

“WIN” Field Day Draws Big Crowd

With plenty of highly erodible soil and input costs that continue to rise, no-till planting practices make good sense for many western Iowa producers. Western Iowa No-Tillers (WIN) is a group of area farmers, conservation staff and crop production experts dedicated to promoting the use of no-till in the region. The 2008 WIN Field Day, held at the Bill and Babetta Lucke farm near Persia, drew a crowd of over 160 farmers and ag professionals from a seven county area.



Field Day attendees saw and heard about the most current recommendations regarding crop rotations, seed and fertilizer placement, corn-on-corn production, residue management and moisture conservation. Local implement dealers displayed their newest no-till equipment, and participants had the chance to operate a tractor equipped with auto-steer technology during a ride and drive session.

With Iowa State University Extension, NRCS and several local Soil and Water Conservation Districts cooperating, WIN Field Day gave farmers practical, hands-on instruction on how to save soil, toil and oil with their crop production practices. Plans are already under way for a similar field day next year.



“WIN Field Day delivered the most current information available and gave area producers the knowledge they need to improve profitability while conserving land, water, and energy.”

-Kent Ganzer, Shelby County Extension

“Thank You! With the information received today I can go home understanding the importance of proper planter settings and managing heavy residue.”

-field day attendee

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