

## Delay the Burn

See More Cash Crop Benefits by Keeping Your Cover Crops Alive Longer

*A Northeast Sustainable Agriculture Research & Education Demonstration Project*

# Spring Planting Field Demos

9:30 – 11:00 a.m.

<b>April 18</b>	<b>Harford County</b>	Clear Meadow Farm	3114 Troyer Rd White Hall, MD 21161
		RSVP: <a href="https://fielddemoharford.eventbrite.com">https://fielddemoharford.eventbrite.com</a>	
<b>April 27</b>	<b>Somerset County</b>	Gary King's Farm	11111 Old Princess Anne Rd Princess Anne, MD 21853
		RSVP: <a href="https://fielddemosomerset.eventbrite.com">https://fielddemosomerset.eventbrite.com</a>	
<b>May 10</b>	<b>Caroline County</b>	Jim Lewis' Farm	24790 Dukes Rd, Greensboro MD 21639
		RSVP: <a href="https://fielddemocaroline.eventbrite.com">https://fielddemocaroline.eventbrite.com</a>	

## FREE

- Soil health & cover crop latest research
- Planting demo in high-residue test strip (tentative)
- Evaluate seed/soil contact, depth, spacing
- New hands-on field evaluation tool
- Experts on hand for questions

No farmer wants their cover crops to grow big enough to interfere with their planting operation, but there are some big benefits still to be had from as few as two more weeks of growth past the average burn-down date. These include moisture retention during dry spells, more organic matter, less compaction, more rainwater infiltration, and an increase in the amount of Nitrogen that stays in the soil profile. Most recent model planters can easily handle up to several additional weeks of grass cover crop growth.

*Look for summer field day dates to be announced soon*

## Questions? Contact Project Team Leader:

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- **Project Team**

- Nevin Dawson (Team Leader/PI), University of Maryland Extension, Sustainable Agriculture Coordinator: SARE Building Soil Health PDP PI, SARE state coordinator
- Rachel Yeatman, NRCS, Soil Conservationist: County level technical assistance for producers
- Christy Brown, NRCS, Conservation Agronomist: state level agronomy assistance programs; farmer
- John Johnson, Johnson Farm, Farmer: several decades of cover crop experience
- Dawn Bradley, Maryland Department of Agriculture, Cover Crop Program Administrator: runs state cover crop incentive program
- Ben Hushon, The Mill, Agronomist: advises producers, sells cover crop seeds
- Weida Stoecker, Maryland Department of Agriculture, Agriculture Education Coordinator and Agriculture Outreach: runs educational programming for public and producers; vegetable farmer
- Travis Martin, Dawn Biologic/DAWN Equipment Co., Territory Representative: sells cover crop equipment

- **Additional Advisors**

- Raymond Weil, University of Maryland, Soil Scientist: cover crop research experience
- Steve Mirsky, USDA ARS, Soil Scientist: cover crop research experience
- Michel Cavigelli, USDA ARS, Soil Scientist: cover crop research experience
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