

Early Season Corn CD-ROM Available

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A multimedia CD-ROM program entitled "Corn Growth, Development and Diagnostics—Germination To Knee High" has recently become available from Purdue University.

This easy-to-use CD-ROM

program incorporates sound and video into a complete diagnostic and reference tool for early season corn growth and development. The program also includes detailed descriptions and high quality photos of early season injury from diseases, herbicides, insects, nutrient deficiencies, and more.

Other features of the program include an economic

threshold table for various pests and a guide used in making replant decisions.

We have obtained a copy and have found it to be very useful for troubleshooting early season corn problems and helping to make management recommendations. The program was developed under the direction of Lee Schweitzer, professor of agronomy at Purdue University,

as a teaching tool for students and farmers.

The program could also be useful for crop consultants as an educational tool or, if used with a laptop computer, an in-the-field reference manual. The overall format is easy to follow and could be used by anyone with a basic knowledge of agronomy and computer operation.

The minimum computer

setup needed to run the program is as follows: a 486 processor, 25 Mhz, Windows 3.1 or Macintosh, 8 MB of RAM, 4X CD-ROM drive, Color video display card and monitor (256 colors), sound card/speakers. The price of the program is \$80 per copy (includes shipping and handling) and can be ordered from Purdue University Media Distribution Center, 301 South

2nd Street, Lafayette, IN 47901-1232, phone (toll-free) (888) 398-4636. When ordering, please specify whether using a Macintosh computer or, if Windows, which version.

White House Goes Green

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The White House recently demonstrated its support of the E85 alternative fuel program by adding 30 1998 Chrysler minivans to its fleet.

The vans are used by a variety of federal employees who work on Capitol Hill.

"The White House purchased these vehicles on their own, obviously as a result of their research on alternative fuel vehicles," said Sandy Hentges, associate project coordinator for NCGA's E85 program. "This is a real feather in the cap for the alternative fuel vehicle program, particularly E85, because this is such a high profile fleet."

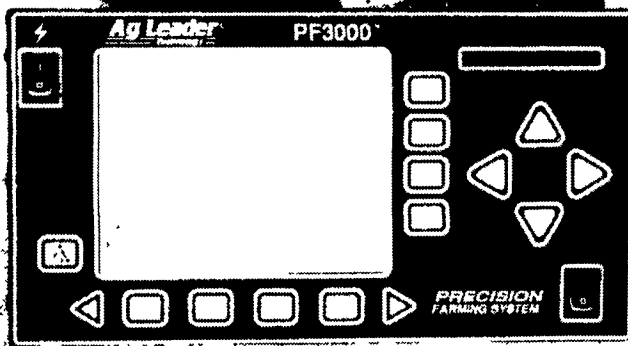
The new Chrysler vans are operating on regular gasoline. "As NCGA representatives, we are working with the federal government and the White House staff to get fueling facilities near them," Hentges said, noting that there are two nearby stations that could accommodate the E85 vans. "We're negotiating with them so they can eventually provide E-85 fuel to the White House fleet," she said.

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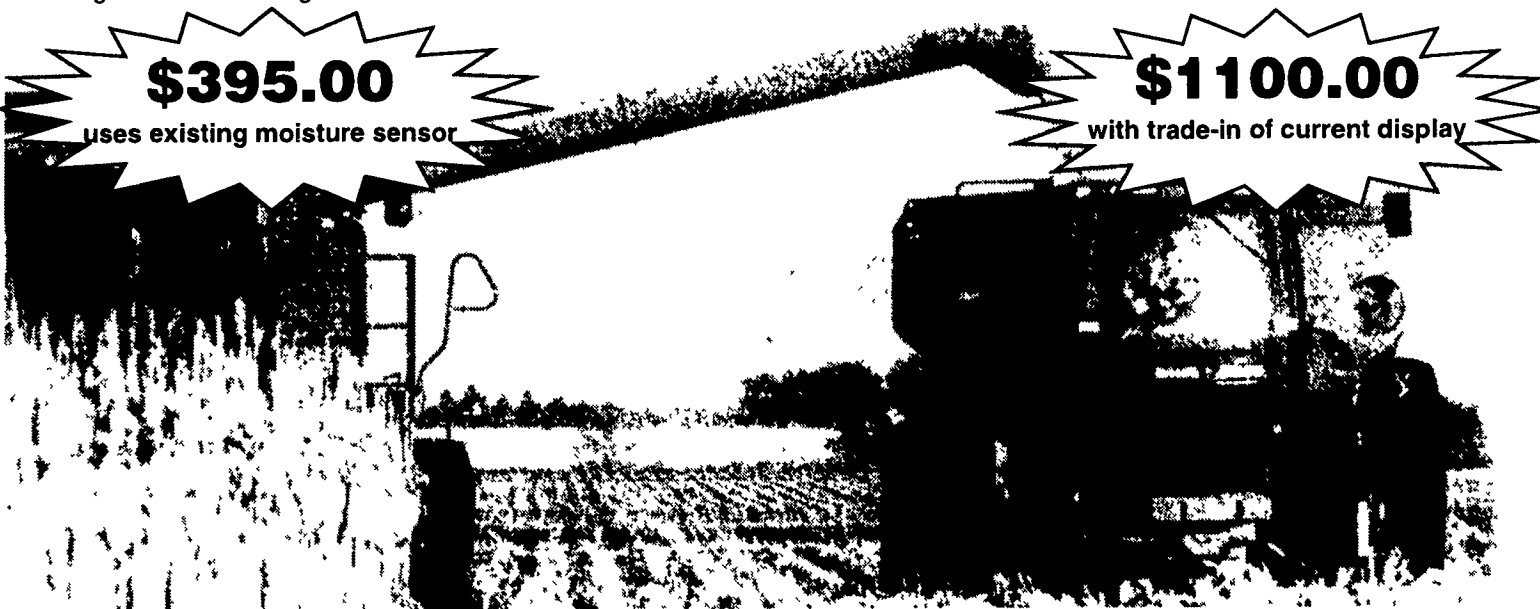
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