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Keynote speakers announced for High Plains No-Till Conference

The Colorado Conservation Tillage Association has announced that the 37th Annual High Plains No-Till Conference will be held in Burlington, Colorado, on Feb. 4-5, 2025, with Allen Williams, Roy Pfaltzgraff, and Don Day Jr. serving as keynote speakers.

Williams, a 6th generation family farmer and founding partner of Understanding Ag, LLC, the Soil Health Academy, and Regenified, LLC, will kick off the event by exploring the advantages of transitioning farms and ranches to a regenerative approach. He will also discuss the practical application of key regenerative principles based on his experience consulting with thousands of producers in the U.S. and more than 45 other countries. Williams is a world-renowned speaker and has been frequently featured in national media, including the Carbon Nation film series, the Dr. Oz show, ABC Food Forecast News, and the Farmer's Footprint film series.

Dr. Allen Williams

Roy Pfaltzgraff will also take the keynote stage for CCTA in February. Hailing from Haxtun, Colorado, Pfaltzgraff utilizes both conventional and non-conventional methods for regenerative agriculture. His family farm focuses primarily on soil health and has reduced commercial inputs, created a diverse cropping rotation, increased organic matter, and started direct marketing of some of the farm's products. Roy has also been featured in both regional and national publications, including The Furrow, DTN Progressive Farmer, Denver Business Journal, Edible Denver, and the Farm Journal.

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Returning by popular demand, the final keynote speaker for the High Plains No-Till Conference will be President and Chief Meteorologist of Day Weather, Inc., Don Day Jr. For over 25 years, Day has provided customized broadcast weather services to over 70 radio stations across Wyoming, Colorado, and Nebraska. For this event, he will contribute his expertise in long-range and seasonal weather forecasting as it relates to agricultural producers in the High Plains region.

Additionally, the two-day conference will showcase more than 40 breakout sessions presented by producers and industry experts on topics such as composting, grazing, specialty crops, soil health economics, and more. A trade show, outdoor equipment display, Beer & Bull Social, and FFA Day will also be included for the event.

Additional details regarding the conference, registration, and sponsorship opportunities can be found online at www.HighPlainsNoTill.com.

Roy Pfaltzgraff

Don Day Jr.

Stay up-to-date!

Follow CCTA through Facebook, Twitter, and highplainsnotill.com to receive the latest conference and FARMS project news.

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2025 Breakout Speaker Preview

Don't miss these breakout speakers at the 2025 High Plains No-Till Conference, and stay tuned for session details in the next CCTA Journal!

Jim Williams
Cory Miller
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Jeff Steffen

CCTA welcomes newly-elected board members

Mason Scheetz- Oakley, KS

Mason and his wife Hannah operate Scheetz Ranch near Oakley, KS. There they raise irrigated and dryland corn, grain sorghum, triticale, and forage crops. In addition to the crops, they run stocker cattle on grass and bring in custom cattle to graze forages and cover crops. With a variety of crops and a flexible cattle herd, they strive to adapt to ever changing markets and weather.

Joel Grosbach - Enders, NE

Joel Grosbach is a 5th generation farmer near Imperial, NE. Joel has been learning and experimenting with regenerative agriculture practices since 2017, raising both dryland and irrigated crops including corn, popcorn, millet, wheat, sorghum, and dry beans. He was a participant in the FARMS program and has experience implementing livestock grazing on dryland crop ground. Joel also serves as Kantor and organist at Zion Lutheran Church in Imperial,.

Enrollment open for Colorado Soil Health Program

The Colorado Department of Agriculture's Soil Health Program is currently enrolling producers interested in trying new or experimental soil health practices. This 3-year program offers detailed soil health analysis, a soil moisture monitoring system, technical assistance from local soil health professionals, and assistance with the cost of practice implementation.

Producers can enroll at any stage of their soil health journey and receive support to implement new and innovative soil health practices in enrolled fields. The program covers various crop types and farm sizes, ranging from small market gardens to large multigenerational ranches.

If you are interested in participating in this program, please call Liza at 720-219-6270 or email cda_soil@state.co.us. You can also read more about this new program on CDA's website at ag.colorado.gov/soil-health.

Full use of Precision Planting products, including vDrive and Delta Force
Dealer for Yetter, Martin, and Sunco Row Cleaners

Justin King - 303-949-9218
Bruce Unruh - 719-342-7301

2025 Attendee Registration

February 4-5, 2025

Registration fee is the same for attending one or both days (except students).
Registrations are non-refundable and non-transferable.

Early Bird Registration..... $150
Registration after 1/15..... $210
Students (per day)..... $ 35

Register online at:
www.HighPlainsNoTill.com

Name of Attendee: _____
Mailing Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone: _____ Email: _____
☐ Yes, please send me text updates about the event. (If not checked, updates will be emailed.)

