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SUBJECT: PER –Ecological Sciences and Planning Fall/Winter Training Opportunities

Purpose: To encourage Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) employees, partners, and Technical Service Providers (TSP) to receive training regarding planning and implementing conservation management systems.

Expiration Date: September 30, 2016

Background: Several annually occurring events provide NRCS field employees, partners, Technical Service Providers, and other consultants the opportunity to acquire knowledge and competencies about planning and implementing conservation systems. Certified Conservation Planners (CCP) can obtain their continuing education credit requirements in the no-till/cover crop, nutrient management, grazing, wildlife/buffers, and optional categories by attending the preapproved events listed below.

Explanation: The number of CCP credit hours available for each event is shown in parentheses (). Scheduled prerequisite courses, necessary to become a CCP, as well as other training opportunities for non-category subjects are also listed below. For NRCS employees, attendance at these events must be documented in the employee's Individual Development Plan (IDP) in order to receive Certified Conservation Planner Continuing Education Credits (CEC) or be eligible for participation in Modules 6-8 of the CCP training program.

10/8/2016 (2 Grazing)

Cow Health in the Grazing Dairy: From Pasture to Product
Wholesome Dairy Farms in Douglassville, PA
Contact: <https://www.pasafarming.org/events/farm-based-education>

10/8/2016 (2 Grazing)

Grazing Dairy Health & Genetics
Wholesome Dairy Farms Berks County
Contact: https://www.pasafarming.org/events/pasa_events

10/11/2016 (1 Grazing)

Targeted Sheep Grazing in Organic Dryland Systems
Webinar
Contact: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7793261828690587906>

10/11/2016 (1 Optional – Specialty Crop)

Soil Health in High Tunnel Production
Webinar
Contact: <http://www.conservationwebinars.net/webinars/soil-health-in-high-tunnel-production>.

- 10/11/2016 **(1 Forestry)**
So Many Weeds, So Little Time: A Prioritization Tool for Invasive Species Management
Online – Noon Webinar
Contact: <http://extension.psu.edu/events>
- 10/12/2016 **(1 Forestry)**
So Many Weeds, So Little Time: A Prioritization Tool for Invasive Species Management
Online – Evening Webinar
Contact: <http://extension.psu.edu/events>
- 10/12/2016 **(2 Grazing*)**
Management of Weeds & Toxic Plants
Held at Caitlyn & Cody's Diner; 1907 John Fries Highway; Quakertown, PA 18951
Contact: Heather Stofanak haf10@psu.edu or Donna Foulk dlf5@psu.edu
- 10/15/2016 **(2 Wildlife/Buffer)**
Productive Riparian Buffers
Happy Hollow Farm Yor County
Contact: https://www.pasafarming.org/events/pasa_events
- 10/15/2016 **(2 Wildlife/Buffer)**
Productive Riparian Buffers Field Day
2486 Orwig Road, Stewartstown, PA 17363
Contact: www.pasafarming.org/events/farm-based-education
- 10/16/2016 **(2 Forestry)**
Golden-winged Warbler and Cerulean Warbler Habitat
Harveys Lake, PA
Contact: <http://extension.psu.edu/natural-resources/forests/events/golden-winged-warbler-and-cerulean-warbler-habitat>
- 10/18 - 19/2016 **(4 No-Till/Cover Crop)**
Advanced Soil Health Partnership Training
Special Events Building, Ag Progress Days Facilities
Contact: www.capitalrcd.org
- 10/18/2016 **(1 Grazing)**
Forage Adaptation, Management, and Mixtures for the Eastern U.S.
Webinar
Contact: <http://www.conservationwebinars.net/webinars/forage-adaptation-management-and-mixtures-for-the-eastern-us>
- 10/18/2016 **(1 Grazing)**
Webinar: Eastern Forage Agronomy
Webinar
Contact: <http://www.conservationwebinars.net>
- 10/19/2016 **(4 Forestry)**
Tree Tenders on-site classes
Haverford, PA
Contact: <http://phsonline.org/programs/tree-tenders>

10/19/2016 (2 Grazing*)

Soil Health & Soil Fertility Management

Held at Caitlyn & Cody's Diner; 1907 John Fries Highway; Quakertown, PA 18951

Contact: Heather Stofanak haf10@psu.edu or Donna Foulk dlf5@psu.edu

10/19/2016 (1 Optional Specialty Crop)

Viral Diseases in Cucurbits: Identification and Management Strategies

Webinar

Contact: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7585247422608083970>

10/19/2016 (1 Optional IPM)

Viral Diseases in Cucurbits: Identification and Management Strategies

Webinar

Contact: <http://articles.extension.org/pages/73890/viral-diseases-in-cucurbits-identification-and-management-strategies>

10/23/2016 (2 Grazing)

Grass grazing Conference and Pasture Walk

Fayette CD (724) 438-4497

Contact: Pierce Willson at the Fayette CD (724) 438-4497

10/25/2016 (1 Wildlife/Buffer)

Restoring Native Plant Communities: Soil and Hydrology Suited Planning Tools

Webinar

Contact: <http://www.conservationwebinars.net/webinars/restoring-native-plant-communities-soil-and-hydrology-suited-planning-tool>

10/25/2016 (1 Wildlife/Buffer)

Webinar: Restoring Native Plant Communities: Soil and Hydrology Suited Planning Too.

