New Farm Software At Ag Progress

ROCKSPRING (Centre Co.) ---Nutrient Solutions in Agriculture will be offering hands-on demonstrations of a new farm computer software program at Ag Progress Days, West Sixth Street, on Aug. 13-15. The new program, called the Nutrient Management Planner, combines the easy-to-use Windows environment with sophisticated field-by-field recordkeeping and profit-building on-farm nutrient recommendation tools.

This program was created and designed by NSIA, a leading provider of soil testing and nutrient management planning services in the Mid-Atlantic and Northeast, to help farmers and agribusinesses obtain profit-building, environmentally safe, fertilizer and manure use recommendations for each of their fields by inputting animal herd, manure storage, manure spreading, fertilizer use, crop rotation, and soil test data into the pro-

gram. Farmers make fertilizer and manure spreading recommendations with their own computers rather than having to rely on outside _nearness to neighbors, etc. Farmsources for this information.

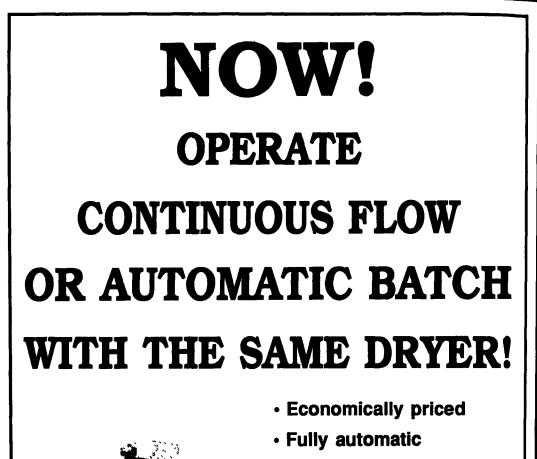
The program is capable of storing this data for multiple years, enabling a farmer to keep an ongoing history of this important information at his fingertips for review at any time. The Planner will allow growers to make quick changes to crop rotations in spring when weather or other unforeseen factors come into play and he can quickly know the nutrient status and fertilizer needs of the field under the new crop rotations. The program can also be used to help farmers who are using rotational grazing practices to easily see the nutrient value of deposited manure and net nutrient needs for each pasture area.

A key feature of the program is



a screen which assesses the risk level for spreading manure on a given field based on its slope, ers can use the Nutrient Management Planner software to print selected tabulated information or at the click of a button produce a

professionally assembled nutrient management plan, including all necessary data tables and text sections.



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