

No·till



On The Plains

NEBRASKA

POINTS SOUTH NO-TILL BUS TOUR

August 24-25, 2010



Call
(888) 330-5142
for more info!

Registration: \$90

Spouses: \$45

Join us for this in-depth and educational opportunity to view exceptional no-till operations and to ask no-till experts the questions that are important to you.

Experience valuable producer-to-producer interaction on a cool, comfortable motor coach.

Featured Stops:

Day 1 Ward Laboratories, Kearney, NE
Brian & Keith Berns – Bladen, NE
Kent & Cindy Stones – Lebanon, KS

Day 2 Josh Lloyd – Oakhill, KS
Dr. Ray Ward – Western, NE

This tour made possible by:



TRANSPORTATION: This trip will be on luxury motor coaches equipped with air conditioning, reclining seats, and restroom.

RESERVATIONS & PAYMENT: Full payment of fee is required at time of registration. Reservations are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis, and reservations may be made by phone, fax, or mail.

CANCELLATIONS & REFUNDS: If No-till on the Plains, Inc. cancels the trip for any reason, you will receive a full refund. If you have to cancel, there will be a 25% cancellation fee.

Any cancellations made after Aug. 18 are non-refundable. However, you may have someone go in your place and work out the financial details on your own.

CONFIRMATION: A few days prior to the trip, you should receive a confirmation in the mail or through email.

If you do not receive this, please call (888) 330-5142 to verify your registration.

ARRIVAL/DEPARTURE:

We will be leaving from the following location on August 24.

Have your luggage loaded and be ready to **depart at:**

→ **7:30 a.m. Country Inn & Suites**

105 West Talmadge Street, Kearney, NE 68847 (308) 236-7500

The bus will arrive back in Kearney on the evening of August 25.

OKAY! I want to go! What do I do? It's easy... 😊

STEP 1: Fill out and submit pages 3, 4, & 5

STEP 2: Make a check to No-till on the Plains OR fill in credit card info. p. 3.

STEP 3: Mail your check and mail or fax pages 3, 4, & 5 to:

No-till on the Plains

P.O. Box 379

Wamego, KS 66547

STEP 4: Wait for a confirmation several days before departure!

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Registration: \$90.00* -- includes motorcoach travel & lodging

* Based on double-occupancy

Please mail or fax registration form, signed release form, & payment to:
No-till on the Plains, Inc.

Phone: 888-330-5142 Email: *info@notill.org*

P.O. Box 379 Fax: 785-456-1434

Wamego, KS 66547-0379 Website: *www.notill.org*

Limited Seating -- register by Aug. 18

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Name: _____

Company: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Email: _____

I would prefer a private room ____ (please contact NTOP for additional cost.)

Preferred roommate: _____

Each registrant is required to fill out a registration form.

Please enclose a check or provide credit card information below.

Type of card (circle one): Visa MasterCard Discover American Express

Name on card: _____

Billing Address (if different than above): _____

Number: _____ - _____ - _____ - _____

Expiration: ____ / ____ 3-digit code on back of card: ____

Total: \$ _____

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RELEASE FORM

IMPORTANT INFORMATION.

Please read our policies before you sign up for this bus tour.

RELEASE AND WAIVER OF ALL CLAIMS

FOR AND IN CONSIDERATION of No-till on the Plains, Inc. (hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Parties") allowing me to participate in a No-till on the Plains, Inc. sponsored bus tour organized by the Parties scheduled to take place on August 24-25, 2010.

I, the undersigned person do forever release and covenant to hold harmless the Parties, and their elected officials, officers, employees, independent contractors, representatives and agents from any and all claims or causes of action for injuries, costs or other damages which I may hereafter have as a result of this activity whether or not caused or contributed to by any negligence or alleged negligence on the part of the Parties, their elected officials, officers, employees, independent contractors, representatives and agents.

I FURTHER PROMISE to bind myself, my heirs, administrators, and executors to repay to the Parties, and their elected officials, officers, employees, independent contractors, representatives and agents any sum of money that it/they may hereafter be compelled to pay in any way connected with the said activity pursuant to this Release.

