



The Freedom to Farm Act of 1996 gave More the opportunity to break out of continuous corn and diversify into soybean production.

First-Time Five-Acre Corn

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The original property was purchased by More's grandfather in 1923. More's father added to the property in 1949 and, today, More rents additional acres. He also purchased another farm in the Hughesville area. Since his farm is located in an area that is zoned heavy industrial, the Clean and Green program is vital to keeping his farm in production.

"If it weren't for the Clean and Green Program to get preferential treatment with the taxes, we could not farm, not in today's farming market with the very small margins we have now," More said.

Prior to 1996, More grew continuous corn on his acreage, giving him a 100 percent corn More grew continuous corn on his acreage, giving him a 100 percent corn production base. When the Freedom to Farm act was passed, More grabbed his chance to add soybeans to his list of crops, allowing him to plan a crop rotation.

"That helps break up the insect resistance and the weed resistance cycle," said More.

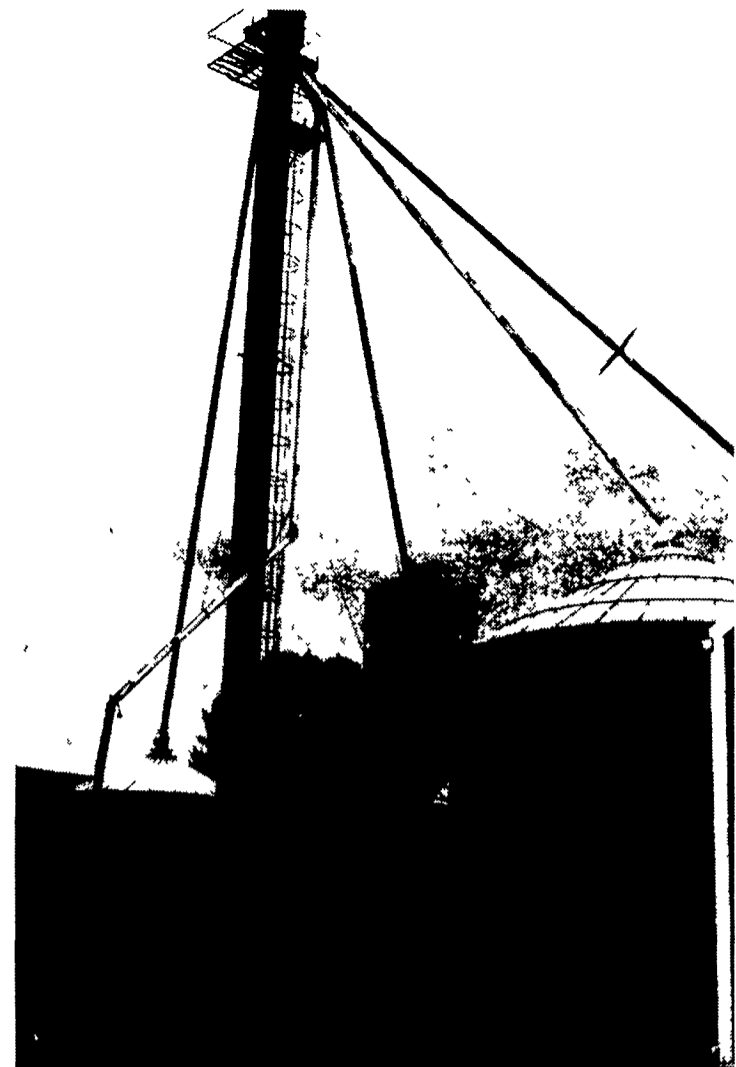
More's choice of hybrids come from Pioneer and he favors the genetically altered varieties. This year he has planted both Bt corn and Roundup Ready corn and uses

Roundup Ready Soybeans.

"I used a very small amount of Roundup Ready

corn because of a weed problem. That was the easiest way to take it out," he said.

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Storage for 40,000 bushels of corn is located on the More farm.

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