

WHY & HOW TO MAKE NO-TILL AND COVER CROPS WORK ON YOUR FARM

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2020

- 10:00 Sign In
- 10:30 Welcome & Introductions
- 10:40 "Best Time to be in Ag" video
- 11:00 Adam Lasch– Lake Geneva Farmer
- 12:00 lunch– Albany Lions Club
- 12:45 Farmers of the Sugar River Update
- 1:00 Aaron Augustian–Kewaunee Farmer
- 2:00 Frank Lessiter– History of No-Till
- 3:15 Wrap Up



Aaron Augustian- Kewanee, WI "Building a more sustainable, Profitable No-till Dairy operation" For Aaron, running a dairy farm the traditional way isn't the answer any more. Through the help of various agencies and partners they're establishing several new conservation practices that are making their 1,100-acre operation more profitable and environmentally sustainable. Aaron and his brother, Todd, manage 1,200 cows and young stock and participates in the Door-Kewaunee Watershed Demonstration Farm Network — will share how they've successfully implemented no-till and cover crop practices on their farm, including interseeding alfalfa into corn. Aaron will also share the results of their cover crop and low-disturbance manure application program and comparative data they've generated with a water-monitoring station as they seek to mitigate the risk of groundwater and surface water contamination.

Adam Lasch- Lake Geneva, WI "Double cropping, inter-cropping, cover crops, integrating grazing into the cropping system" Adam and his wife run a pasture based, regenerative agriculture operation. Comprised of both owned and rented land, their operation strives to be the best possible stewards of the land by utilizing rotational high stock density grazing, complementary grazing of several livestock species, and practicing no-till and rotational cropping, all with a goal of making the land more productive while working within the confines of natural and ecological processes. He takes care of the land in order to preserve it for future generations, by focusing on the triads of husbandry - soil, plant, and animal.



Frank Lessiter has served as editor of No-Till Farmer since the publication was launched in 1972. Raised on a six-generation Michigan centennial farm, he has spent his entire career in agriculture journalism. In 2018, he authored *From Maverick to Mainstream: A History of No-Till Farming*, in which he shares the personal stories of the people, innovations and influences he's witnessed in no-till farming over the past half century. Lessiter is a dairy science graduate from Michigan State University. He resides in Brookfield, Wisconsin, with his wife, Pam.

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