

**3rd Annual Northeast Cover Crops Council Conference
November 7, 2019**

College Park Marriott Hotel and Conference Center (University of Maryland)

Time	Location	Activity	Speaker(s)
8:00-8:45	Foyer of Vessey Ballroom	Registration Coffee + light breakfast Poster viewing, authors not present	-
8:45-9:00	Vessey Ballroom	Welcome, State of the Council	Steven Mirsky, USDA ARS
9:00-10:00	Vessey Ballroom	Keynote	Sarah Carlson , Practical Farmers of Iowa
10:00-10:15	Hall of Distinction	Coffee	-
10:15-12:00	2 nd floor meeting rooms	Morning sessions	
12:00-1:15	Vessey Ballroom	Lunch	
1:15-1:55	Vessey Ballroom	Morning session debrief	
1:55-2:15	Hall of Distinction	Coffee Posters	-
2:15-4:00	2 nd floor meeting rooms	Afternoon sessions	
4:15-5:00	Vessey Ballroom	Afternoon session debrief	
5:00-6:30	Hall of Distinction	Social Poster session Sponsors session	-

Morning Breakout Sessions

	Room 2110	Room 2111	Room 2112
	Policy/Institutional Support for CCs Moderator: Isaac Wolford, USDA NRCS	CC Innovations – Fruits + Vegetables Moderator: Kathryn Everts, Univ. of Maryland	CC Innovations in Field Crop Pest Management Moderator: Lovreet Shergill, Univ. of Delaware
10:15-10:40 am	Brandon Smith, USDA NRCS	Gordon Johnson, Univ. of Delaware	John Wallace, Penn State Univ.
10:40-11:05 am	Rex Raimond, Meridian Institute	Kim Lewers, USDA ARS	Mark VanGessel, Univ. of Delaware
11:05-11:30 am	Jason Keppler, MD Dept. of Ag.	Dave Liker, Maryland farmer	Joanne Whalen, Univ. of Delaware (ret.)
11:30-12:00 pm	Topic: <i>Identify three ways to best incentivize/support CC use</i> <u>Panel members</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Brandon Smith, NRCS Soil Health Division ● Jason Keppler, MD Dept. of Ag. ● Bianca Moebius-Clune, NRCS Soil Health Division ● Michel Cavigelli, NE Climate Hub ● Jack King, District Conservationist for Talbot and Caroline Counties 	Topic: <i>Identify three ongoing challenges to using cover crops in fruits/vegetables.</i> <u>Panel members</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Guy Moore, Maryland farmer ● Dave Liker, Maryland farmer ● Aaron Cooper, Maryland farmer ● Kim Lewers, USDA ARS 	Topic: <i>Identify three scenarios/systems where CCs are under-used though they would be of benefit</i> <u>Panel members</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Mark VanGessel, Univ. of Delaware ● Joann Whalen, Univ. of Delaware (ret.) ● Adam Snyder, Maryland farmer ● Dave Wilson, Penn State Univ. ● John Wallace, Penn State Univ.
CCA CEUs	Crop Management CEUs: 1.5	Crop Management CEUs: 1.5	Integrated Pest Management CEUs: 1.5

Afternoon Breakout Sessions

	Room 2110	Room 2111	Room 2112
	Measuring the Benefits of CCs Moderator: Steven Mirsky, USDA ARS	CC Innovations in Fruits + Vegetables Moderator: Jason Lilley, Univ. of Maine	CC Innovations in Field Crop Nutrient Management Moderator: Mark VanGessel, Univ. of Delaware
2:15-2:40 pm	Bill Salas, Dagan, Inc.	Kathryne Everts, Univ. of Maryland	Michel Cavigelli/Kate White, USDA ARS
2:40-3:05 pm	Josh Woodard, Ag Analytics	Dave Myers, Univ. of Maryland	Heather Darby, Univ. of Vermont
3:05-3:30 pm	Aaron Ristow, American Farmland Trust	Jason Lilley, Univ. of Maine	Harry Schomberg, USDA ARS
3:30-4:00 pm	<p>Topic: <i>Identify the top five CC benefits that need to be quantified (i.e. not “how much CCs improve water quality” but “extent to which CCs decrease nitrate leaching into groundwater”).</i></p> <p>Panel members</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bill Salas, Dagan, Inc. • Josh Woodard, Ag Analytics • Aaron Ristow, Am. Farmland Trust 	<p>Topic: <i>Identify five key research needs for CCs in fruit/veg crops.</i></p> <p>Panel members</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jason Lilley, Univ. of Maine • Kathryne Everts, Univ. of Maryland • Dave Myers, Univ. of Maryland 	<p>Topic: <i>Identify ways to better incorporate legume CCs after a soybean crop</i></p> <p>Panel members</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Michel Cavigelli, USDA ARS, NE Climate Hub • Heather Darby, Univ. of Vermont • Kate White, USDA ARS • Harry Schomberg, USDA ARS • Kate Tully, Univ. of Maryland
CCA CEUs	Sustainability CEUs: 1.5	Crop Management CEUs: 1.5	Nutrient Management CEUs: 1.5

Hands-On Cover Crop Tools Afternoon Breakout Session

Vessey Ballroom

CC Tools + Resources

Moderators: Victoria Ackroyd, Ankita Raturi, Juliet Norton, Nevin Dawson, Paul Salon, Virginia Moore, Brian Davis

*Participants are encouraged to bring a laptop or tablet

2:15-3:30 pm

Ankita Raturi, Purdue Univ. (formerly USDA ARS) and Victoria Ackroyd, USDA ARS and Univ. of Maryland
Decision tools session using case studies

3:30-4:00 pm

Topic: *Identify needed tool improvements/CC resources*

Panel members

- John Wallace, Penn State Univ.
- Kirsten Workman, Univ. of Vermont Extension
- Dave Wilson, Penn State Univ.

CCA CEUs

Precision Ag CEUs: 1.5





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