Residue Guide Helps Evaluate Tillage Choice

MOLINE, Ill. - John Deere has introduced its tillage tool residue management guide to help farmers evaluate tillage options for achieving desired residue levels stated in their compliance plans.

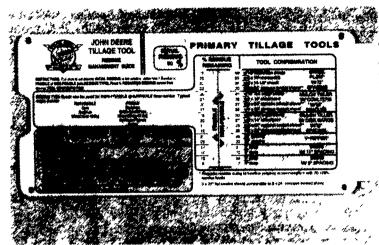
Based on Deere's data, the

easy-to-use guide provides remaining residue percentages for several primary and secondary tillage tool configurations in both fragile and non-fragile crop resi-

"Growers should keep in mind that this is a guide," said Carl Brechler, a member of the marketing department at John Deere's tillage equipment factory in Des Moines, Iowa. "Residue levels can vary from the percentages shown because of differences in operating speed, depth, and field conditions. Therefore, we recommend that growers measure residue levels to determine the actual remaining percentages in their fields and adjust accordingly."

Besides residue percentages, the guide also provides tips on good residue management and information on fragile and non-fragile residue, seasonal losses, and the effect of operating depth and speed on residue levels.

The tillage tool residue management guide is available from John Deere agricultural equipment dealers. Suggested list price is \$1.95.



John Deere Tiliage Tool Residue Management Guide provides remaining residue percentages for a variety of tiliage tool configurations based on a known initial residue percentage. Primary tiliage tools are listed on one side of the guide, and secondary tiliage tools are on the other side. The guide is available from John Deere agricultural equipment dealers.

PennWest Reports Strong Earnings

MERCER (Mercer Co.) -Penn West Farm Credit, ACA (Agricultural Credit Association), reported earnings for the first quarter of 1992, but witnessed the end to an 11-quarter trend of growing loan volume.

First quarter earnings of \$606,000 were primarily attributable to net interest income of \$2.3 million and represent a 13-percent increase for the same period last year. Loan volume declined \$5.4 million during the quarter to \$314 million.



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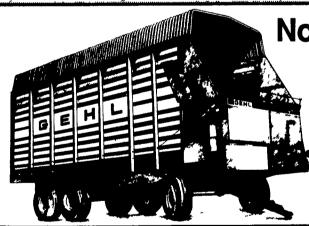
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It is effective against a wide range of fungal pathogens and controls diseases caused by the Phycomycete family of fungi in various fruits and vegetables.

When applied according to label instructions, Ridomil/ Copper provides preventive control in potatoes of late blight and tuber rot caused by Phytophthora infestans, pink rot caused by P. erythroseptica, and Pythium leak caused by Pythium spp. In radishes, the fungicide effectively controls white rust caused by a foliar Oomycete fungus. In carrots, the foliar Ridomil/Copper 70W treatments compliment the at-planting Ridomil 2E application to provide extended control of soil-borne Pythium spp.

In addition, Ridomil/ Copper controls Phytophthora fruit rot and late blight in tomatoes and Pythium spp. and Phytophthora capsici in peppers. It also controls downy mildew in spinach and cucurbit vegetables.

"Ridomil/Copper is another prepack option in our line of Ridomil products for control of foliar Oomycetes," said Dr. Bobby Bassi, phytopathology specialist for Ciba-Geigy.

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