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## "BATTLE ROYALE: ORGANIC VS. CONVENTIONAL AG (WITH A SPECIAL ROUNDUP UNDERCARD)"

July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021

10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.



Dr. Tim Durham will present "Battle Royale: Organic vs. Conventional Ag (With a Special Roundup Undercard)."

As we approach peak population in 2050, is our fascination with ag "tribalism" (taking hard sides in the organic vs. conventional debate) hindering progress toward long-term sustainability and stewardship? Are these systems really at opposing ends of the spectrum? What are the relative merits of each? Are they a production standard or a philosophical standard? Is one system "better" than the other? What are some system "exclusives"? What practices or technologies are expressly forbidden? Should organics and conventional ag be competitive or complementary? Is peaceful coexistence possible? Where do up-and-comers like regenerative ag and biodynamics fit in? Do we have the luxury to bicker about what's in the grocery aisle and how it's produced (First World Problems)? The Roundup controversy will be used to contextualize some of these questions (and

answers).

Tim is a lifelong agriculturist. His family operates Deer Run Farm – a 30 acre "truck" farm on Long Island, New York. After graduating from Cornell University in 2001 with a B.S. in Plant Science, he worked at various levels of state and federal government while continuing to work seasonally at the farm. In 2004, he was awarded a Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholarship for study at Lincoln University, New Zealand, where he studied public perception of GMO's. In 2008, Tim graduated from the University of Florida with a degree in Plant Medicine, the equivalent of a "plant M.D." He is currently an Associate Professor of Crop Science at Ferrum College.

PLEASE REGISTER AND PAY IN ADVANCE!



*Please join us for a great program, fellowship, and invite a friend!*

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(To register, please complete this form and return it to the Center by Friday, July 9<sup>th</sup>)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse/Guest \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please include the Rev., Dr., Mr., Mrs., Ms., Miss)

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

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## NEW INFORMATION!

To make a reservation, please return the form at the bottom of the first page, call the office at (540)-483-1518, or email [PNCenter@gmail.com](mailto:PNCenter@gmail.com). Please make your reservations the Friday before the event.

You are welcome to arrive at McCauley Hall for a coffee social at 9:30 a.m. prior to the event. The event will start at 10:00 a.m. Lunch starts at approximately 12:00 p.m. Lunch is \$10.00 per person. YOU **MUST** call ahead and make a reservation if you plan to attend the CLL in person at Phoebe Needles Center.



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