

## **Snyder County Conservation District Holds Educational Meeting for Farmers**



*Snyder County Agricultural Conservation Technician, Barry Spangler and Nutrient Management Technician Lisa Blazure of Clinton County demonstrate water holding capacity and structure stability between continually tilled soils and continually no-tilled and cover cropped soils.*

Over 130 people attended Snyder County Conservation District's 13<sup>th</sup> annual Farmer's Winter Meeting on February 15<sup>th</sup>. Local farmers enjoyed talks on soil health, emerging pest problems, agricultural energy, pesticide handling safety, and crop insurance. Participants learned how to treat their soils to improve production while following certain principles.

"We hold this meeting every year because it is a great way for farmers to get our message," states Agricultural Conservation Technician Barry Spangler. "This meeting represents a partnership because it offers something that farmers are interested in and it offers the district the opportunity to educate with up to date information."

George Greig, Secretary of the PA Department of Agriculture, spoke to the group about issues related to agriculture and environmental compliance.

Partners for the meeting included the State Conservation Commission, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Farm Service Agency, West Branch Crop Consultants, PA Farm Bureau, and No-Till Alliance.

For more information on the event visit:

[http://www.snydercounty.org/Depts/Conservation\\_District/Documents/FWM13%20Recap.pdf](http://www.snydercounty.org/Depts/Conservation_District/Documents/FWM13%20Recap.pdf)

