 11:35 AM
Soil Health Conservation Program Opportunities and Conservation Practice Maintenance NRCS

11:35 AM - 12:30 PM
Lunch

12:30 - 1:10 PM
Equipment Innovations for Soil Health: *Travis Martin, Dawn Inc. & Greg Roth/John Wallace, Penn State Universtity*

1:10 - 2:05 PM
"Carbonomics" ***Keith Berns, Green Cover Seeds***

2:05 - 3 PM
Adaptive Grazing Management and Using Multi-species Covers As part of a Grazing System Part II
Russ Wilson, PA Grazier

3 - 3:30 PM
Panel Discussion with Conference Speakers and Local Producers Q & A Session

SPEAKER BIOS

KEITH BERNS

Keith Berns combines 20 years of no-till farming with 10 years of teaching Agriculture and Computers. In addition to no-tilling 2,500 acres of irrigated and dryland corn, soybeans, rye, triticale, peas, sunflowers, and buckwheat in South Central Nebraska, he also co-owns and operates Green Cover Seed, one of the major cover crop seed providers and educators in the United States. Through Green Cover Seed, Keith has experimented with over 100 different cover crop types and hundreds of mixes planted into various situations and has learned a great deal about cover crop growth, nitrogen fixation, moisture usage, and grazing utilization of cover crops. Keith also developed the SmartMix Calculator™ one of the most widely used cover crop selection tools on the internet. Keith has a Masters Degree in Agricultural Education from the University of Nebraska and teaches on cover crops and soil health more than 20 times per year to various groups and audiences.

RUSS WILSON

Russ Wilson, his wife, and two children operate Wilson Land & Cattle Co, a 220-acre farm in Forest County, south of Tionesta, PA. They raise cattle, sheep, goats, poultry and honey bees and custom graze for other producers. They employ adaptive management techniques to make the farm more profitable. Russ enjoys sharing his unique management strategies with other farmers and ranchers with a hope to make them more sustainable.

** Watch our previous conference speakers at the CCCD Soil Health website:* ***http://www.columbiaccd.org/soil-health.html***

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