

# Proceedings Available -- 2003 NW Direct Seed Conference



If you missed the 2003 Northwest Direct Seed Cropping Systems Conference and Trade Show in Pasco, WA on January 8-10, you missed a great program that featured 28 excellent speakers, 30 posters in the Research and Educational Poster Exhibition, and a Trade Show with 23 commercial exhibits --- and was attended by over 600 growers and Ag support personnel. But, you can have the next best thing to being there -- the detailed 120-page Conference Proceedings. The Proceedings provides an in-depth summary of the speaker presentations and is an excellent reference on new technologies for direct seed cropping systems. The Proceedings and additional Conference materials can also be accessible on NW Direct Seed Conference Web site (<http://pnwsteep.wsu.edu/directseed>).

The Conference was organized as a service to growers by the Pacific Northwest STEEP

conservation farming research and educational program and the new Pacific Northwest Direct Seed Association. It was co-sponsored by 17 Ag support companies, and developed in cooperation with 12 PNW grower organizations and other Ag support groups and agencies.

The program featured 28 speakers, including 6 growers, from Idaho, Oregon, Washington, South Dakota and New Zealand. Highlights of topic include: the great debate on high versus low disturbance direct seed openers, stacked rotation and other pest management strategies, transition economics, crop marketing strategies for direct seeders, residue management options, new weed control strategies, building direct seed partnerships with landlords, managing for increased soil carbon and productivity, and grower experiences across the region -- including from lower, intermediate and higher precipitation zones, and under irrigation.

Copies of the Proceedings are available for \$8 (including mailing). Make checks payable to Northwest Direct Seed Conference. Mail your request and payment to: Northwest Direct Seed Conference, P.O. BOX 2002, Pasco, WA 99302 (Phone: 509-547-5538; E-mail: <[wpeay@mcmgt.com](mailto:wpeay@mcmgt.com)>).

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