

Consevation Tillage in Oklahoma. (A00-bushong161509-Oral)

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Abstract:

Reduce tillage (or conservation tillage) is known to conserve water, time and input costs. The use of conservation tillage is increasing in Oklahoma, but not as fast as in other agricultural regions. When surveyed, Oklahoma producers indicate that they have not adopted conservation practices on their farms primarily due to the lack of information on how to begin. Another reason is the lack of immediate results from conservation tillage in the first year. Through the 'Center of Excellence' (COE) program, Monsanto Company has helped many farmers make the transition from conventional practices to conservation tillage. The COE is a five-year program that is used to educate producers about different tillage practices. The COE in Keyes, OK was chosen for its location and accessibility to showcase demonstration plots and release results and data concerning new equipment, pesticides, and other production inputs.

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