

# CORN TALK NEWS

PENNSYLVANIA MASTER CORN GROWERS ASSOC., INC.

## Good Field Conditions

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him it was too wet.

"So we'd wait another day or two and it paid off," said Matthew. "You don't think it does, because you're running a little bit late or this or that, but it does pay off."

Maximuck said that some land they farm is "wet" and requires additional management considerations. But since the 1970s, when no-till came on the scene, no-till is what they

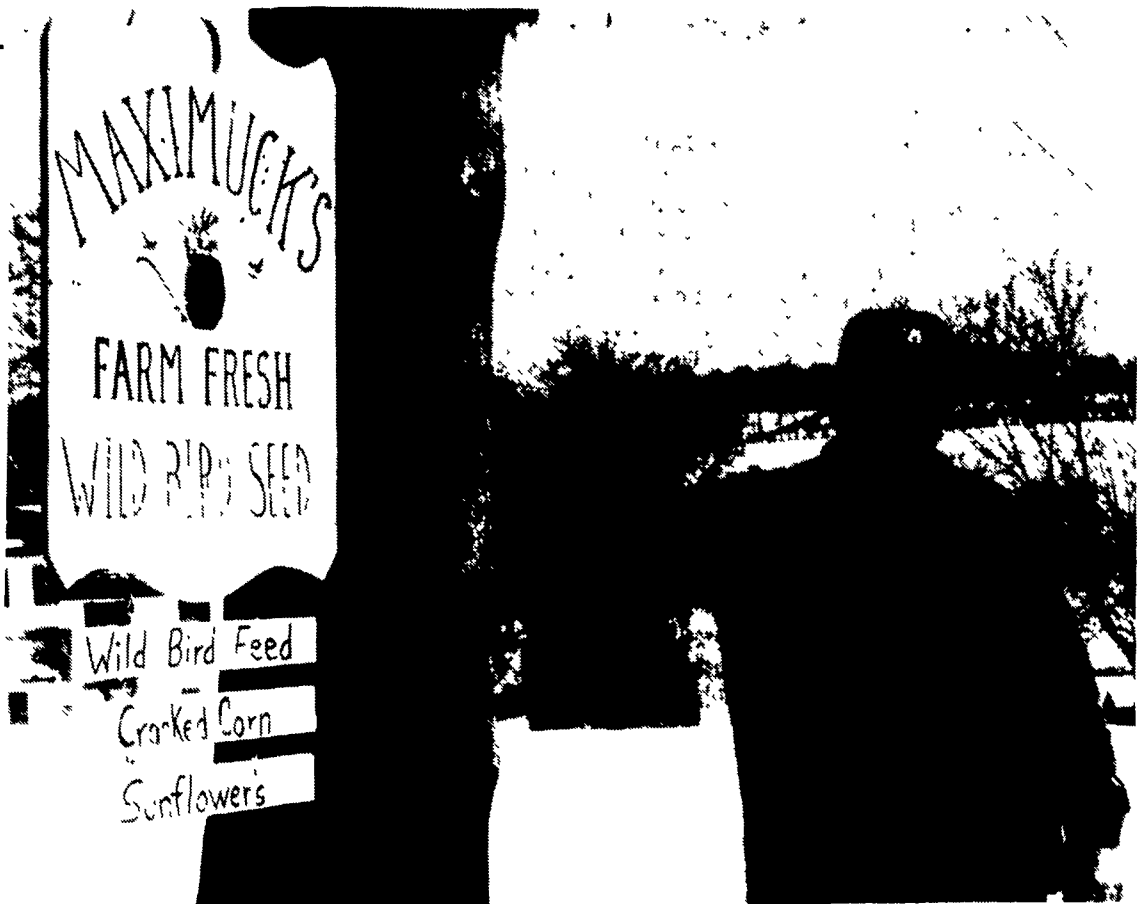
have been using to maximum effect.

Because of using no-till, which disturbs little of the soil surface, Maximuck said there is a "a real good organic matter buildup" in the top three to four inches of soil. He said the buildup helps fertility and nutrient-holding capacity of the soil.

Fortunately, the Maximucks have not used deep-tilling to break up compaction. There are only two passes for the equip-



This time of year, the family is busy loading up feed for their Maximuck's Farm Fresh Wild Bird Seed business.



Matthew, pictured here, and Walter and Sally Maximuck — In addition to Matthew's wife Cheryl and children Matt Jr., 11 and Melissa, 15 — farm about 1,100 acres of land on 25 separate farms in the rapidly urbanized area near Doylestown. Their cash cropping operation devotes about 550 acres to growing corn, about 70 percent of which is in no-till and the rest minimum tillage. The remaining acreage includes soybeans and hay. They also operate a wild bird seed business utilizing the farm's corn crop. Photo by Andy Andrews

ment for planting season — once for anhydrous ammonia application and the other for the planter.

The Maximucks inject the anhydrous ammonia in April, depending on weather conditions. Matthew said they would like to start planting corn by May 1. He said that if it is warm enough, and soil conditions are right, they often go in the latter part of April.

At planting time, they use a 6-24-24 starter fertilizer. They use a no-till corn planter with rippled coulters, depending on ground conditions. Last year, they used 1½-inch wavy coulters and later changed to rippled coulters to break up the soil.

"Every year is different, and during that year we might have to change the coulters to meet

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### NATIONAL CORN YIELD CONTEST

Doylestown corn growers Matthew, center, and Cheryl Maximuck recently received a trophy for being state winners in the 1993 National Corn Yield Contest sponsored by the National Corn Growers Association (NCGA). Loran Brooks, right, chairman of the contest, presented the award during the recent NCGA Corn Classic in Denver, Colo.

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