

● New Is The Time

TO BEWARE OF SOIL COMPACTION . . . Heavy equipment on clay-type soils that are too wet will likely result in solid physical condition of the soil and more difficult soil preparing. Heavy tractors on rubber tires may contribute to soil compaction if the ground is too wet. This condition makes it difficult for the plant roots to spread out, less air spaces in the soil, and reduced crop yields.

● Weed Control

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University of Delaware, chlordane gave only 65 to 75 per cent control. If complete or nearly complete control is not obtained, reinfestation will easily take place. By not getting good control with the first application of pre-emergence

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chemicals, you are wasting money, Professor Phillips says. Most manufacturers of the chemicals for lawn weed control list recommendations in terms of amount needed per 100 square feet of lawn area. Follow them, says Professor Phillips. But don't forget chemical weed control is only a means of controlling weeds temporarily. It must be followed by proper management practices to assure a healthy lawn

Plow And Plant Wheat Program Is Explored

Can winter wheat growers increase efficiency by drilling seed in cloddy soil instead of conventionally prepared soil?

They may if additional research supports preliminary findings from USDA-Oregon experiments in the Palouse area of the Pacific Northwest. Winter wheat yields averaging 48 3 bushels per acre were harvested from plots that had no seedbed preparation except plowing, dry soil in Jul

and to prevent reinfestation of crabgrass or other weeds

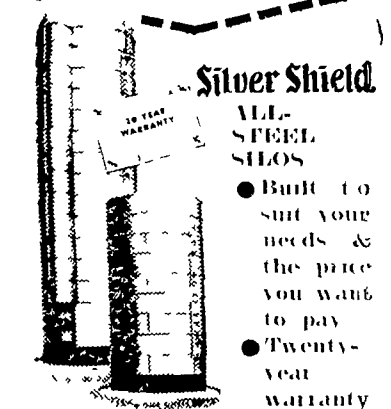
(Seed was drilled in October) conventional tillage.

Scientists consider the results sufficiently promising to justify further research. But they want more information before recommending the practice to growers.

ARS agricultural engineer T. R. Horning and Oregon Agricultural Experiment Station agronomist M. M. Overson are comparing this method of minimum tillage and conventional tillage (soil plowed and worked into fine friable seed beds) at Pendleton, Oregon.

Use of the cloddy soil saved 2 to 4 tillage operations per year. At prevailing local rates, average annual cost of minimum tillage was \$3 per acre compared with \$5.88 for con-

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