Check one: __ First-time attendee ___ Attended conference previously
Check one: __ Attendee -- $150 ($210 after Jan. 15)
__ Student ($35.00 per day) Attending: ___ Tues ___ Wed

Additional Attendee: _____
Phone: _____ Email: _____
☐ Yes, please send me text updates about the event. (If not checked, updates will be emailed.)

Check one: __ First-time attendee ___ Attended conference previously
Check one: __ Attendee -- $150 ($210 after Jan. 15)
__ Student ($35.00 per day) Attending: ___ Tues ___ Wed

Please make check out to CCTA and mail with registration to:
CCTA
23929 County Road 16
Kit Carson, CO 80825

2025 High Plains No-Till Conference Sponsor Registration

Company:_____

Registering Person Name: _____

Company Mailing Address: _____City _____ State ___ Zip _____

Phone _____ Fax (_____) _____

Local Contact Person (if different from above): _____

Local Contact Person Phone: _____

Local Contact Person Email: _____

Local Contact Person Mailing Address: _____

Company Website:_____

Please check one:

____ Sponsor - $300 (no booth)
____ Bronze Booth Sponsor - $550
____ Silver Booth Sponsor - $1000
____ Gold Booth Sponsor - $2000
____ Platinum Booth Sponsor - $4000
____ Corporate Platinum Sponsor (Contact for details)

Additional Opportunities:

____ Outdoor Equipment Display - $250
____ Sponsored Breakout Session - $500
____ Conference Attendee Packet Insert - $80

Total: _____

Mail completed form and payment to: CCTA, 23929 County Road 16, Kit Carson, CO 80825.

Sponsorship Levels

	Conference $300	Bronze $550	Silver $1,000	Gold $2,000	Platinum** $4,000
Listed on Website	X	X	X	X	X
Complimentary Registrations	1	2	2	3	4
Booth Space		8' x 8'	8' x 8'	8' x 16'	8' x 16'
Program Ad*	1/8 page (color)		1/4 page (color)	1/2 page (color)	Full page (color)
Journal Ad			1/8 pg. x 1 issue	1/8 pg. x 3 issues	1/4 pg. x 3 issues
Attendee Packet Insert*			X	X	X
Conduct a Breakout Session*					X
Outdoor Equipment Space*					X

Additional Sponsorship Opportunities Include: Sponsoring lunches, breaks, registration, or Beer & Bull Social.

**Also available as add-on purchases.*

$1,000 CCTA Scholarship Application

Directions: Please complete this application completely and accurately. Include all the required items listed below, and submit by **December 1st.** Application also available at www.HighPlainsNoTill.com. **Scholarships may be submitted in electronic format to coordinator@highplainsnotill.com or by postal hard copy. No preference will be given to either format.** Scholarship winners will be contacted mid-January. Winners will be invited to the CCTA conference in February to be recognized. There is no obligation to attend, but it is highly encouraged.

Colorado Conservation Tillage Association Agricultural Scholarship Qualifications

- Students who will attend a higher institution of learning full-time in Spring or Fall 2025 OR a full-time student enrolled in a vocational (trade) school program in Colorado, Nebraska, Kansas or Wyoming.
- Majoring/training in Agriculture (equine and animal science excluded), Ag business, Horticulture or Agronomy.
- Must be a Colorado, Nebraska, Kansas or Wyoming resident.
- Minimum GPA of 2.7

Resume:

Name: _____

Home or Permanent Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ School Phone: _____

Name and address of hometown newspaper: _____

_____

Semester for scholarship application (please select one): _____ Spring 2025 _____ Fall 2025

Name of Higher Institute of Learning: _____

Student Number: _____

Agriculture Scholarship or Financial Aid Department Mailing Address: _____

_____

Agriculture Major/Field of Training: _____

Attach:

- List of leadership related activities and involvement
- List of out-of-school agriculture and leadership related activities and involvement
- List of honors and awards
- Official and most current transcript
- One-page essay explaining your interest in agriculture, knowledge of conservation tillage practices, future goals
- One letter of recommendation
- Headshot photo required

Release of scholarship information

I hereby authorize the release of the contents of this application and information concerning my academic standing while attending the higher institution, with an Agriculture Department, listed on this application to the donor or official representative of any award I may receive and/or the news media.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name: _____

Send completed application to: coordinator@HighPlainsNoTill.com or
Mail to: CCTA, 23929 County Road 16, Kit Carson, CO 80825

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Don't miss these upcoming soil health events!

West Greeley CD Ag Symposium

Dec. 5, 2024
7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Island Grove
Greeley, CO

RSVP by Nov. 22nd!

Improving Soil Health Workshop

Dec. 11, 2024
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
4-H Building
901 Ingalls Ave.
Tribune, KS

**** Featuring Jay Young and Tyler Johnson.***

CCTA is a nonprofit organization serving the High Plains Region. It is a resource of experienced farmers working with industry, University, and agricultural agency personnel with a goal to spread research and on-farm gained information about conservation farming practices.