

**EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION
BEFORE 24 August 2018**
Member: R2950.00
Non-Member: R3100.00



**LATE REGISTRATION
AFTER 24 August 2018**
Member: R3250.00
Non-Member: R3300.00

**NO-TILL CONFERENCE PROGRAMME
COMBINED WITH COVER CROP WORKSHOP
4 – 6 SEPTEMBER 2018**

Managing Adversity with Diversity with Emerging Cover Crop Strategies by Making Cover Crops Pay

THE PURPOSE AND THE TAKE HOME MESSAGE OF THIS NO-TILL CONFERENCE

*It is imperative to examine your soil using analysis – checking-serious compaction before embarking on No-Till
Remember that No-Till is a system based on creating protective mulch – cover crops – and a crop rotation
Strive towards a more biological diverse and integrated cropping and livestock farming enterprise*

DAY 1 • TUESDAY 4 SEPTEMBER 2018 • REGISTER AT NO-TILL HOUSE • VIEW EQUIPMENT EXPO		
COLLECT YOUR CONFERENCE PACK FROM 08h00		
08h00	Registration at Conference House No 15	Please register on arrival to collect conference pack
09h00	TEA AND COFFEE WITH REFRESHMENTS	ON VERANDA OF SENTINEL HALL
10h00	Welcome – setting the scene for success	Johann du Plessis and Pastor August Basson
10h15	Restoration of previously degraded soils is a key factor in the transition to No-Till	Guy Thibaud – Soil Scientist KZN Department of Agriculture and Rural Development
10h30	<i>Tips for Making Cover Crops Work in Dryland Areas</i>	Steve Groff farmer from the USA – Expert in selection and management of cover crop around the world
11h30	Adoption of No-Till by small-scale farmers – present and future	Bright Mashiyana – Technical Liaison Officer KZN Department of Agriculture & Rural Development
12h00	The importance of honey bees in agriculture	George Lenferna South African Bee Keepers Association
12h30	My journey from dirt to having soil in Zambia	Adrian Bignell – Bignell Ranching Zambia
13h00	LUNCH	
13h45	Using cover crops and plants to advance biological control of insects and diseases	Simon Hodgson – AGT Cover Crops
14h15	No-Till workshops and viewing EXPO display	Fertility – Weeds – Machinery - Cover Crops – Ask a No-till Farmer
16h00	Live machinery demonstration	On neighbouring farm with machinery suppliers
18h30	SOCIAL BRAAI – always a special get together	Salads, bread rolls and fires supplied – meat is for purchase by delegates, cash bar. Socialise and enjoy meeting and greeting your friends both old and new
DAY 2 • WEDNESDAY 5 SEPTEMBER 2018 • CROP ROTATION AND GRASS LEY SELECTION		
08h30	Welcome to second day and dedication	Johann du Plessis and August Basson
08h45	<i>Taking Cover Crops to the Next Level</i>	Steve Groff farmer from the USA – Expert in selection and management of cover crop around the world
09h45	Drip irrigation, best system to compliment no-till	Michael Esmeraldo – Netafim Irrigation
10h30	Briefing delegates regarding farm visit	Johann du Plessis and Egon Zunckel
10h45	Depart for farm visit	Delegates to use their own transport to Egon's farm
11h30	After travelling 18 km arrive at farm	
13h00	Return to Drakensville	
13h30	LUNCH	VIEW MACHINERY AND OTHER DISPLAYS
14h00	Workshops	Fertility – Weeds – Machinery – Cover Crops Ask a No-till Farmer
15h00	View Expo stands and machinery	Talk to our sponsors and exhibitors
17h30	Weigh and Win soya competition WINNERS	Du Pont Pioneer

18h00	"THRIVING IN TOUGH TIMES – Lessons from the Wild"	Quinton Coetzee Hall of Fame – SA Speakers
19h00	Bar opens on a cash bar basis	
19h30	DINNER	

DAY 3• THURSDAY 6 SEPTEMBER 2018•HEAR THE FARMERS' IRRIGATION AND ELECTRICITY TIPS		
08h30	Welcome to the third day and dedication	Johann du Plessis and Pastor August Basson
08h45	Bringing Animals Back to the Land – Are you Crazy?	Steve Groff farmer from the USA – Expert in selection and management of cover crop around the world
09h45	The financial advantage of livestock integrated on cover crop	Cobus van Coller – No-Till farmer from Viljoenskroon Free State
10h15	TEA AND COFFEE WITH REFRESHMENTS	View machinery and other displays
10h45	Animal production and conservation tillage	Tony da Costa No-Till farmer – Gauteng Province
11h15	Moving to No-Till on a mixed farming operation "Harnessing the intelligence of nature"	Colin Forbes No-Till farmer from Amsterdam district Mpumalanga
11h45	Appropriate mechanisation for sustainable agriculture – lessons from Malawi are in harmony with findings in South Africa	Bill Berry Consulting Agronomist who pioneered on No-Till in KZN and many parts of Africa
12h15	PANEL DISCUSSION	ALL SPEAKERS
13h15	SUMMARY	Steve Groff
13h30	LUNCH	
Let us all return home to adopt No-Till Conservation Agriculture – it is the right thing to do!		

ACCOMMODATION IN BERGVILLE AREA

Drakensville Holiday Resort	036 438 6287
Central Berg Information Centre	036 488 1207
Backpackers	082 855 9767
Bingelela	036 448 1336 or 083 627 8503

All delegates registered for the 2018 No-Till Conference must book and pay for their own accommodation. Accommodation is not included in the registration fee of the 2018 No-Till Conference.

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