IT IS UNDERSTOOD that there may be risk of personal injury or otherwise in any activity and that the threat of litigation severely limits the recreation or educational activities that the Parties can offer citizens, pupils, or others. I further understand that as a participant of a bus tour hosted by No-till on the Plains, Inc., I am subject to having my photograph taken while on the bus tour for non-profit advertising in promotional brochures etc. as well as being used as advertising future tours on the NTOP website.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED AND UNDERSTOOD I assume full responsibility for the risk of any bodily injury; death or property damage that occurs while I am participating in the above-referenced activity. I expressly agree that this Release is intended to be as broad and inclusive as permitted by the laws of the State of Kansas and that if any portion is invalid, it is agreed that the balance shall, notwithstanding, continue in full force and legal effect.

PHOTO RELEASE WAIVER

I authorize No-till on the Plains to photograph me and acknowledge that all photographs become the property of No-till on the Plains and will be used exclusively for the programs and advocacy efforts of No-till on the Plains.

I CONSENT to the above conditions.

I FURTHER STATE that the foregoing Release and Waiver of All Claims has been carefully read and I know of the contents thereof and have signed the same by my own free act.

CAUTION: READ BEFORE SIGNING BELOW

Signed

Date

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

Date Paid: _____

Check # _____

Entered In Database: _____

Confirmation Letter Sent On: _____

Cancelled On: _____

Refund Sent On: _____

Submit this form



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Personal Data Form for **Nebraska** Points South Bus Tour August 24-25, 2010

Submit this form to No-till on the Plains, Inc. with your registration information.

Also leave a copy at home with a friend or relative.

All information will be kept confidential.

Personal Information		Emergency and Medical Information	
Full name		In case of emergency, contact	
Home address		Emergency contact's address	
		Emergency contact's phone	
Home phone		Doctor's name	
Mobile or cellular phone		Doctor's phone	
Home fax		Doctor's address	
Home e-mail address		Medical insurance carrier	
Birthday (MM/DD/YYYY)		Member/policy number #	
SSN		Blood type	
Driver's license number		Known medical conditions	
		Known allergies	

Hotel Itinerary				
Date	Hotel	Address	City, State	Phone number
Aug. 24	<u>Country Inn & Suites</u>	2760 South Ninth	Salina, KS 67401	(785) 827-1271

Other Contact Numbers				
Brian Lindley	Tour Coordinator	Cell: (785) 456-4930	brian.lindley@notill.org	
Jana Lindley	Tour Coordinator	Cell: (785) 458-8436	jana.lindley@notill.org	

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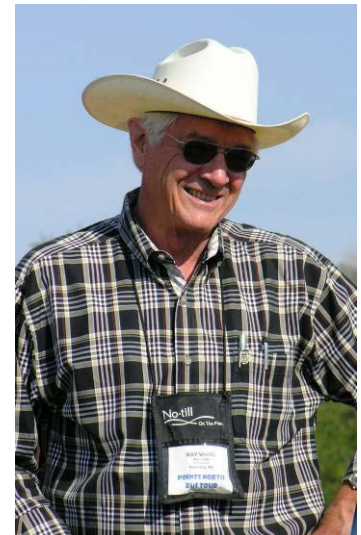
The Tour's focus will be to view economically viable continuous no-till production practices & to discuss the latest developments in those methods. Tour stops will cover a spectrum of soils and climates. These areas would have moisture availability similar to much of Nebraska, and while some differences exist in the crop genetics & length of the growing season, even more commonalities can be found in the underlying traits of a functional no-till system. The key is to remember that no-till is vastly more efficient than tilled systems in terms of water storage and plant usage—requiring more intense rotations. The tour will study various practices within well-managed continuous no-till systems for differences in cropping intensity, diversity, plant health, weed & pest suppression, profitability, and risk management.

Note: Tour itinerary subject to change without notice.

