Lancaster Farming, Saturday, December 16, 1978–95

Six state no-till meeting set for January 4

Some new twists on weed session at next month's fifth control measures that work, modern concepts of soil erosion containment, and a report on solar grain drying in northern climates will Farm Resort, located five

COLLEGE PARK, Md. - highlight the morning annual Mid-Atlantic No-Tillage Growers Convention. The event is scheduled January 4, 1979, at the Host

miles east of Lancaster, Pa., on U.S. Highway 30. It will run from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., with the speakers program getting under way at 10 o'clock in the Cabaret Theatre.

Sponsoring organizations include the Cooperative Extension Service at landgrant universities in Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Virginia and West Virginia.

Financial support again is being provided by interested agribusiness firms.

Three farmers and three Extension specialists will combine forces for a panel



discussion on "Beating the Weeds in '79."

The Maryland farmer panelist is J. Thomas Kelley III of Germantown. Pennsylvania farmers on the panel will include Nicholas Cihylik of Treichlers, and R. Wayne Harpster of Spruce Creek.

Participating educators include Allan H. Kates of Blackburg, Va., Extension weed control specialist since 1956 at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University. A graduate of Rutgers, Kates was associated with some of the earliest no-till research work in the nation at VPI during the early 1960s.

Representing Penn State are Donald R. Daum, Extension agricultural engineer, and Dr. Willis L. McClellan, Extension weed control specialist. Panel moderator will be John Z. Shearer of Chambersburg, Extension agricultural agent in Franklin County, Pa.

Prior to the weed control panel, Dr. R. Vance Morey, research agricultural engineer at the University of Minnesota, will give an "Evaluation of Solar Grain Drying." Dr. Jon K. Hall, research agronomist at Penn State, will lead off the morning program with the topic, "Keeping the Soil on Your Farm."

The afternoon program will feature an all-Pennsylvania cast of Penn State Extension specialists, research workers and county agricultural agents.

In addition, there will be educational and commercial exhibits prepared by participating land-grant universities and 27 agribusiness sponsors - a record number for this meeting. Most of the displays will be located in the exhibit hall at Host Farm Resort. A few large pieces of no-till farm equipment will be on view outside in the parking lot.

Some 1,200 farmers and agribusinessmen are expected to attend. Tickets for the noon luncheon should be purchased in advance from county Latension offices in the six participating states Deadline for ticket purchase is Dec 22

General chairman for the 1979 po-till conference is John H. Schwartz, Geltvsburg Extension agricultural agent in Adams County, Pa

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