

# **Zone-Tillage & Soil Health Conference**

9:00 am – 3:30 pm, Monday, December 1, 2008

Public House, Rt. 131, Sturbridge, MA

**Sponsored by Northeast SARE, the University of Connecticut, University of Rhode Island and Cornell University, Cooperative Extension Systems.**

To pre-register by Nov. 21, send the name of attendee(s) and a check for \$35/person, made out to UConn, to the University of Connecticut, Cooperative Extension System, 24 Hyde Ave., Vernon, CT 06066. Contact: Jude Boucher, 860-875-3331, jude.boucher@uconn.edu

- 8:30 Registration (Pre-registration \$35 –rain or shine-no refunds, \$40 at the door – if space is available)
- 9:00 Welcome (Goals of the conference) – Jude Boucher, University of CT
- 9:15 Improving Soil Health – John Idowu, Cornell University
- 10:00 Zone-tillage for Large Seeded Crops – Anu Rangarajan, Cornell University
- 10:30 break (coffee/tea/water)
- 10:45 Zone-tillage on the Cecarelli Farm – Nelson Cecarelli, Northford, CT
- 11:15 Zone-tillage on FreshAyr Farm – George Ayres, Farmington, NY
- 12:00 Lunch (soup & sandwich buffet)
- 1:00 Zone-tillage for Small Seeded Crops/Root Crops/Organic Crops – Anu Rangarajan
- 1:30 Equipment Adjustment & Planters – Jim Capron, Cornell University (Emeritus)
- 2:00 break (beverage/desserts)
- 2:15 Results of CT Soil Compaction Survey & Zone-till Observations – Jude Boucher
- 2:45 Zone-till Grower Panel (Nelson; George; Tom Scott – E. Lyme, CT; Jim)
- 3:30 Time to go home

**Directions:** From Hartford – Take Exit 2 off I-84E, take right off exit ramp, left at E & J Candy, follow to traffic lights and take a right onto Route 131, Publick House is on the Right.

From Boston & Springfield – Take exit 9 off Mass Pike (I-90) to I-84, take exit 3-b off I-84 to Rt. 20 west, at lights take a left onto Rt. 131. Publick House is ½ mile on right.

From Rhode Island – Take Rt. 146 to Mass Pike West, then same directions as from Boston.