

The 2015 No-Till Innovator Awards

20
YEARS
of
NO-TILL
INNOVATION

During the 24th National No-Tillage Conference, Syngenta and No-Till Farmer magazine are proud to honor the 2015 No-Till Innovators.

The No-Till Innovator Award honors farmers, researchers, organizations and others who have identified ways to no-till more effectively, more economically and with better impact on the environment. Each has made important contributions to the conservation movement and was chosen based on dedication to the advancement of no-till farming, regardless of the type of crop grown and equipment, seed, seed treatment or crop protection products used.



David Brandt

Crop Production

David Brandt has proudly owned and operated his no-till farm in Ohio for 45 years, which includes 985 acres of corn, soybean and winter wheat, plus a variety of cover crops. He first became interested in no-till in 1971 when he was looking for a management practice that required less labor and less investment. He was also concerned about soil loss and soon discovered no-till. Since then, Brandt's farm has been 100 percent no-till. Every year, Brandt learns something new and different from his no-till experiences.

Phil Needham, Needham Ag Technologies, LLC

Business and Service

Phil Needham, founder and owner of Needham Ag Technologies, LLC in Kentucky, was initially brought to the U.S. from England to help wheat producers. He worked within a team of agronomists who introduced and expanded a European wheat management system, which quickly made a big impact on yields and profits. Needham started Needham Ag Technologies, LLC in 2006 and he now works directly with farmers and dealers, helping them refine their agronomy techniques and expand the use of no-till technologies and cover crops.

