Getting More Acres to the Gallon

Something new has been added to crop management planning: how to work more acres with every tankful of

As the energy crisis

tightens, fuel economy is becoming a priority consideration in growers' planning and programming crop management for this spring. There are, of course,

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numerous ways to save fuel. In farming these can range from how you operate your equipment to what you put on the crop as well as the way you apply it.

Tractor operation is a major factor in fuel consumption, and several important guidelines to improving efficiency are readily available from your farm supplier. Some of the most important tips on saving tractor fuel are:

 Operate your tractor at full loads at rated engine speeds (full throttle).

 When not carrying full loads, decrease speed and shift into a higher gear.

Avoid lugging or overloading the engine. If the engine lugs down in speed when you start shifting up, shift into a lower gear.

When moving over the road or traveling between fields, open the throttle. Slower speeds do not save fuel and extend operating

- Avoid fuel spillage when

ioa ling tanks. Muumize gas evaporation by keeping storage containers tightly sealed. Keep diesel clean by checking tank filters.

- Keep equipment tunedup and in good operating condition.

- Application: switch to weed and feed combinations where practical. Tractors are easily rigged up to till soil, apply herbicide and insecticide, and liquid fertilizers for an all-in-one operation. "Weed and feed" not only

saves fuel by combining two or three trips over the field, but valuable time and labor at the busiest time of the year. According to Stauffer Chemical Company, good weed control can save you fuel, too. Get the weeds early in a preplant feed-and-weed operation. Incorporating the herbicide into the soil, along with the fertilizer, offers better assuarnce of effective weed control, the company says. This, in effect, minimizes the chances of a weed breakthrough and the need for a second cleanup or salvage treatment later on.

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Cleanliness Stressed at Swine Health School

and Elizabethtown attended a her family. two day Swine Health School held at the Holiday Inn at Richmond, Va. They were accompanied by their wives. The meeting was conducted by Dr. W. D. Knutson, DVM from Salsbury's Laboratories, Charles City, Iowa who used many slides during his lecture session.

Many precautions, not realized in the past were given to those interested in having profitable success with their marketing animals.

The importance for a program of extreme cleanliness in and around the living quarters of the animals was stressed. Signs of disease were carefully described as well as wise treatment of those troubles which may appear.

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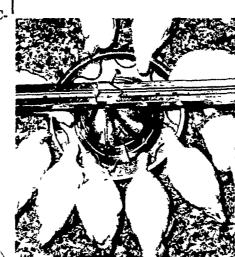
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