

● **No-Til**

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method and plant extra seed accordingly"

Myers has planted corn in corn stalks and the stand is good — about 28,000 plants per acre for the silo. He feels a light disking in the spring to mix the weed killer would be good. But he is still pondering the idea of a sharp disking of the stalks in the fall. He would rather like to do this but says this may open the field to erosion and defeat one of the purposes of no-til planting.

Though Myers plans to plant about half of his 90 acres with the new method next year, he still thinks it is an experiment

and should be treated that way. "Your conditions with no-til are definitely different and we need to cautiously experiment with it under several seasonal weather patterns," he said. "We don't want a total crop failure."

Robert Rohrer, Washington Boro R1, says, "I hope it's the coming thing. Our ground here is rolling and we can't plow the whole farm."

But Rohrer still is not ready to completely throw away his plow. With over 400 head of dairy and beef animals on his 160 acres of farming ground, he thinks he would not get the full benefit from the manure if he never plowed it down. The idea he thinks may work on his farm is to plant barley on the whole farm this fall. Then in the



NICE EARS on corn planted by the new no-til method are shown by Robert Breighner. His field of no-til corn looks as good or better than a field beside it planted by conventional methods.

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Spring, he can do any of three things — plow it down; save it for grain or cut the green barley for his huge silos and no-til corn in the stubbles. The later is what he thinks he will most likely do, fertilizing the barley crop to take care of the corn crop needs also.

This is the first year Rohrer tried it, but he likes getting the corn planted in May so that it has a full season to mature. His no-til corn looks as good as fields planted at the same time in a conventional manner.

At New Holland, John C. Campbell reported, "I'm sure we saved several acres of corn from the flooding this year because of the no-til practice. With all the rain we had, there would

have been six to eight inch gullies in the field under normal conditions. But there is no sign of washing in alfalfa and wheat stubbles. The corn was planted in the ground deep enough," he said.

Campbell also thinks no-til methods will have advantages in

John is going to do more no-til (Continued on Page 7)

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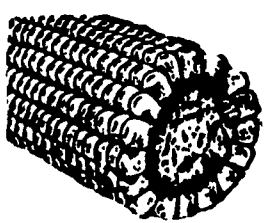
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