

Crop Production Technology Transfer into Bulgaria. (A04-thompson151601-Oral)

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Abstract:

Bulgaria is a land with very diverse farming technologies. Northeastern Bulgarian crops consist of winter wheat, winter or spring barley, sunflower, corn, and wine grapes. Bulagro Agricultural Company based in Varna, adjacent to the black sea, requested help from ACDI/VOCA (Agriculture Cooperative Development International/Volunteers in Overseas Cooperative Assistance) specifically asking for information relating to no-till production practices and fertility. Bulagro Agriculture owns or rents approximately 4500 Ha which are spread out in several different locations. Much time was spent walking fields, discussing problems, looking at very modern John Deere equipment, and discussing no-till crop production practices. Fertility recommendations were provided for wheat, sunflower, and corn. Significant discussion occurred on corn populations and possible reasons for poor crop stands. In addition, weed control in no-till was discussed. Dobrudja, the bread basket of Bulgaria was visited. The opportunity provided this author was an excellent one. The opportunity to share our technologies with the less fortunate in Bulgaria was productive and rewarding.

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