

32nd ANNUAL SOUTHERN CONSERVATION AGRICULTURAL SYSTEMS CONFERENCE: FULL PAPER GUIDELINES

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ABSTRACT

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INTRODUCTION

The theme for the 32nd conference is *Conservation Agriculture Impacts - Local and Global*. The conference topic areas are varied ranging from production issues in conservation tillage to conservation agriculture effects on bioenergy production and the use of new precision technologies and biotechnology for production efficiency. Technological advances have been a major part of the advancement of conservation agriculture in the US and worldwide. We hope the conference presentations will address crop and bioenergy production efficiency and biotechnology, with emphasis on the local (southern US), but global impacts as well. The conference, July 20-21, is being held in conjunction with the Milan No-till Field Day on July 22.

The primary mission of the Southern Conservation Agricultural Systems Conference (SCASC) is to provide a medium for exchanging information about conservation agricultural systems and related technology between and among researchers, Extension personnel, Natural Resources Conservation Service personnel, Soil and Water Conservation District personnel, crop consultants, agrochemical companies, farmers, and any other party interested in increasing use of sustainable agricultural practices. The primary goal of most conservation agricultural systems research is to develop improved technology to increase yields and/or profitability of agricultural crops and livestock while maintaining or improving the quality of soil and water resources available for agricultural, domestic, and recreational uses. The overall objective of the SCASC is to expand the conservation agricultural systems in the southern United States for the purpose of controlling erosion and reducing environmental degradation.

More information for the conference can be found at: <http://www.ag.auburn.edu/auxiliary/nsdl/scasc/2010>.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

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RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

All proceeding papers will be available online following the conference. Papers will be posted at: <http://www.ag.auburn.edu/auxiliary/nsdl/scasc/proceedings.html>.

CONCLUSION

The three day conference is designed to educate/share information about conservation tillage systems topics between farmers, researchers, extension agents, and NRCS personnel in an interactive setting. In addition, participants will have the opportunity to attend the 26th Milan No-Till Field Day scheduled on July 22, 2010.

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