WNY Soil Health Alliance Workshop Aug. 28, 2018 at Branton Farms in Stafford, NY

Please arrive early if signing up for CE credits

12:00 Noon  Red Osier Food Truck available for Roast Beef Sandwiches
1:00 - 1:30  Registration and Visit Exhibits
1:30 - 1:45  Welcome & Announcements in the Barn
1:45 - 2:30  Earthworms and Soil Health.
             The Benefits of Long Term No-Till - Frank Gibbs
2:30 - 3:00  Cornell Soil Health Tests for the Soil Pit - Aaron Ristow
3:00 - 3:45  Slugs - Problems and Solutions - Jim Hoorman
3:45 - 4:00  Break
4:00 - 4:45  First Break-out Session. One-half of the group to visit the
             1. Soil Pit with Frank Gibbs
                See what is happening underground. Compare the
                NEVER-Till area to a strip-till field or
             2. Vole problems and solutions with Jim Hoorman in the
                Barn
4:45 - 5:30  Second Break-out Session - Breakout Groups will trade places

* Please Note: This workshop will be held in the old Gambrel - roofed dairy barn on the second floor. Access to that room is up a sloped driveway and unfortunately will not be Handicap Accessible

Please return the Registration form to Orleans County SWCD at
446 W. Ave, Albion NY 14411 with checks made payable to
Western New York Soil Health Alliance enclosed.
You may also register by sending your name and number of attendees to
wnysoilhealth@gmail.com. Payment will be due in cash or check at the start of the workshop.

Registration Form
Pre-Registration Fee $15
Door Registration Fee $25
Please register by Aug. 17, 2018

Red Osier Food Truck will be on-site for purchase of Roast Beef Sandwiches from Noon-4:00 PM

Name:
Organization:
Address:
State & Zip
County:
Phone:
Email:
Frank Gibbs is a Certified Soil Scientist. He formed Wetland and Soil Consulting Services in 2012 after working for 36 years for USDA in Ohio. Frank has traveled the world conducting training sessions on soils, cover crops and other soil health topics. Frank is the 5th generation to reside on and operate the family farm near Rawson, OH. Frank will be sharing ideas on no-till farming and talking from the soil pit where he will compare a section of the farm that has NEVER been tilled to the rest of the field that has a history of tillage.

James J Hoorman is the new NRCS Soil Health Specialist for Ohio & Michigan. He was an assistant professor and Extension Educator for Ohio State Extension for 25 years specializing in soil health, cover crops, nutrient recycling and water quality. Jim has worked with cover crops and no-till practices for over 10 years promoting soil health principles throughout the US and the world. Jim will be sharing his studies and experiences with Slugs & Voles as more farmers turn to no-till and high residue farming.

*Note: A non-GMO corn variety trial is on-site for those interested.