

Penn State Slates 'Living Mulch' Tour

UNIVERSITY PARK — When looking for a ground cover to prevent soil erosion for complying with government programs, or just a better way to prevent runoff in planted fields, why not consider a crownvetch living mulch?

Nathan Hartwig, associate professor of weed science at The Pennsylvania State University, says crownvetch planted as a living mulch can improve soil

conditions for crop growth and almost eliminate erosion.

To show farmers and soil conservationists the value of the living mulch, on June 25 Dr. Hartwig will take interested persons on a tour of the Penn State Agronomy Research farm and local farms where crops are planted in crownvetch. A schedule for the day is listed below.

The schedule is as follows:

9:30 to 10 a.m.

Registration at the Agronomy Farm (Highway 45, 2 miles west of Pine Grove Mills).

10 a.m. to noon

Tour the Research Plots:

- a. crownvetch establishment in corn.
- b. crownvetch establishment following small grains.
- c. crownvetch suppression with herbicides.
- d. influence of tillage on crownvetch suppression.
- e. cropping rotations in crownvetch.

noon

1 to 2 p.m.

2 to 4 p.m.

Lunch at the Agronomy Farm.

Farmer experiences with crownvetch.

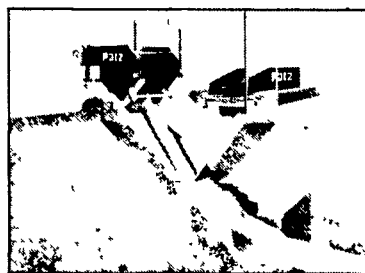
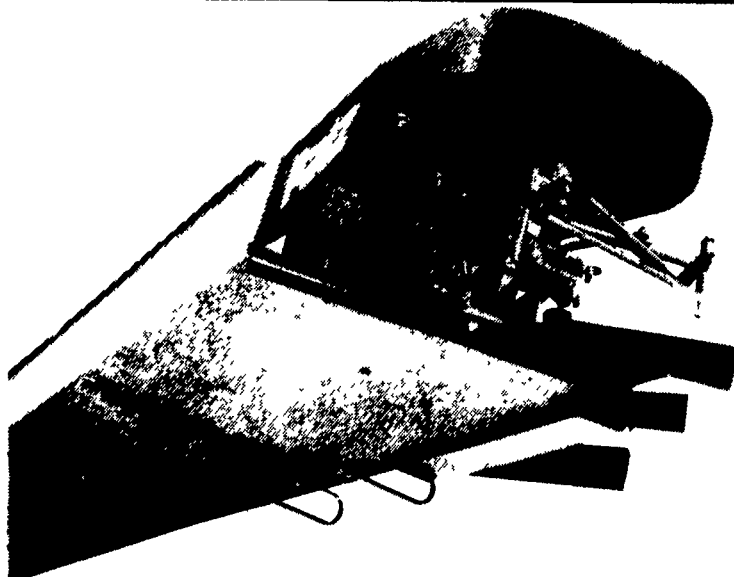
Tour of Local Farms where crops are planted into crownvetch.

Interested persons should contact Dr. Hartwig at 119 Tyson Building, University Park, PA 16802 by June 13. Include your name,

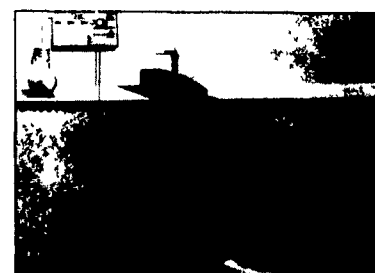
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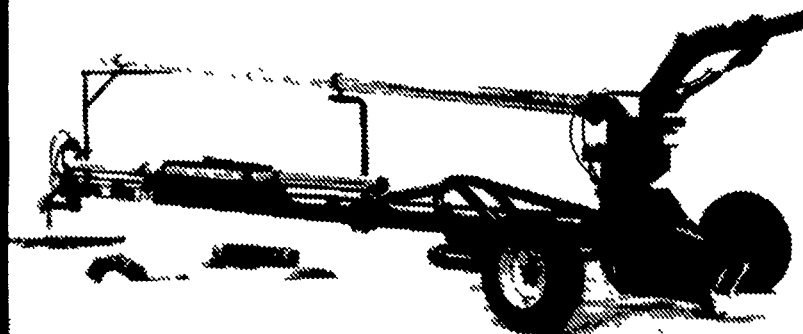


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