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NEWSLETTER

WHAT'S IN YOUR FIELDS?

Harvest time is upon us once again. The time has come for us to bring the crops in and plan for next year's planting season. One thing we plan for is the tillage methods that will be used on the fields. As you're out in the fields this fall, take a look at the amount of residue left behind the combine. What tillage implement will you use on the residue - a chisel, disk, moldboard plow, or nothing at all? If you have highly erodible ground, there is one step you need to take before the first piece of tillage equipment enters the field. What is that step? Every producer with highly erodible fields needs to pull out their conservation plan to see what residue levels they are required to have. The plan will also tell the producer when they are required to have the highly erodible fields in compliance. For most producers in St. Joseph County, the FSA plans are required to be in compliance by the planting date of 1993 - THIS NEXT SPRING. That means these producers need to be thinking about residue levels right now - during fall tillage operations and, also, during next springs tillage operations. Ask yourself these questions to see if you are ready for the approaching deadline. First, do you know how much residue is required on your highly erodible fields? If not, pull out your FSA plan to find out what is required of you. Second, will you be in compliance by the planting date in 1993? This is a key question. Each producer needs to look at his tillage operations to answer this question.

If any producer needs assistance, feel free to contact the local Soil Conservation Service Office. The SCS office will be glad to help producers stay in compliance.

WINDBREAKS

Are your profits blowing away when the wind blows? Do you notice a decrease in the health and vitality of livestock after a hard windstorm, or evidence that your corn, soybeans and specialty crops have suffered mortality due to wind erosion. Perhaps the solution to your problem would be a windbreak. Windbreaks not only protect livestock and crops from the harmful effects of the wind, they also reduce blowing and drifting snow, keeping snow on fields where moisture is needed. Windbreaks keep top soil from blowing away which means better soil fertility that produces greater crop yields.



To offset the cost of installing windbreaks

ASCS has ACP funds available for farmstead and field windbreaks. ASCS can cost share 65% up to \$3,500 for the cost of installing a windbreak. If you would like further information on windbreaks please contact our office.

1993 AFFILIATE MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN

The St. Joseph County Soil and Water Conservation District's programs are continually expanding to address local environmental concerns of residents in St. Joseph County. As we continue to expand into areas of water quality, environmental education, urban erosion control and resource management, additional funding is a must. Having adequate funding to maintain a high quality staff to help administer these important programs, as well as funds for office operating expenses is an absolute necessity, if soil and water concerns of St. Joseph County are to be addressed.

One of the major ways the District is able to carry on a successful resource management program is through Affiliate Memberships. As an Affiliate Member, you will be able to help the District continue their existing programs, and allow them the opportunity to develop new and innovative programs for St. Joseph County. Memberships can be purchased in the form of \$25.00 and \$20.00. For a donation of \$25.00, you will receive two annual meeting tickets, be listed in the Annual Report, as well as one issue of the District's Newsletter and receive an Affiliate Membership Certificate to post in your business or home or you may become an Affiliate Member for \$20.00 and receive no annual meeting tickets. Whether you are an individual, business or a local school, everyone is welcome to become an Affiliate Member and help support (YOUR) soil and water conservation district.

DETACH THE FOLLOWING AND MAIL INTO THE SWCD OFFICE AT 60455 U.S. 31 SOUTH, SOUTH BEND, IN 46614, BY JANUARY 15, 1993.

I am willing to support the District with an Affiliate Membership for _____ \$25.00 or _____ \$20.00, which is enclosed.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

ATTENTION! ATTENTION!

JANUARY, 1993

A time for Resolutions, Learning, Planning, and CONFERENCES!!!!

National No-Tillage Conference to be held January 12-14 at the Hilton At The Circle, Indianapolis.

- ** Sponsored by: No-Till Farmer, Dow Elanco, DuPont, Monsanto, American Cyanimid, and ICI Americas
- ** Features 9 breakout sessions and 50 roundtable sessions on topics such as: weed and pest control; no-till machinery and upgrades; tillage methods such as strip tillage, zone tillage, ridge tillage and fall stripping; leasing or renting equipment; row spacing and seed placement; crop varieties, maturities and replanting; double cropping, cover cropping, and rotations; no-till vegetables and specialty crops; irrigation, new technology, scouting, and many more.
- ** Early bird registration fee of \$169.00/person and \$189.00 after Jan. 4, 1993. Additional people from your family or farming operation at \$99.00/person. Send checks made out to No-Till Farmer with registration form, (your S.C.S. office can provide a copy), to National No-Tillage Conference, P.O. Box 624, Brookfield, WI 53008-0624. Call Alice Musser with questions or credit card payments at 414-782-4480. (Money-back guarantee!)