Day 1, August 24:

Dr. Ray Ward

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Website: www.wardlab.com



We will kick off our tour with a special guided tour of Ward Laboratories given by Dr. Ray Ward, president and co-owner of Ward Laboratories, Inc. since 1983. He is an ARCPACS Certified Professional Soil Scientist with a Ph.D. Soil Fertility, South Dakota State University (SDSU) 1972; MS Soil Fertility, University of Nebraska, 1961; and BS Soil Conservation, University of Nebraska, 1959. He has served as lab division manager for Servi-Tech, Inc. in Dodge City, KS, from 1977-1983; associate professor at Oklahoma State University (OSU), Stillwater, OK, from 1974-1977; assistant professor at SDSU from 1972-1974; and instructor at SDSU from 1961 to 1972. He holds numerous memberships in scientific and honorary academic societies and organizations. Ray received the Soil Science Industry Award from the Soil Science Society of America at their annual meeting in November 2005 at Salt Lake City. The University of Nebraska Alumni Service Award was presented in May 2007. Additionally, he was awarded the Soil Science Professional Service Award sponsored by the Soil Science Society of America at the American Society of Agronomy annual meeting in November 2007. His goals for agriculture and agronomy are to help production agriculture use its resources as efficiently as possible, to provide information and data for developing the best use of soil and water resources while maintaining environmental quality, to be involved in “value-added” agriculture, and to provide accurate laboratory data for managing production enterprises. ***Note: Dr. Ward will not accompany us on the tour but will meet us on Day 2 at his farm near the town of Western, NE.***

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Keith and Brian Berns combine 20 years of no-till farming with 10 years of teaching Agriculture and Computers. In addition to no-tilling 2,200 acres in South Central Nebraska, they also design and maintain over 50 websites, including the No-till on the Plains website.

For the past two years, Brian and Keith Berns have been experimenting with over 25 different cover crop types and mixes planted into dryland wheat stubble. Soil moisture sensors were installed (2008) in cover crop plots to measure water usage and the results may surprise you! In 2009, tissue analysis of 4 different mixes was conducted and nutrient values were studied. A study of corn yield (2009) following cover crops was also conducted. Brian and Keith will share their findings and thoughts on cover crop water use, nitrogen fixation, effect on yield of the following crop and cover crop grazing.



Kent & Cindy Stones
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Kent Stones is a north-central Kansas producer who has farmed for 40 years with 18 years in limited no-till and 14 years as 100 percent no-till. He farms in Smith County on Holdridge and Harney silt loam and silty clay loam soils which average 23 inches of annual precipitation. His rotations include wheat, corn, milo, soybeans. Kent chose no-till primarily for the profitability of the practice as well as the conservation aspects and the efficiency of resources. He has experienced outstanding production above his expectations in the no-till system along with an enhancement in lifestyle. The Stones have been able to dramatically increase their asset utilization, increase their soil organic matter, and have proven the viability of no-till over an extended period of time. Kent sees the greatest challenge in continuing under no-till over the next three to five years as identifying and capturing market opportunities. In 2000 Stones received the Smith County Bankers Residue Management Award. Kent's wife and life partner, Cindy, is very active in the operation. Kent has been a popular speaker at the No-till on the Plains Winter Conference in past years and recently attending the No-till on the Plains International Tour to South America pictured above.

Day 2, August 25:

Josh Lloyd

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Oakhill, KS 67432
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lfi@eaglecom.net



Josh graduated from Kansas State University in 1998 with a BS in Management and is a Class VII member of the Kansas Agriculture and Rural Leadership (KARL) Program. He is a fifth-generation farmer who farms with his father Gale and hired hand Chuck. In his 11th year of dryland no-till, Josh's average precipitation is 31 inches. His soils are crete, silt loams and silty clay loams, and he farms 2,900 acres of wheat, milo, soybeans, corn and sunflowers. He manages his cropland to mimic the native prairie and employs continuous no-till to manage all his cropland. Cropping intensity and diversity also play a big role in his land management. Josh has specific procedures in place for farmstead protection and environmental management. Josh believes that his family's five generations of success with farming comes from basing decisions not only on what is good for the current generation, but also what will help ensure success for generations to come. Josh is Ex-Oficio of No-till on the Plains and continues to be a very active board member. A special honor was bestowed upon Josh this past March 2010 in Anaheim, California, as he was named the 2010 Conservationist of the Year in the American Soybean Association's Conservation Legacy Awards Program.



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