

RITA in Action!

Attending the National No-Tillage Conference

The Resilient Indiana team started 2025 strong with a full-team attendance at the 2025 National No-Tillage Conference (NNTC) in Louisville, KY. NNTC is an annual opportunity for farmers, agricultural professionals, service providers, and other stakeholders to gather and share knowledge. The topics at NNTC vary widely and offer many perspectives from speakers and fellow attendees. The conference represents a great opportunity to tap into the broader conversation around conservation agriculture with people outside of our offices, counties, and regions.

Between seven Resilient Indiana Technicians, the team attended a total of 21 breakout sessions and 10 roundtable discussions. We could customize our schedules to ensure we covered topics relevant to our regions and personal backgrounds. The variety of topics allowed the team to learn more about everything ranging from no-till fundamentals (and mistakes) to drainage techniques or micronutrient management. I attended breakout sessions on fuel credit and carbon programs like ISCC, how to navigate farm labor crises with H-2A visas, and emergent no-till technology like precision planters. I'm already working on learning more about carbon crediting opportunities and weaknesses for Indiana producers as programs like STAR are engaging with SWCDs.

Conferences like NNTC are, of course, a valuable networking opportunity to meet people in the field (or field office) and catch up with peers. They are also a hub for knowledge exchange and sharing. The team learned of new technologies and techniques for conservation agriculture ahead of full implementation in the field. This augments our ability to assist producers in our region with up-to-date knowledge of the industry as a whole. While the team might not make it out to St. Louis next year, you can expect us to pop up at conferences around the nation so we can better serve our communities.

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