

## No-Till Meeting Scheduled Jan. 14th

A nationwide survey last spring gave evidence to support Maryland's claim as the No. 1 state in adoption of no-tillage crop production practices.

Published in the March issue of No-Till Farmer magazine, the survey indicated that no-tillage acreage would surpass conventional acreage in Maryland during 1974 for the first time. And Maryland appears to be the first state ever to achieve this mark.

Yet the Cooperative Extension Service at the University of Maryland believes that farmers in the Old Line State can increase crop production at least 5 percent with another 10 percent increase in no-tillage acreage next year.

To that end, it has scheduled the first Mid-Atlantic No-Tillage Growers Convention next month (Jan. 14) at the Hunt Valley Inn near Cockeysville (Baltimore county). This meeting will be a follow-up to a successful Delmarva No-Tillage Conference held in December of both 1972 and 1973.

Assisting in the sponsorship of next month's meeting are the Cooperative Extension Service organizations in neighboring Pennsylvania and Virginia. Financial support is being provided by appropriate agribusiness industries.

Farmers throughout the Mid-Atlantic area—including even New Jersey and New York—are invited to attend, according to Joseph L. Newcomer, Extension agronomist at the University

of Maryland in College Park and program coordinator for the meeting.

Newcomer reported that free noon lunch tickets should be picked up in advance by persons wishing to attend the all-day event. The ducats are available from county Extension Service offices and agricultural supply stores throughout the Middle Atlantic coastal plain and northern piedmont areas of the Northeast.

Program topics will include the impact and economics of no-tillage farming, lime and fertilizer requirements, weed control, insect problems, variations of the no-tillage concept, and a panel discussion on practical no-tillage experiences.

The panel participants will

involve eight farmers from the PennMarVa area, with the University of Maryland's Joe Newcomer as panel moderator.

Virginia farmers scheduled on the panel are Erskin Bedford of Upperville (Loudoun county), Joseph H. Hicks of Tappahannock (Essex county), Nelson Gardner of Bridgewater (Rockingham county) and Ralph Rasnick of Riner (Montgomery county).

Pennsylvania participants will be Paul Dotterer of Mill Hall (Clinton county) and William H. Hinton of Fleetwood (Berks county).

Representing Maryland will be Philip Brendel of Woodbine (Howard county) and Wayne C. McGinnis of White Hall (Baltimore county).

## Jr. Directors Hold Meeting

The Lancaster County Junior Holstein Club Board of Directors met on December 9th at 8:00 p.m. in the Farm and Home Center.

The purpose of this meeting was to draw-up bylaws for the County Junior Holstein Club which was recently organized. After the bylaws were completed a calf raffle project was discussed. The meeting was then adjourned.

There will be a meeting of the entire Lancaster County Junior Holstein Club on January 16 at 8:00 p.m. in the Farm and Home Center. Anyone between the ages of 9 and 21 and owns at least one registered Holstein is eligible for membership. All

junior members or anyone interested in becoming a junior member is encouraged to attend the meeting on January 16.

Gary Akers  
Reporter

Many of us are likely finished with the annual chore of putting on snow tires. North American farmers annually buy more than 400 million pounds of rubber in various products, according to Sperry New Holland, a major farm machinery manufacturer which uses such a raw material in its products. That's enough rubber to put tires on nearly 8 million automobiles.



Federal Land Bank and Lancaster Production Credit Association members from Lebanon and Dauphin Counties will now be served from this new facility, according to Chester F. Singley, assistant manager and head of the Lebanon branch office. The new address is Federal Land Bank and Production Credit Association, RD4, Box 80B, Lebanon, Pa. 17042.

The new phone number is 867-4474. The office was formerly located in the Lebanon Agway Building.

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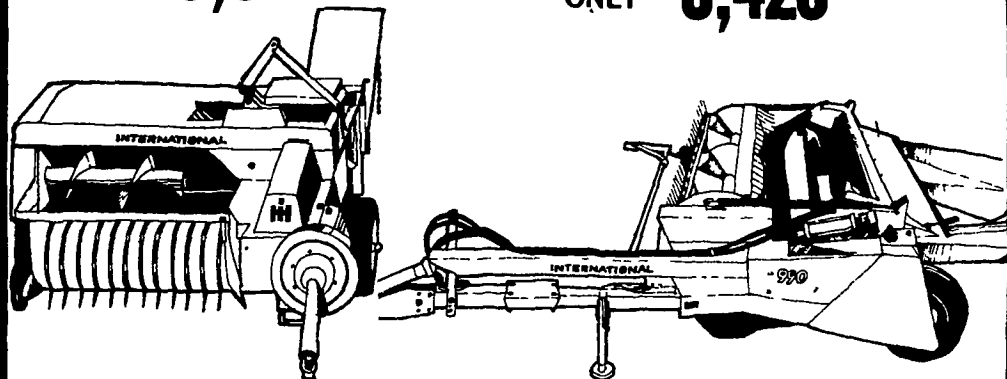
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