

Binkley-Hurst, Brubaker Agronomic Consulting Hold Field Day

LITITZ (Lancaster Co.) — Several hundred farmers attended an all-day educational field day at the Lititz headquarters of Binkley and Hurst Bros. Inc., a farm equipment dealer.

The event free to the public was jointly sponsored by Binkley and Hurst and Brubaker Agronomic Consulting Service, of Ephrata.

Equipment technicians for Binkley and Hurst and representatives of manufacturers demonstrated the use of some forage harvesters, rock pickers and other equipment and implements.

Jon Stutzman, agronomist with Brubaker Agronomic Consulting Service, was on hand to explain the differences in trial plots that Bru-

baker and Binkley and Hurst had conducted in cooperation with representatives of 10 seed companies.

Stutzman showed the difference in apparent effectiveness of using different pesticides, and also no pesticides, in controlling rootworm damage.

Using a soil compaction tester, and having dug a three-foot trench into the field, Stutzman demonstrated the effects of compaction and how it varies in a field. The trench revealed the level of the compacted hardpan, which can form a water barrier and restrict root growth, as a result of working the field when it was wet.

Representatives of seed companies were also on hand to talk about their products.



Jon Stutzman points to evidence of corn rootworm damage early in the year that was apparent stopped in time for the plant's roots to recover.



Jon Stutzman, agronomist for Brubaker Agronomic Consulting Service, discusses corn rootworm damage and the apparent effects of different pesticide applications with a few of the several hundred people who attended the field day event sponsored by Brubaker and Binkley and Hurst Bros.



This tractor and forage harvester are being test driven through this Binkley and Hurst Bros. Inc. corn field across from the company's sales and service operation in Lititz.



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