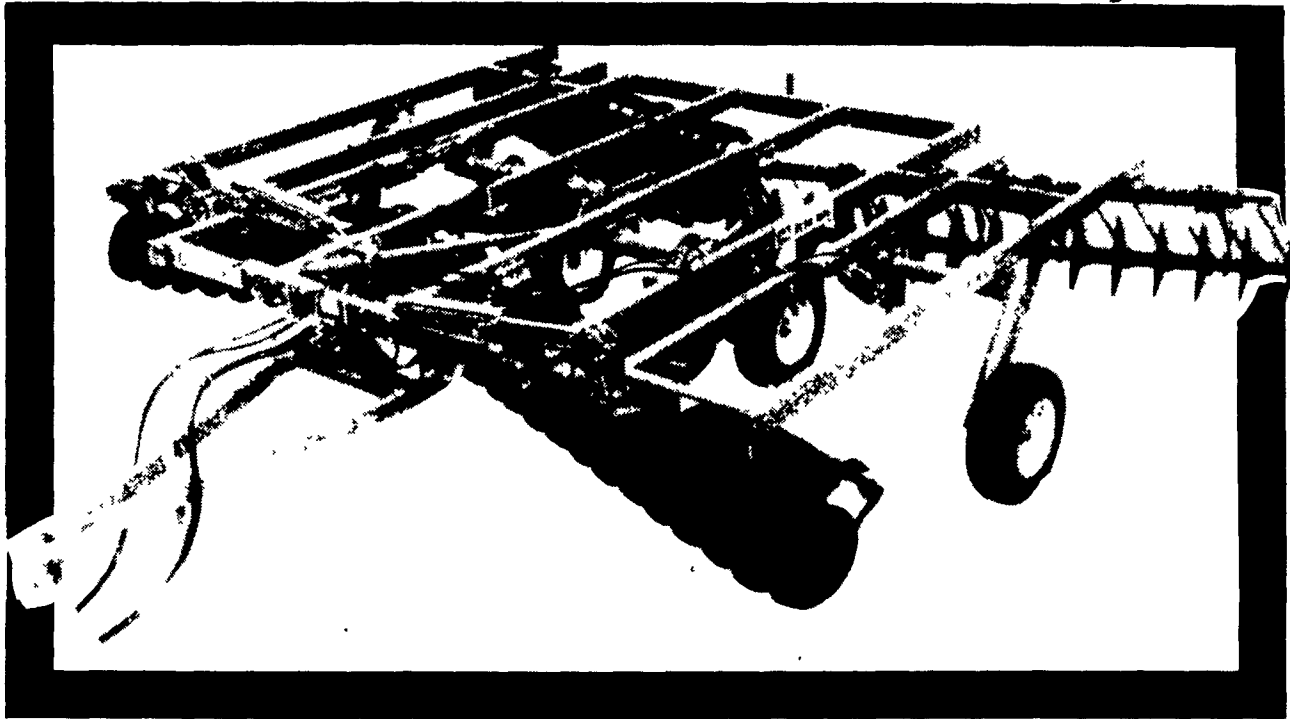




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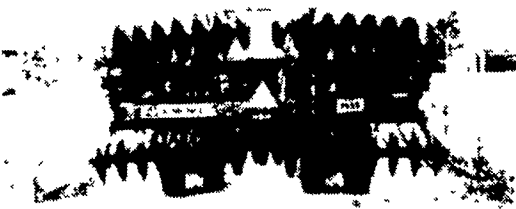
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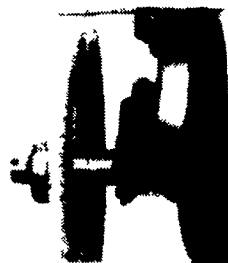
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No-till corn session slated

WEST CHESTER — A session covering no-till corn planting will be held at Stoltzfus' Farm Supply, Cochranville, at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 9.

"We hold a session each spring so that farmers who want to rent our White no-till planter are familiar with proper planting procedures", said John Stoltzfus. "Users need to be familiar with the adjustments of the planter. Different soils and different residue cover will require changes in the settings of the press wheels, the opening coulters, etc. Planting soybeans with the Maxi-Planter will require different adjustments."

The rental planter is a new 4-row White Maxi-planter. Gary Reed, Fieldman for White Equipment, Lancaster, will be on hand to explain the operation of the planter. "Proper adjustments are essential for proper placement of seed and fertilizer," Reed said. "It is important to adjust pressure on the cover wheels so that the seed is placed at the right depth. Soil needs to be compacted around the seed so that there is good contact," Reed explained.

Jenny Russell, Lewisville, Chairman of the Chester County Conservation District is very enthusiastic about Stoltzfus's no-till rental program. "Farmers using no-till have as good as or better yields than with conventional tillage. The important result is that they do less damage to neighboring property. The rental planter made available by John Stoltzfus will permit farmers to try the system. They will not need to invest in more equipment until they have a chance to try out the system with no capital investment."

Russell explained that Conservation District Directors are supporting no-till corn and grain planting. "Research studies and farm user's experience show that no-till reduces erosion and has less equipment expense than plowing and harrowing," she noted.

"Farmers are aware that the Chesapeake Bay study has alleged that agriculture is the cause of the greatest amount of sediment carried into the Bay", Russell said. "Never-the-less, farmers must be aware that they are under the gun. They must make every effort to make sure that they are not letting erosion and the resulting sediment escape beyond their property lines.

"Mud across the neighbor's property, in the stream or on the roads — is not the way for farmers to win friends and influence people."

Stoltzfus is pleased that farmers are trying no-till planting. "Nearly 300 acres of corn were planted last year with the no-till planter. We have well over 100 acres signed up all ready this year. Total acreage planted with the no-till planter this year could go well over 400 acres," Stoltzfus calculated.

"Any member of the Crop Improvement Association who has not used no-till could do a comparison test with their conventional planting methods," Keith Zanzinger, County Extension Agent suggested. The Crops Improvement Association is new this year. It is a joint effort between the Extension Service and the Conservation District. Zanzinger will have pesticide applicator's updates at the meeting.

J. Omar Stoltzfus and personnel from Stoltzfus Farm Service, Oxford, will also be on hand to share their experience and knowledge with new users. They will talk about chemicals and fertilizer.