

Minimum Tillage Meeting Set For December 20

BLOOMFIELD, MO.

University of Missouri Extension, USDA-NRCS and the Stoddard County Soil and Water Conservation District are hosting a minimum tillage meeting. The meeting will be at the USDA Service Center, located on Highway 25 between Dexter and Bloomfield, MO. The meeting will be Tuesday, December 20 from 1-3 PM.

With higher fuel prices and increase in crop prices, there has been interest in reducing tillage on non highly erodible land, and increasing cropping on highly erodible land, as is prevalent on Crowley's Ridge. There is interest in bringing land enrolled in the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) back into production as contracts expire.

There are several speakers at this meeting. Dr. Van Ayers, University of Missouri Extension, Bloomfield will discuss minimum tillage and fuel usage. Mr. David Reinbott, University of Missouri Extension, Benton will speak about budgets for reduced tillage systems. Mr. Sam

Atwell, University of Missouri Extension, New Madrid will talk about weed control in reduced tillage systems. Mr. Atwell has extensive experience in weed control both in industry and public institutions.

Highly erodible land that is placed in row crop production could be problematic with higher potential for soil erosion. In order to participate in federal commodity programs soil erosion must be controlled. Ms. Michelle Gross, District Conservations, USDA-NRCS, Stoddard County will detail the requirements for cropping highly erodible land. She will also discuss USDA-NRCS programs for reduced tillage. Mr. Josh Lemmons, Stoddard County SWCD will talk about cost share programs from the SWCD.

There is no fee to attend. Anyone with interests in minimum tillage is invited. For information on the meeting, contact Dr. Van Ayers, University of Missouri Extension, PO Box 169, Bloomfield, MO 63825 or ayersv@missouri.edu.

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