Crop Residue Management Conference to be held January 20-21 at the Indiana Convention Center, Indianapolis.

- ** Sponsored by: Farm Journal, Monsanto, USDA, and the Conservation Technology Information Ctr.
- ** Valuable information on retro-fitting equipment, fine-tuning your systems, residue management, pest control, and conservation compliance plans.
- ** Features 22 workshops
- ** Trade show of latest no-till equipment
- ** Registration fee is \$85.00 prior to December 1, 1992 and \$105.00 thereafter. Fee includes four meals, program workbook, and a money-back guarantee.
- ** For registration and information call 800-927-4049

NOTE: Word to the wise--Bring family and/or friends to take advantage of concurrent sessions and reduced hotel rates.

ANNUAL TREE SALES PROGRAM

The time has arrived again to participate in St. Joseph County SWCD's Annual Tree Sales Program. Trees can be ordered through the SWCD Office between October 15th and March 1st, with delivery in early April. Trees can be ordered in lots of 10 or as large of quantities as 1000+. Increased discounts are being made this year for larger orders. This year we are offering Blue and Norway Spruce, American Arborvitae, Canadian Hemlock, Scotch and White Pine, Common Lilac, Green Ash, Red and Sugar Maple, Scarlet Oak, Tulip Poplar and White Flowering Dogwood. Homeowner and Wildlife Packets are also available in addition to wildflower seed packets. We are also offering special programs for area schools for tree planting this year. For additional information on the District's forestry programs, please contact our office at 291-2300.



VOLUNTEERS - WHAT CAN YOU DO?

Volunteers. The word brings images of people working together for what they believe in. Volunteering means giving your time to a project or event that you feel is worthwhile. That's what thousands of volunteers are doing when they work with the Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCD) and the Soil Conservation Service (SCS).

You may ask, what jobs can a volunteer do? Volunteers may find themselves filing, inputting computer data, or engaging in field work such as soil loss calculations and engineering design. These jobs can be indoors or outdoors, clerical or technical. There is something in these offices for all types of interests.

In addition to office volunteers, the SWCD is run by a board of supervisors who volunteer their time in various diverse district programs and projects. Members include farmers, real estate appraisers, developers, educators, landscape architects, and bank vice-presidents. Every person brings valuable contributions to the district. If you think you would like to be a volunteer or a supervisor, contact the SWCD/SCS office at 291-2300 for more information.

<p>WYATT FARM CENTER INC. 66400 State Road 331 Wyatt, Indiana 46595 (219) 633-4017 1-800-447-4141 White-Hiniker-Kelley-New Holland-Kubota-Woods-Land Pride-M.F.-D.M.I. - Century Sprayers-Deutz-Allis</p>	<p>LINEBACK REALTY SALES AND APPRAISALS Land - Commercial County Real Estate P.O. Box 2701 South Bend, IN 46680 (219) 233-3740</p>	<p>PLYMOUTH FARM CENTER, INC. 10209 Iris Road Plymouth, IN 46563 (219) 935-5500 1-800-487-3337 John Deere Lawn & Farm Equip  LEADERSHIP YOU CAN COUNT ON</p>	<p>The programs and services of the St. Joseph County SWCD and the Soil Conservation Service are offered on a nondiscriminatory basis without regard to race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age, marital status, or handicap.</p>
<p>ST. JOSEPH COUNTY FARM BUREAU, INC. 60455 U.S. 31 South South Bend, IN 46614 A Full Service Farm Organization</p>	<p>FRICK SERVICES. WYATT DIVISION P.O. Box 179 Wyatt, IN 46595 (219) 633-4065 Feeds - Grains Seeds - Fertilizers</p>	<p>LAKE'S FARM SERVICE, INC. Conservation - Fertilization Custom Application of Dry or Liquid Fertilizers 54300 Walnut Road New Carlisle, IN 46552 654-3116</p>	<p> Farm Credit Services <i>Experience</i> <i>built from the ground up</i> South Bend, Indiana (219) 291-1277</p>
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