

**Conference Location:**

Best Western Country Cupboard  
101 Hafer Road  
Lewisburg, PA 17837  
(570) 524-5500

**Dates:**

**Tues., March 3**

8:00 a.m. – Registration opens  
9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
Evening session  
7:30 p.m. - ?

**Wed., March 4**

7:00 a.m. – Registration opens  
8:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

**Registration Information:**

One-day admission \$100  
No-Till Alliance members \$75

Two-day admission \$200  
No-Till Alliance members \$150

Non-members can join @ \$25 indiv.  
membership fee for discounted rates.

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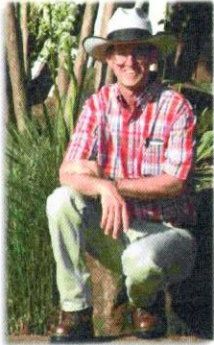


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*“Learning how to farm  
in Nature’s image”*

## Speakers

### Greg Judy | Clark, MO



Greg and Jan Judy of Clark, Missouri run a grazing operation on 1580 acres of leased and owned land that is made up from 15 farms. Greg and Jan went from near bankruptcy in 1999 to paying off a 200 acre farm and house in 3 years with custom grazing

on leased land and are completely debt free. The Judy's focus solely on increasing animal density, trampling plants to form the litter bank, animal performance and full grass recovery periods between grazing. Plant diversity has exploded along with increased grass quantity each successive year combined with increased profit.

### Gail Fuller | Emporia, KS



The Emporia, Kansas, farmer is convinced he's found a better way to farm: one that's in nature's image, rebuilding and regenerating soil that's been degraded over the

past several decades. "We've got to get our soil back to the state it was in when buffalo roamed the prairies," he says. "In order to do that we've got to rebuild organic matter, we've got to improve water infiltration, we've got to get soils back into the balance where they supply their own fertility, and we've got to rebuild microbial communities."

### Dr. Jon Lundgren | Brookings, SD

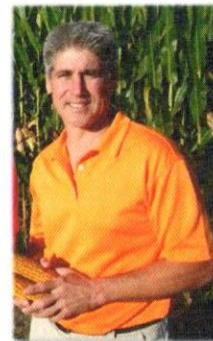
Dr. Lundgren is an insect ecologist and Lead Research Entomologist at the USDA-ARS laboratory in Brookings, South Dakota. Lundgren's research program focuses on assessing the ecological risk of pest management



strategies and developing sustainable, long-term solutions for managing pests in cropland. His ecological research focuses heavily on conserving healthy biological communities within agroecosystems by reducing disturbance and increasing biodiversity within cropland.

### Scott Odle Spectrum Seed | Linden, IN

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### Dr. Wendy Taheri | Georgia



Dr. Taheri's published research demonstrates that manipulation and selection of AMF (arbuscular mycorrhizal fungi) communities can increase plant biomass up

to 69% compared to resident communities. Most recently she has founded the research company, TerraNimbus, under which she continues to research soil microbiology on behalf of America's farmers.

### Dave Brandt | Carroll, OH

David Brandt farms 1,150 acres in central Ohio's Fairfield County. He began no-till farming in 1971



and has been using cover crops since 1978. He has also been planting various blends of cover crops to find out what benefits they provide to improve soil.

### Dr. Kris Nichols | Rodale Institute



Since 1993, Dr. Nichols has studied AMF – a plant-root partnership. Her most recent work involves the investigation of glomalin – a substance produced

by AM fungi. Glomalin contributes to nutrient cycling by protecting AM hyphae transporting nutrients from the soil to the plant and to soil structure and plant health by helping to form and stabilize soil aggregates.