

8:30-9:30 **Registration & Welcome** - refreshment & exhibits along with interactive hands-on Farm Safety Demonstrations.

9:30-10:10 **Dealing with Storm Water** - Brain Rahm, Cornell University. Heavy rainfall events are becoming more and more common. It is critical for safety and protection of property that we learn how to become more aware of and better prepared for the risks associated with storm water. What can you do and who to call.

#### 10:10-10:20 break

10:20-11:00 Whether a Lease Agreement Is Good Depends on What Side of the Hedgerow You are **On** - Sustainable Agriculture Leases will be addressed by Steve Walker, JD, from the Scolaro Firm in Syracuse with a background in dairy farming. He will talk about the key provisions of a lease agreement and aspects important to a clear understanding between the landowner and the farm operator.

#### 11:00-11:45 Concurrent sessions

**Pond Regulations, Site Selection, Construction & Maintenance** – Brian Davis, District Field Manager, Cattaraugus County Soil & Water Conservation District. A successful, safe, and enjoyable pond begins with proper site selection, including site characteristics such as availability of water, soils, and topography. Proper planning, design, and construction techniques are important to make sure the pond safely holds water and meets the landowner's objectives. Periodic operation & maintenance will prolong the life of the pond and insure that it continues to provide years of safe, reliable, enjoyable service.

**Delving Deeper into Lease Agreements** – This session will give participants a chance to dig deeper into the topic of leasing with Mr. Walker. Discussion of tax considerations, insurance, termination, maintenance of improvements, assignability, dispute resolution, memorandum of lease, right-of-first-refusal, option to purchase and more will be driven by questions from participants.

11:45-12:45 Lunch & exhibits

12:45-1:30 Concurrent sessions

**Soil Health Indicators & Constraints** – Cornell Soil Health Lab. Workshop will review the physical, biological and chemical health indicators of soil, how indicators are measured, and the implications for proper functioning of soil.

Managing woodlots to control invasive species and other problem plants. - Kimberly Bohn, Ph.D. Extension Educator, Forestry and Natural Resources, Workshop will cover general woodlot management and incorporate invasive species identification and control.

1:30-2:30 Panel Discussion - Landowners and Farmers will share their approach to leasing, using conservation programs, soil health and more. Bring your questions to ask people with experience how they are achieving their goals for their land.

Jeff Cady – Dairy Farmer, Harrison Valley, PA John Francisco – Dairy/Crop Farmer, Belmont, NY TBA – Rural Owner Leasing to Farm



Fee: \$10.00 per person and includes lunch. Make checks payable to: PCCD Return to: 107 Market Street Coudersport, PA 16915 Pre-registration also accepted by Phone: (814) 274-8411 ext. 4; Fax: (814) 274-0396 or Email: pccd@zitomedia.net.

# Pre-registration appreciated by November 28, 2018 to assist with plan for materials! Walk-ins are Welcome.

### Vendor Space Available. Please contact Jason Childs at 814-320-4012 or j.childs@pottercd.com



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