

Tillage Field Day Near Sunbury

Pennsylvania Livestock Auction

Waynesburg, Pa.
Thurs., May 13, 1993
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CATTLE: SL. COWS: UTILITY & COMMERCIAL 48.00-56.00; CUTTER & BONING UTILITY 42.00-52.00; CANNER & LOW CUTTER 42.00-51.00; SHELLS 40.00 & DOWN. BULLS: YIELD GRADE 1 1500#-1870# 58.50-71.25; YIELD GRADE 2 1000#-1400# 48.00-61.50.

FEEDER STEERS: M&L-1 300-500# 77.00-105.00; 250-280# 85.00-112.00, M 900-1000 60.00-76.00. HEIFERS M 1&L-1 300-500# 70.00-97.00; L-1 400-650# 55.00-92.00. BULLS M&L-1 300-620# 58.00-94.00.

CALVES: VEAL.. PRIME 95.00-120.00; CHOICE 74.00-100.00; GOOD 60.00-72.00.

FARM CALVES: #1 HOLSTEIN BULLS 90-120# FEW 80.00-150.00; #2 HOLSTEIN BULLS 80-100# FEW 75.00-95.00; BEEF X BULL&HFRS./HD. 85.00-160.00.

HOGS: BARROWS & GILTS #1-2 210-255# 42.00-44.50; #2-3 255-280# 37.50-42.50; SOWS #1-3 300-500# 39.00-41.50.

FEEDER PIGS: 1-3 25-35# 15.00-35.00/HD.

LAMBS: HIGH CHOICE 55-75 LBS. 50.00-80.00; CHOICE 90-105# 70.00-78.00. FEEDER LAMBS GOOD 45.00-62.00; EWES 15.00-30.00.

GOATS: LARGE 35.00-60.00/HD.; MEDIUM 25.00-45.00/HD.; SMALL 10.00-19.00/HD.

HORSES: 45.00-74.50, PONIES 20.00-48.00.

Indiana Livestock

Homer City, PA
Thursday, May 13, 1993
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CATTLE 230. STEERS: HIGH CHOICE AND PRIME 84.50, CHOICE 80.00-83.25, SELECT 78.00, SELECT & CHOICE HOLSTEINS 70.00.

HEIFERS. CHOICE 82.00, SELECT 79.00-81.00.

COWS: BREAKING UTILITY & COMMERCIAL 55.00-57.00, CUTTER & BONING UTILITY 48.00-51.50, CANNER & LOW CUTTER 45.50, SHELLS 40.00.

BULLOCKS: SELECT 70.00.

BULLS: YIELD GRADE NO. 1 60.00-67.00.

FEEDER CALVES: FRAMES: SMALL 92.00, MEDIUM 79.00-80.00; LARGE 82.50.

CALVES: 100. GOOD 105.00. STANDARD & GOOD 60 LBS. 60.00, 70 LBS. 70.00, HOLSTEIN BULLS #1 100 LBS. 160.00-175.00, #2 90-110 LBS. 140.00-150.00. HOLSTEIN HEIFERS 95 LBS. 191.00.

HOGS 85. B&G US NO. 1-2 245 LBS. 44.70, US NO. 1-3 215-260 LBS. 41.00-43.50, SOWS US NO. 1-3 460 LBS. 38.00.

SHEEP: H. CHOICE & PRIME SL. LAMBS 60 LBS. 75.00. CHOICE 70 LBS. 72.00; FDR. LAMBS 90.00 LBS. 76.00; GOATS MED. 35.00, SMALL 15.00.

SUNBURY (Northumberland Co.) — A high residue tillage equipment field day will be held Tuesday, May 25th, 1993, at the Jeff Pontius farm, located along Route 147, 3 miles south of Sunbury. The field day is cosponsored by Pontius, the Northumberland County Conservation District, the USDA Soil Conservation and the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Services, and the Penn State Cooperative Extension Service to provide an opportunity for farmers and agency personnel to view and measure the percentage of crop residue left on the surface after tillage and planting operations. The procedure for measuring crop residue will be demonstrated.

