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# RSVP INFO

\*Please RSVP to **Tracey Oman** at the Columbia CD at [tracey.oman@columbiaccd.org](mailto:tracey.oman@columbiaccd.org) by **Friday, March 2, 2018** or call at 570-784-1310 x102. Make Checks Payable to CCCD. If you need special accommodations for access to the conference please let Tracey know when you register.

**Cost: \$25/person (includes a hot lunch)**  
**\$30/person for Registrations after March 2, 2018**

Vegetarian option available upon request

Columbia Co. Conservation District  
702 Sawmill Road, Suite 204  
Bloomsburg, PA 17815



## MARCH 15, 2018

## CONNECTING SOILS AND PROFITS:

*No-till, Cover Crops, Soil Health & Grazing*

**PINE BARN INN**  
**1 PINE BARN PLACE**  
**DANVILLE PA, 17821**

# AGENDA

7:30 - 8:30 AM

*Registration and Networking*

8:30 - 8:40 AM

*Welcome (Columbia County CD & NRCS)*

8:40- 8:45 AM

*Growing Greener Grant Funding (DEP)*

8:45 – 9:45 AM

*"Soil Health- Get you Hands Dirty"*

***Ray Archuleta, Soil Consultants LLC***

9:45 - 10:45 AM

*Managing Adversity with Diversity through Soil Health*

***Steve Groff, Cover Crop Coaching***

10:45 - 11:15 AM

*Break & Networking*

11:15 - 12:15 PM

*IPM: Your best bet for fostering soil health while combating insect pest and slug populations* ***Dr. John Tooker, PSU***

12:15 PM - 1:10 PM

**Lunch**

1:10 PM - 2:10 PM

*Grazing, Raising Livestock & Building Soils*  
***Ray Archuleta, Soil Consultants LLC***

2:10 - 3:10 PM

*Carbon & Organic Matter, "Why are they so important to my bottom line \$?"*

***Steve Groff, Cover Crop Coaching***

3:10 - 4:00 PM

*Panel Discussion: Cover Crops , The good, the bad, and the ugly*

# SPEAKER BIOS

## Ray Archuleta



Ray Archuleta is a Certified Professional Soil Scientist with the Soil Science Society of America and has over 30 year's experience

as a Soil Conservationist, Water Quality Specialist, and Conservation Agronomist with the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). During his tenure with the NRCS Ray served in New Mexico, Missouri, Oregon, and North Carolina.

After his retirement from the NRCS in 2017, Ray founded Soil Health Consulting, LLC and Soil Health Academy, LLC to teach Biomimicry strategies and Agroecology principles for improving soil function on a national scale. Ray also owns and operates a 150-acre farm near Seymour, Missouri that he operates along with his wife and family.

## Steve Groff



Steve Groff and his family, farm 305 acres of cash grain crops, pumpkins and heirloom tomatoes in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania.

For the past 22 years, his Cedar Meadow Farm has conducted thousands of cover crop research trials- out of which he developed the well-known Tillage Radish.

Steve is the founder of Cover Crop Coaching & he is a contributing columnist for the American Agriculturalist magazine and the Lancaster Farming- writing articles on the use of cover crops.

*\* Watch our previous conference speakers at the CCCD Soil Health website: <http://www.columbiaccd.org/soil-health.html>*

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