Webinar

Contact: <http://www.conservationwebinars.net>

10/25/2016 (1 Wildlife/Buffer)

Restoring Native Plant Communities: Soil and Hydrology Suited Planning Tools

Webinar

Contact: <http://www.conservationwebinars.net/webinars/restoring-native-plant-communities-soil-and-hydrology-suited-planning-tool>

10/25/2016 (2 Forestry)

Forests, Urban Trees, and Climate Change

Philadelphia, PA

Contact: <https://dvrpc.ticketleap.com/forests-urban-trees-and-climate-change>

10/26/2016 (2 Grazing*)

Best Farm Management Practices that Benefit the Environment

Held at Caitlyn & Cody's Diner; 1907 John Fries Highway; Quakertown, PA 18951

Contact: Heather Stofanak haf10@psu.edu or Donna Foulk dlf5@psu.edu

10/26/2016 (1 Forestry)

The Biology, Diagnosis, and Epidemiology of Oak Wilt in the Southeastern U.S.
Webinar

Contact: <http://www.forestrywebinars.net/webinars/oak-wilt-identification-biology-and-management>

11/8/2016 (1 No-Till/Cover Crop)

Cover Crop Management in Vegetable Systems
Webinar

Contact: <http://www.conservationwebinars.net/webinars/cover-crop-management-in-vegetable-systems>

11/15/2016 (4 Optional – Specialty Crop)

Specialty Crop Tour for Young Growers

New Morning Farm, 22263 Anderson Hollow Rd., Hustontown, PA 17229

Contact: Mike Basedow; Phone: 717-334-6271 x331

11/15/2016 (4 Optional – Specialty Crop)

Specialty Crop Tour for Young Growers

New Morning Farm, 22263 Anderson Hollow Rd., Hustontown, PA 17229

Contact: <http://extension.psu.edu/register>

11/15/2016 (1 No-Till/Cover Crop)

Webinar: Farming Implements in Action: Impacts on the Soil, Erosion Potential of Tillage Systems, and Economics

Webinar

Contact: <http://www.conservationwebinars.net>

11/17/2016 (1 Forestry)

Heterobasidion (aka Annosum or Fomes) Root Disease of Pines in the South US/Eastern

Contact: <http://www.forestrywebinars.net/subscribeFormDeleteNOW.html?email=gwendolyn.crews@pa.usda.gov>

12/6/2016 (1 Optional IPM)

Managing Cucurbit Downy Mildew in Organic Systems in the Northeast

Webinar

Contact: <http://articles.extension.org/pages/73892/managing-cucurbit-downy-mildew-in-organic-systems-in-the-northeast>

12/8/2016 (2 Grazing)

Economics of the Grazing Dairy

Farm & Home Center Lancaster County

Contact: https://www.pasafarming.org/events/pasa_events

12/15/2016 (1 Optional-Energy)

Webinar: Understanding and Implementing Energy Audits

Contact: <http://www.conservationwebinars.net>

1/21-22/2016 (4 No-Till/Cover Crop)

PA Agronomic Education Conference
Penn State Conference Center, State College PA
Contact: abradford@pennag.com 717 651 5920 Amy Bradford

1/21-22/2016 (4 Nutrient Management)

PA Agronomic Education Conference
Penn State Conference Center, State College PA
Contact: abradford@pennag.com 717 651 5920 Amy Bradford

3/14-16/2017 (Prerequisite)

Intro to Conservation Planning (TENTATIVE)
Holiday Inn Harrisburg Hershey, Grantville, PA
Contact: Gwendolyn Crews 717-237-2218

3/20-24/2017 (Prerequisite)

Agricultural Conservation Technical Training (Boot Camp) - Basic Level Keystone
Conference Center, Ft. Indiantown Gap, Annville PA
Contact: Shannon Wehinger; 717-238-7223 x 18

4/10-14/2017 (Prerequisite)

Agricultural Conservation Technical Training (Boot Camp) - Level II Keystone
Conference Center, Ft. Indiantown Gap, Annville PA
Contact: Shannon Wehinger; 717-238-7223 x 18

Events with an asterics () qualify for 2 Grazing CEC's if one event is attended, 4 if two or more events are attended.

Training and travel must be requested and approved by your supervisor. NRCS employees with identified training needs should request approval from their supervisor for attendance by using the mandatory SF-182 process in AgLearn. The supervisor will then notify their Assistant State Conservationist for Field Operations (ASTC-FO) to obtain approval for training fees and travel. All travel must be approved by the ASTC-FO. Employees approved for overnight travel must have their area administrative coordinator prepare a travel authorization with "training attendance" as the purpose code. Employees approved for overnight lodging must make their own hotel reservations. Unless otherwise specified, upon approval, it is the employee's responsibility to send the completed registration form for the appropriate conference to your Area Administrative Coordinator, prior to the registration dates listed on the appropriate website or form. All registration fees will be paid by the area administrative coordinators, unless otherwise specified.

These opportunities will also be promoted among Partners, Technical Service Providers and other consultants who may be assisting your field team to deliver technical assistance to the typical farming operations in your service area. Non-NRCS employees are responsible for their own registration, travel, and lodging arrangements.



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