No-till convention draws

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Before weeds emerged, we applied a combination of Bladex and Lasso and notilled a medium season corn in corn stubble. The corn was combined in mid-October and no-tilled to wheat in the first week of November with 200 pounds of 10-20-20 in row.

15 inch rows - we had our future use.

County egg producer.

capital of Pennsylvania.

provide our customers with."

thern Lancaster County.

fingers crossed. But harvest convinced us that 15 inch rows were not too wide. We sold 33 bushels of certified wheat per acre. Where fertility and moisture were adequate, the 15 inch rows of wheat covered the ground completely.

"We have also planted oats, barley and buckwheat, "This is the first time we with the no-till planter and had planted small grains in all have shown promise for

27 blue ribbons won

HARRISBURG - Plain and Fancy Egg Ranch,

Elizabethtown R3, dominated the egg judging at Penn-

svlvania's 61st State Farm Show in Harrisburg by winning 27

first-place ribbons, and six second place ribbons. Twenty-

five of those blue ribbons were for single cartons of eggs

entered in the Producer-Dealer Quality Eggs Class for one

dozen Grade A large eggs. Nobody else in the state came

close to this high number of blue ribbons. The next highest

winner was six blue ribbons won by another Lancaster

These wins firmly established Lancaster County as the egg

"Blue ribbon winning eggs," one poultry official judging

James Hess, production manager of Plain and Fancy Egg

Ranch, when asked to comment on their sweeping the field

with the highest number of blue ribbon wins said, "All during

the year we try our very best to produce the highest quality

eggs that we can, I guess winning all those blue ribbons

proves we're producing the top quality eggs that we want to

With over 150 employees, Plain and Fancy Egg Ranch is in

its 11th year as an egg producer. They daily provide eggs for

a seven state marketing area from their egg ranch in nor-

the show said, "are evidence of everyday high quality eggs."

"We will continue to use the no-till corn planter in as many ways as possible. New herbicides, the need for quick planting of crops to follow rotation schemes, and the continual cry for the conservation of time, energy, and soil means that no-till will continue to be a useful tool for a long time on my farm," said Ernst.

Donald K. Myers, Extension forage specialist, Ohio State University explained that the following steps to successful no-tillage pasture renovation were drawn from the research and the experience garnered from the observations of the demonstration seedings. Briefly summarized, they

Seed-soil contact was necessary for successful seed germination and seeding establishment. Shallow seed placement of one-fourth to one-half inch was optimum.

A seeding tool of construction and weight to penetrate the existing vegetation and sod to open the soil and provide for seedsod contact was required. The grassland drill and the Zip Seeder were observed to be adequate for this purpose. A conventional grain drill not meet these requirements.

Herbicides were required to suppress and-or eradicate the existing vegetation.

Band treatment of one-half the soil surface area with Paraquat, directly over the seed placement zone, was proven effective in research areas. This technique permitted the introduction of legume species into a productive grass species, while not severely reducing the vigor and-or total stand of the existing grass vegetation.

Aggressive, perennial weed species are not eradicated or controlled with the 2,4-D and Paraquat herbicide program. A more intensive program of clipping and herbicide application must be initiated at least a year prior to renovation in order to reduce the intensity of these weeds.

Applications of ground limestone and fertilizer to correct soil deficiencies are required prior to no-tillage renovation. These fertilizing agents should be applied six months to one year prior to the no-tillage seeding.

In order to reduce the competition to the forage seedlings, the renovated area will need to be lightly grazed and-or clipped approximately 45 following seeding and thereafter during the establishment period.

Problems Encountered in No-Till panel farmers'

moderated by Murray McJunkin, Bellefonte, R2, Pa., included these farmers: Wayne Harpster, Warrior's Mark, Pa.; Edward T. Lippy, Hampstead, Md.; and William H Rea, Mt. Jackson, Va

Wayne Harpster feeds 600 head of Holsteins and uses high moisture corn.

He has 600 acres in no-till corn. "It's here to stay," Harpster says. It gives us time to get in corn in the spring. Major factor is that we don't have to spend a week each year picking stones. Fills eight silos with high moisture corn. Plant population per acre is 24,000 to 26,000 using no-till. Uses Allis Chalmers planter. Most important thing in planting no-till corn is knowing when to re-adjust coulters or depth of wheels so it is adjusted

correctly for various field conditions. Plants 38-inch

Ed Lippy plants 40 per cent of corn no-till - uses no-till one year, the next year uses chisel plow. By using chisel plow every other year, he increases corn production and has better control of weeds.

Uses weed control spray on no-till along with liquid nitrogen. Has to use numerous spray programs to completely control perennial weeds Do not spray above 85 degrees F. Sprays 90 per cent of no-till by preemergence after corn is planted.

William Rae never plants no-till corn without using Toxephene to control insects. He also uses other insecticides to control certain types of minor insects and possibly nematode problems.

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Kenneth L Res	kroth					
Mabel	3	8-3	305	18,589	3.3	611
79	3	5-3	305	19,171	3.6	681
84	3	4-2	304	14,501	4.2	603
Richard E Sto	ugh			•		
Claudin	3	6-9	305	20,864	3.5	734
Frena	3	4-5	305	19,116	3.5	675
Wendy	3	4-7	290	15,988	4.2	673
Rick L Cook						
Pearl	3	6-5	305	17,443	3.8	657
Kate	3	7-7	305	16,089	3.9	634
Posch	3	4-8	305	15,847	3.8	606
Fern	3	3-4	305	15,480	3.9	610
J Donnell Tayl	lor					
Dean	3	7-8	305	19,065	3.6	684
Hy-Vue Farms	Inc					
55	3	6-7	285	15,311	3 ?	574
260	3	4-4	305	14,899	3.7	545
Bupplynn Farr	ns Far	m 2				
5	3	8-3	305	17,214	3.8	650
44	3	5-3	305	15,250	3.9	597
11	3	5-1	305	11,916	4.4	521
Elvin G Molise	on					
11	3	7-9	305	16,498	3.9	638
55	3	8-7	305	18,559	3.7	678
35	3	8	305	16,579	3.9	639
37	3	4-5	305	20,032	3.8	763
22	3	3-2	305	15,308	3.6	553
47	3	3-6	305	14,404	3.6	517
McRal Dairy l	Farm					
25	3	8-5	305	17,194	4.0	682
44	3	6-8	305	20,193	3.5	713
202	3	4-3	305	16,500	3.5	585
321	3	3-5	305	15,403	3.3	505
326	3	2-11	305	16,352	3.5	568
361	3	2-2	305	16,115	3.2	508
362	3	2-4	305	17,164	3.4	590
Galawn Farms	3			•		
Jerry	3	8-9	305	20,577	3.4	696
Star	3	3-4	305	15,644	3.6	566
Pattie	3	2-5	305	13,530	4.1	559
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