John Deere company, C.B. Hooper, and Jeff Pontius will have high residue tillage equipment at the field day. John Deere company will demonstrate their new Mulch Master Tillage tool. C.B. Hooper will demonstrate some of the latest high residue tillage tools from Krause and DMI companies. Pontius will use his John Deere no-till drill for planting soybeans in all tillage plots, and prepare other plots with his chisel plow and disk. The field presently has a heavy cover of corn stalks.

Norman Conrad, Crops and Soils Specialist from Penn State Cooperative Extension will be on

hand to present a program and answer questions on management of weeds and insects in high residue tillage systems.


The percentage of crop residue left on the soil surface after planting may mean the difference of a farmer being in or not being in compliance with his Food Security Act (FSA) conservation plan and being eligible or not eligible for USDA benefits. Crop residue management is a component of more than 95% of all current FSA conservation compliance plans.

Crop residue management is the most cost effective single conservation practice available. Crop residue management is the practice of keeping as much as possible of the previous crop residue, (corn stalks, straw, etc.) on the soil surface before and after the present crop is planted. George J. Phillips, Soil Conservationist for

the Northumberland County Conservation District, says, "Minimum tillage systems leave much more residue on the soil surface after planting than use of conventional plow tillage. Benefits of a high residue tillage system are many, including less soil erosion, conserves more moisture, requires less tillage, saves time, requires less labor and improves water quality."

Farmers as well as other holders of a private pesticide certification will receive 1 credit toward certification renewal for attending this field day. The PA Department of Agriculture has approved this program as an update training session.

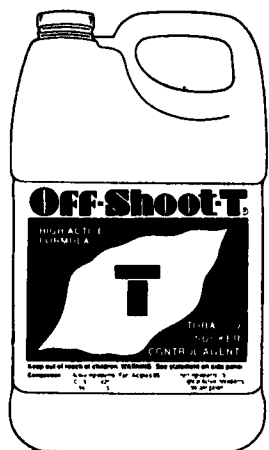
For more information on the field day, contact the Northumberland County Conservation District at 717-988-4224 or the Soil Conservation Service at 717-286-4311.



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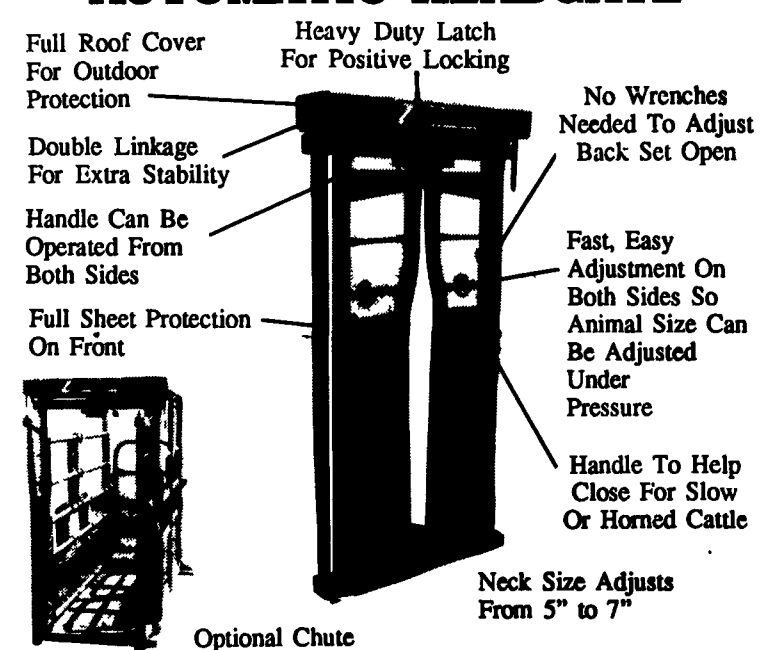
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