



Discover the Cover

Conservation Covers, Buffers & Hillside Farming

USVI Conservation Covers for Sloped Land Protection & Farming Workshop **November 30 & December 1, 2016 – UVI St. Thomas**

Expand your knowledge of conservation buffers and cover crops and how they play an integral role in soil & water conservation on sloped land.

- How can conservation buffers and cover crops increase ecosystem services for farms and communities?
- Join us to explore the world of improved sloped land management and the many benefits that conservation covers can provide to your land.

Wednesday, November 30, 2016, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Thursday, December 1, 2016, 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

Wednesday’s event will be held at the UVI Administration & Conference Center (ACC) Room 142.

Thursday’s event will begin at the UVI Extension Service office, and then continue to a farm in Bordeaux to learn contour farming.

For Thursday’s field activities, wear outdoor clothing and comfortable walking shoes.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND? Farmers, Agricultural Professionals, Landscapers and Conservation/ Environmental Specialists. **The workshop is FREE.**

Agenda at a Glance

Wednesday Afternoon 11/30/16

- 6:15-6:30 Sign in, welcoming remarks, speaker introduction.
- 6:30-7:00 The role of conservation covers, buffers, and cover crops in promoting soil health.
- 7:00-7:30 Contour farming on sloped land
- 7:30-8:00 Sloped land rain simulation & the need for soil conservation. Terrace farming techniques.
- 8:00-8:30 Overview of AES Agronomy Program, NRCS Plant Materials Program & assistance, cover crop research, closing remarks.

Thursday Morning 12/1/16

- 8:45 a.m. **UVI Extension Service Office.**
- 9:00-10:00 Field tour begins. Discuss St. Thomas farming conditions, soil and water conservation, and no-till vegetable production.
- 10:30-1:00 Tour hillside farming contours. Demonstrate and practice establishing contours using a T-Stick and A-Frame. Show terrace construction; use of perennial buffers, annual crops for sloped hillside farming. Explore different ecosystem services that contour farming with conservation buffers can provide.



Sponsored by UVI-AES-CES, SARE, and USDA-NRCS

USDA is an Equal Opportunity Provider, Employer and Lender



Please RSVP by contacting UVI-CES at 340-693-1083 or email Dr. Louis E. Petersen, Jr. at lpeters@uvi.edu