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Elementary students learn about soil layers and care during an Ag Ed Workshop in Hugo, CO - June 2023.

CCTA highlights soil health, FARMS project at summer events in Colorado

The Colorado Conservation Tillage Association participated as a workshop presenter this summer at an Ag Education Day in Hugo, CO on June 12 and at the Soil and Water Conservation Society Annual Conference in Denver, CO on August 1.

The Ag Education Day hosted elementary students in Lincoln County and featured workshops related to the beef industry, farm animals, and soil health. CCTA utilized a hands-on activity for students to create their own "dirt cups" made of chocolate chips, pudding, crushed cookies, coconut, and gummy worms. Designed to demonstrate the different layers of soil and their roles in a healthy ecosystem, this exercise was accompanied by a poster presentation called "How Do We Take Care of Soil," which encouraged a discussion on the five soil health principles and how farmers and ranchers can be good stewards of natural resources.

The Soil and Water Conservation Society Annual Conference for 2022 included a Conservation Innovation Grant Showcase in which the USDA-NRCS invited CCTA to participate. Joni Mitchek, Lauren Hafford, and Becky Ravenkamp presented an update on CCTA's Soil Health Demo project "FARMS: Farmers Advancing Regenerative Management

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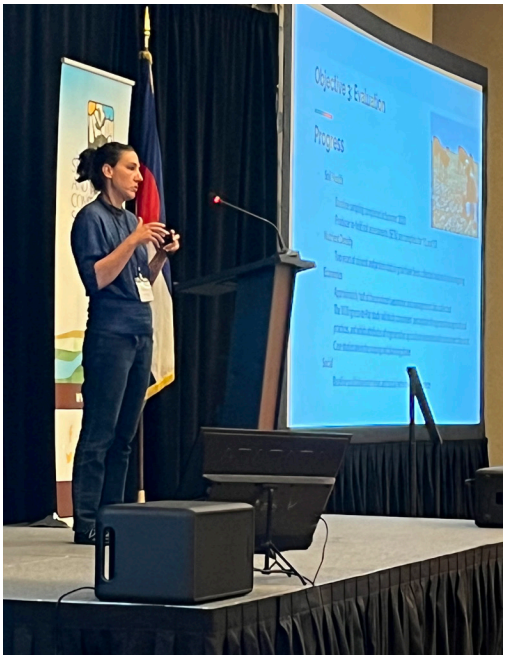

CCTA's FARMS project was featured in the CIG Showcase at the SWCS Annual Conference in Denver, CO - August 2022.

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Systems." Their address included progress made toward the program's objectives throughout the first two years of FARMS and learnings related to serving producers in conservation programs and facilitating a mentorship network.

"This was a wonderful opportunity to share about CCTA's grant project and learn about other Soil Health Demonstrations across the United States," said CCTA Coordinator Joni Mitchek. "It will be interesting to see the results that come out of these projects over the next few years."

CCTA will feature participating producers from the FARMS project at the 35th Annual High Plains No-Till Conference in Burlington, CO on February 7-8, 2023. For additional information on the program or other educational opportunities, please contact Joni Mitchek at coordinator@highplainsnotill.com.

FARMS Project At-a-Glance

FARMS — Farmers Advancing Regenerative Management Systems

Objective 1:
Provide financial support to producers.

Objective 2:
Provide technical and social support to producers.

Objective 3:
Evaluate soil health, nutrient density, economic, and social outcomes.

$552,193.00
Distributed to producers in CO, KS, and NE

23
Producer events hosted

1 YEAR
Data collection remaining

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2023 High Plains No-Till Conference Keynote Preview
February 7-8, 2023 • Burlington, CO

Jim Gerrish

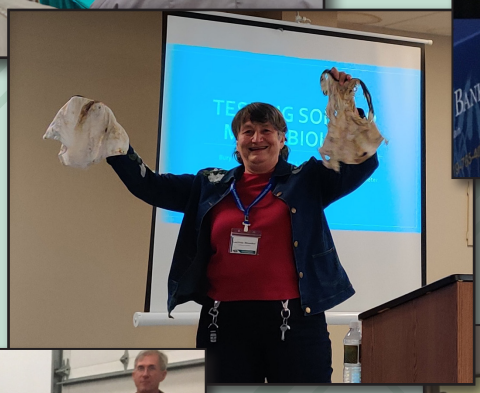
Jim Gerrish is an independent grazing lands educator, consultant, and writer providing service to farmers and ranchers on both private and public lands across the US and internationally through American GrazingLands Services LLC. He currently lives in the Pahsimeroi Valley in central Idaho and works with numerous ranchers using both irrigated pastures and native rangeland as well as working with livestock farmers in high natural rainfall environments. His past experience includes over 22 years of beef-forage systems research and outreach while on the faculty of the University of Missouri. The University of Missouri-Forage Systems Research Center rose to national prominence as a result of his research leadership. His research encompassed many aspects of plant-soil-animal interactions and provided foundation for many of the basic principles of Management-intensive Grazing.

Jason Mauck

Jason is obsessed with narrowing the gaps of agriculture. An apostle of relay cropping, Mauck, is blazing a new path using cash and cover crops in unison. One middle at a time, the maverick grower is uncovering clues and running wide open toward greater farming efficiency. Jason works 3,000 acres of corn, soybeans and wheat, in addition to 25,000 hogs per year. His company, Constant Canopy, is developing cutting edge farming methods and currently holds the Indiana state record for the highest yield per acre for soybeans and has developed scaelable systems for corn yields that surpass most high-test plots.

High Plains No-Till Conference

2022 Review



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$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 2023 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: _____

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Semester for scholarship application (please select one): _____ Spring 2023 _____ Fall 2023

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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____ Outdoor Equipment Display - $250
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____ Conference Attendee Packet Insert - $80

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	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
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Burlington, CO

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