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**Growing Greener**

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**RSVP INFORMATION:**

Please **RSVP** to Tracey Oman at the  
Columbia County Conservation District  
by Wednesday, **MARCH 11, 2020.**

**QUESTIONS:**

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CURRENT RESIDENT OR

**CONNECTING  
SOILS &  
PROFITS:**

**No-till, Cover Crops,  
Soil Health & Grazing**

**MARCH 19, 2020**

**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

### **Farming Green and Regenerative Soil Health**

*Rick Clark, IN Farmer*

9:45 – 10:45 AM

### **Making Soil Health Work on First Generation Farm**

*Russell Hedrick, NC Farmer*

10:45 – 11:05 AM Break & Networking w/  
Vendors

11:05 – 12:00 PM

Breakout Sessions:

- **Organic Grain Farming 101:**  
*Rick Clark*
- **Adding Value to Your Operation & Expanding Your Markets:**  
*Russell Hedrick*

12:00 – 1:00 PM **LUNCH**

1:00 – 2:30 PM

### **Rolling Covers & the Economic Benefits of Regenerative Farming**

*Rick Clark, IN Farmer*

2:30 – 3:30 PM

### **Using Soil Health Practices to Weatherproof Your Farm**

*Russell Hedrick, NC Farmer*

3:30 – 4:00 PM

**Q & A** with *Rick, Russell and Local Producers*

Credits Available:

ACT 38 / NMP

Certified Conservation Planners

Certified Crop Advisor



### **Rick Clark**

Rick Clark is a Williamsport, Indiana farmer. He is a fifth-generation farmer. To quote the National No-Till Farmer, "To Rick Clark, 'Farming Green' is a systematic approach to regenerative soil health and that's what he brings to the 7,000 acres he

manages at both Clark Land & Cattle and for his family. He strives to be the best steward of the land. A main component of his no-till system is maximizing cover crop performance and planting his cash crops into living covers to build biomass, suppress weeds, recycle nutrients and feed soil microbes." Rick has been farming for 35 years and has included no-till and cover crops in his system for the last 10 years. He is a Purdue University graduate with an Ag Economics degree.

### **Russell Hedrick**

Russell Hedrick is a first-generation farmer who has a dedication to growing some of the finest grain and livestock in his region of the southeast. His



exceptional use of new technologies and cover crops led him to being awarded the 2014 North Carolina Innovative Young Farmer of the Year. Russell has been a featured producer in the *Farm Press* magazine for maximizing his cover crop benefits by mixing species, and national *No-till Farmer* for integration of cattle onto covers and using the Haney soil test for reducing fertilizer inputs on cash crops. He says his operation has grown through hard work to almost 1000 acres. In 2014 Russell integrated cattle into the operation. He grows warm and cool season cover crops for cattle to graze to utilize every acre and increase the profits for his farm. His operation focuses on maximizing profits and direct consumer marketing for all their products.

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## **REGISTRATION:**

**COST: \$26.00/person**

**(includes a hot lunch)**

**\$30.00/person for registrations after March 11, 2020**

First Name \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

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Check here if you require special accommodations  YES  NO

If Yes, Please List \_\_\_\_\_

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