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The 2026 No-Till & Cover Crop Conference is a joint conference with University of Vermont Extension and the Northeast Cover Crops Council (NECCC). Visit NECCC online at [northeastcovercrops.com](https://northeastcovercrops.com) to learn more.



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**Poster Presentation Session:** This year, we are offering an opportunity to showcase all things related to tillage and/or cover cropping strategies! Submit a poster by January 22, 2026, at <https://bit.ly/49g3M2E>. Contact Victoria Ackroyd ([vackroyd@umd.edu](mailto:vackroyd@umd.edu)) with any questions.

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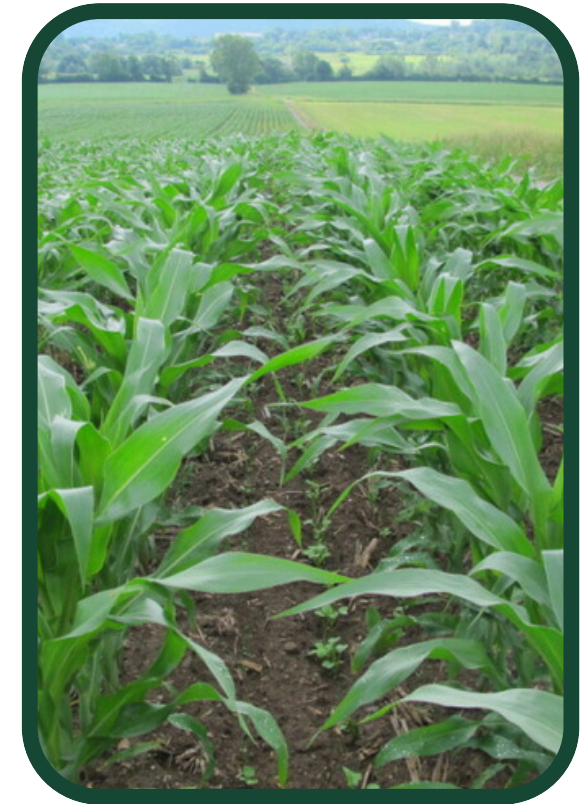
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2026  
No-Till & Cover  
Crop Conference

February 19, 2026  
South Burlington, VT



University of Vermont Extension and the Northeast Cover Crops Council invite farmers, technical advisors, researchers, and community members to attend this event dedicated to sharing the latest information about no-till and cover crop systems. This year includes a vegetable production track as well. Guest speakers are listed below in the agenda and encompass educators, professionals, and farmers. Our conference proceedings will contain more detailed topic and speaker descriptions. Come visit with sponsoring ag businesses, organizations, agencies, and exhibits, as well as view poster presentations related to cover crops and no-till research.

Time	Session	Speaker	Topic
8:00 a.m.	Registration opens	Check in, network, and visit exhibitor tables	
9:00 a.m.	Welcome	Heather Darby, UVM Extension and Jason Lilley, Northeast Cover Crops Council (NECCC), VAAFM and USDA NRCS	Greetings and conference overview. Updates from UVM, NECCC, VAAFM, and NRCS
9:30 a.m.	Compaction	Aaron Daigh, Associate Professor, University of Nebraska-Lincoln	Why compaction is essential to dairy farmers
10:15 a.m.	Exhibitor Fair and Poster Session		
10:45 a.m.	Cover Crops	Matt Ruark, Professor and Extension Specialist, University of Wisconsin - Madison	Cover crops and fall manure
11:30 a.m.	Seed Production	Etienne Sutton, Missouri Center for Regenerative Agriculture	2025-2026 National Cover Crop Variety Trial Results
12:00 p.m.	Lunch and Learn	NECCC Research Round-up	Research updates and results
1:30 p.m.	Exhibitor Fair and Poster Session		

New this year is an afternoon track on vegetable production. Attendees can choose to attend cover cropping or vegetable related sessions.

Emerald I and II - Cover Cropping

Time	Speaker	Topic
2:00 p.m.	Ken Ferrie, Crop Tech Consulting, Heyworth, IL	Tightening the Focus on Corn Hybrids
3:00 p.m.	Break. Exhibitor Fair and Poster Session	
3:15 p.m.	Ken Ferrie, Crop Tech Consulting, Heyworth, IL	Getting Vertical
4:00 p.m.	UVM Research	Updates
4:30 p.m.	End of conference. Travel safely!	

Emerald III - Vegetable Production

Time	Topic and Speaker
2:00 p.m.	Reduced Tillage on Vegetable Farms with Julie Fine, AFT
2:25 p.m.	Zone Tillage: Equip. Design with Mike Snow, CT River Watershed
2:50 p.m.	Equipment Options for Interseeding CC with Jason Lilley, UMaine
3:15 p.m.	Optimizing Nitrogen for Vegetable Crops with Becky Maden, UVM
3:40 p.m.	Strategic No-Till Trial & Journey with Jake Mendell, Foot Print Farm
4:05 p.m.	Strip Tilling Veg into CC with Andrew Woodruff, Whippoorwill Farm
4:30 p.m.	End of conference. Travel safely!

Pre-registration is required for this event.

Please register online by

Friday, February 13

at <https://go.uvm.edu/2026ntcc>

or scan the QR code below.

If you can't register online or have questions about your registration, please call the UVM Non-Credit Registration Office at (802) 656-8407.

Registration Cost: \$75 per person, \$50 per student

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Conference and Sponsor Registration



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