

Herbicide demo planned

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. — An extensive field demonstration program is being established by Elanco Products Company for its new soybean weed control, Conserve.

This new product will be used in over 300 Conserve Certifields, where farmers will be able to certify product performance in their regular soybean production. Certifields will be located in major

soybean-producing states, according to James L. Barrentine, Director of Plant Science Field Research for Elanco Products Company.

"Conserve will have the opportunity to demonstrate its versatility in the widest possible variety of reduced tillage practices," Barrentine said. "The Conserve Certifields are being

handled by farmers, not researchers, to give a true picture of this product's performance."

Farmers will use Conserve in place of their previous soybean herbicide, applying it with their regular tillage tools. Most of them will be using Conserve in reduced tillage programs.

"This is the first weed control actually designed for reduced

tillage," says Dr. Jerry C. Walker, Director of Agricultural Product Development for Elanco. "With Conserve, the farmer doesn't have to give up excellent weed control or take chances when he cuts down on tillage passes.

Walker describes Conserve as a "basic soybean herbicide that combines both existing and new technologies in a single formulation." Applied before planting and emergence, it controls a wide

range of annual grass and many broadleaf weeds, and can be combined with other special-purpose or broadleaf herbicides for additional control of specific problems, according to Walker.

Introducing plans for Conserve have not yet been announced by Elanco. However, the product is currently registered with the EPA. The Conserve Certifields will be available for farmer inspection during this growing season.

MF mower, rake

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widths up to 11 feet, 10 inches and at a rate of up to eight acres per hour.

It features two individually hinged rotary style baskets and is constructed of heavy duty 11-gauge tubular steel.

The two baskets gently form soft fluffy windrows with a minimum of leaf loss. Basket rotation can be slowed to 180 rpm's without sacrificing raking speed or capacity.

In only a few minutes the MF 560 rotary rake can be converted from

windrowing to tending. The conversion is made by moving the simple rotary drive control and reversing the tine set-up.

To allow the operator to establish the desired raking or tending pattern, tines, swath deflectors, basket position and rotation are all adjustable.

When windrowing with the MF 560, the crop is always moved sideways, making it well adapted for raking near fences, ditches or in windy conditions. When spreading or tending, the rotors pass the crop between the baskets spreading it out the rear.

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