

The premier crop production conference in the Midwest comes to the Bicentennial Center in Salina, Kan. Jan. 25 – 26.

The 15th annual No-till on the Plains Winter Conference has evolved into the most respected “continuous no-till” conference and trade show of its type in North America.

Take advantage of a money-saving early registration discount to reserve a spot at the 2011 Winter Conference, where there will be an opportunity to visit with and learn from no-tillers from various regions.

Through a no-till educational grant from the Nebraska Environmental Trust Fund, the first 100 attendees from Nebraska can register for \$50 through Jan. 12 so that they may participate in this excellent no-till learning experience, according to Paul Jasa, UNL Extension Engineer.

Jasa says, “We have cooperated with No-till on the Plains to deliver several quality no-till programs in Nebraska and appreciate the opportunity for Nebraska producers to attend the 2011 Winter Conference at such a reduced price.”

The theme at this year’s conference is “Make the Connection,” and several producer speakers—each in a different stage of continuous no-till (CNT) with a variety of unique conditions—will offer presentations.

In addition, several national and international no-tillage scientists will engage the crowd. These experts are extremely knowledgeable, and growers will have the opportunity to ask questions, share trade secrets and interact with other attendees, participants and presenters.

Regardless of experience level, the 2011 Winter Conference will meet everyone’s needs. Courses are available for all experience levels, allowing producers to customize their learning.

Topics include Producers' Real Life Experiences, Fertility and Soil Health, Cover Crops and Alternative Crops, Grazing Systems & Livestock, Weed/Crop Interaction, Water Management and Utilizing No-till Under Irrigation, New Technologies, Economics, Rainfall Simulator & Soil Demonstrations, Managing Residue, plus many more.

No-till on the Plains promotes solely continuous no-tillage because all data points to this practice as the most profitable cropping system in production agriculture.

Continuous no-tillage is a system that includes the use of diverse rotations and cover crops, where soil disturbance is kept to an absolute minimum.

Using this system ensures agronomic, economic and environmental benefits. One of the most important points that No-till on the Plains stresses to attendees is to take what they hear at the Winter Conference and apply it in their own ways on their own farms.

Attendees must work within their management skills, their equipment, and their environment.

Brian Lindley, executive director of No-till on the Plains, comments, "We've overhauled the Winter Conference experience this year, and we've got some exciting updates for our crowd! Again we are proud to feature many new faces in our speaking lineup this year. As always, if you are a producer looking for an agronomic advantage and a way to improve your management, our Winter Conference is the place to be.

"The motivation, vision, and experience of the speakers offered at this event is absolutely of the highest quality. Regardless of your experience with no-tillage, we have sessions that you can utilize immediately. Additionally, the producer networking opportunity is unmatched. Come ready to learn and make the connection!"

New this year—conference attendees are encouraged to come in Tuesday morning from 9–11:30 a.m. for the "Industry Morning Marketplace."

These informational product presentations and schools offered by the conference sponsors and exhibitors will be a great opportunity to find out the latest in the industry.

Another addition for 2011 is a special evening of entertainment planned for Tuesday, Jan. 25 at the Stiefel Theatre in downtown Salina.

Comedian Etta May—the reigning Queen of Southern Sass—will share her hilarious show. Winter Conference attendees are encouraged to purchase discount tickets for an evening of fun with their spouses and friends.

No-till on the Plains is once again offering the exclusive Agriculture's Innovation Minds (AIM) Symposium on Thursday, Jan. 27, 2011 at the Bicentennial Center.

The AIM Symposium is held in conjunction with the Winter Conference but is a separate meeting.

The topic of this year's meeting will be "Whole Farm and Ranch Management." Featured will be Holistic Management Certified Educator Josh Dukart and integrated crop and livestock producer Gabe Brown of Bismarck, North Dakota.

For those wishing to continue their no-tillage education, a tour of Brazil is being offered on March 10–27, 2011. No-till on the Plains has also been busy developing its online No-till University, and the first Free webinar featuring Dr. Rolf Derpsch is scheduled for Jan. 12 at 10 a.m. CST.

For more information or to register for the Winter Conference or the AIM Symposium, contact the office at (888) 330-5142 or visit the website at www.notill.org.

