

Del. No-Till Meeting Slated For Jan. 14

NEWARK, Del. — The program has now been set for this winter's Delaware No-Till Meeting, scheduled to take place Jan. 14 at the Hartly Fire Hall. The event is being sponsored by the Delaware No-Till Council, a division of the Delaware Crop Improvement Association, in conjunction with the Delaware Cooperative Extension System and local agribusiness firms.

The theme for the upcoming meeting is "No-Till Farming — Managing For Success." According to University of Delaware extension weed specialist Frank Webb, the planning committee chose this theme because, while Delaware producers remain satisfied with no-till, the producers' experiences with the dry weather last spring have made them more aware of the need for careful management, particularly under adverse growing conditions.

Doors will open at 8 a.m. for exhibits, coffee and doughnuts. The program will get under way at

9:45 with opening remarks by chairman Ron Breeding followed by a presentation on chemical toxicity, protective equipment and safety precautions.

The next talk will address the issue of herbicide drift and its control, including volatility problems associated with certain old and new chemical compounds; drift control procedures; and tips on record keeping (time of day, wind direction, temperature and the like) as a means of protecting producers from potential lawsuits related to herbicide use.

The next session, "Getting Intimate with Your Sprayer," will deal with different sprayer types—what to watch for and tips on how to get the most out of them.

This will be followed by a talk on the use of no-till to establish hay crops (primarily alfalfa) and renovate pastures.

From 11:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. there will be a break for lunch (\$2 a ticket) and viewing of exhibits.

The afternoon session will

feature two grower panels—one on using poultry manure on no-till crops, the other on farmers' views of no-till as a production practice. Mark Isaacs, University of Delaware extension environmental quality assistant will moderate the discussion of poultry manure management, with growers Al Ross (Delmar) and Robert Winkler (Harrington)

telling about their experiences with this nutrient source.

The final panel will be moderated by extension weed specialist Frank Webb and ag consultant Bruce Carlson of Ag Fertility & Field Services. Panelists will include Doug Corey (Bridgeville), Dale Ockels (Georgetown), Mike Scuse (Smyrna) and Dennis Clay (Middletown) Besides discussing

problems encountered in no-till last year, the panelists will talk about changes they've made to improve no-till performance. Audience participation will be encouraged during this panel presentation, to increase the sharing of ideas on ways to improve no-till management.

The meeting will adjourn at 3 p.m.

Revised Seed Regulations In Effect

ALLENTOWN — The Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture has revised its regulations on noxious weed seeds in seed wheat, the labeling of flower seed mixtures and the amount of inert matter allowed in Kentucky bluegrass seed.

Agriculture Secretary Richard E. Grubb said the changes will benefit farmers and millers in the production of flour and free the seed industry from unrealistic labeling requirements.

The amendments, which became effective November 8, will:

1. Prohibit all wild onion or wild garlic bulbets in seed wheat. Previously, up to five bulbets per pound were permitted.

2. Remove the requirement that

packets of mixed flower seeds of three grams or less be labeled with the percentage of each kind of seed.

3. Permit 15 percent inert matter in certain Kentucky bluegrass seed, replacing the present ten percent limit.

The ban on garlic bulbets was necessary, according to Richard Deppen, chief of the Bureau of Plant Industry's seed division because millers penalize wheat growers for their presence. The bulbets adhere to the milling machinery and could create an objectionable taste in the flour if not removed.

Deppen said the previous requirement on labeling mixed

flower seeds has been impractical because the seeds vary in size according to kind and tend to migrate together in the packaging machinery, making it difficult to allot them by percentage in small packets. While seed companies will continue to list percentages on larger packets, they will be required to specify only the kinds on those of three grams or less.

The former limit of 10 percent inert matter allowed in Kentucky bluegrass seed was a costly exception for the seed industry because most states enforce a 15 percent limit. Pennsylvania's adherence to the new standard will protect interstate uniformity while continuing to assure quality seed for consumers, Deppen said.

The revised regulations also give the Agriculture Department its first increase in seed laboratory analysis fees since 1980. The new rate schedule, which reflects increased costs, is available through County Extension Service offices or by contacting the Bureau of Plant Industry, Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, 2301 North Cameron Street, Harrisburg, PA 17110-9408.

Swine Artificial Insemination Course Offered

UNIVERSITY PARK — A "Hands-On" Swine Artificial Short Course will be offered March 2-3, at Penn State University. The course is geared toward producers, extension agents, and vo-ag teachers and other ag professionals with limited experience in artificial insemination techniques.

Participants will have the opportunity to practice A.I. on sows. Classroom instruction will also be a major part of the course, covering semen handling techniques, reproductive anatomy

and strategies for incorporating A.I. into a swine operation. Cost of the course is \$40 per adult, \$20 per additional family member and \$20 per student.

Programs and registration forms can be obtained from: Swine Artificial Insemination Short Course, 306 Ag Administration Building, University Park, PA 16802. For additional information on course content, contact Kenneth Kephart at (814)-863-3671. Class size is limited, therefore early registration is encouraged.

Rotary Hoe Info Available

COLCHESTER, Ill. — Yetter Mfg. Co. has just published a 4-page, 4-color brochure with details and specifications on the firm's rotary hoes. Models are available in widths from 12 foot to 34 foot in the 3400 rigid toolbar series and from 21 foot to 41 foot in the 3500 folding toolbar series. Hoes will

accommodate row spaces up to 40 inches without adjustment and wheels have been designed to permit hoeing between plants and rows without injury to the plants. Copies of the new brochure are available at all Yetter dealers or by writing to Yetter Mfg. Co., Colchester, IL 62326-0358.

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