No-till corn fact sheet offered

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swered, and herbicide recommendations are explained in greater detail, in a

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NEWARK, Del. — Notillage corn production has a number of advantages for Delaware growers, says Delaware Extension crops specialist Frank Webb. Notill conserves soil and water, reduces fuel consumption, and saves labor. Notillage production requires less capital investment in machinery, yet often results in higher yields than conventional methods of corn production.

However, success with notill requires knowledge of special techniques and careful attention to detail. Perhaps the most crucial aspect is weed control, according to the specialist. Since fall panicum gives the most trouble, herbicide recommendations vary through the season according to the stage in that weed's growth cycle. For late planting, after May 10, Roundup should be used for good control of the larger fall panicum. Use Roundup with atrazine and Princep. Or use Bladex in place of either atrazine or Princep. Don't forget to include Toxaphene for cutworm and armyworm control.

Later in the growing season, grasses or broadleaf weeds can become a problem in either no-till or conventional corn. For annual grasses use sticker with either Lorox or Evik. For annual and perennial broadleaf weeds use Banvel, 2,4-D, or the combination at lower rates, depending on weed species.

Farmers utilizing no-till must also know how to use cover crops; when and how to fertilize; which hybrids to select; which pesticides to use; and when it's best to





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