

Kids tractor pull



One of the four-year-olds (left) and one of the five-year-olds that tried to pull the weigh as far as they could at the kids tractor pull on Tuesday night at the Northwest Kansas District Free Fair at Sherman County Fairgrounds. Tonight is the modified tractor pull at the fair. The kids tractor pull was a lot quieter.

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No-till and cover crop workshop to be at Wray

Wednesday, Aug. 31, there will be an "Exploring No-Till and Cover Crops" field day and workshop in the Wray area. Registration will begin at 9 a.m. and the workshop will start at 9:30 a.m. The workshop will conclude at 3:30 p.m. Those that wish to may stay after 3:30 to share ideas and ask questions. The morning session will be in the field south of Wray just eight miles. Lawn chairs are suggested! We'll come to town to lunch and air conditioning for the afternoon session. Refreshments and lunch will be provided and there is no registration fee.

Our speakers include Kathy Buttle (NRCS) who will demonstrate the rainfall simulator. This shows the importance of residue and aggregate stability on infiltration and water holding capacity in our semi-arid climate. Buttle also has several years of experience with forage cocktails and soil quality.

Dr. Ray Ward, owner of Ward Laboratories will explain nutrient cycling in the soil and the influence tillage and crop diversity has on

the system. Come experience his vast knowledge of soil quality and agronomic expertise in an easy-to-understand presentation. He will answer all of your questions on continuous no-till.

Gary Maskus is a farmer from north of Arriba and a board member of NoTill On The Plains. Gary has been continuous crop no-tilling for 15 years on dryland. He'll talk about rotation management and the economics of no-till.

Mark Watson is the Nebraska No-Till Educator and a long time no till in the Alliance, NE area. Mark will deliver an excellent presentation on the how fs and why fs of continuous No-till featuring real-world economics from his own operation. Mark farms 3,500 acres with his brother Bruce 10 miles north of Alliance, Nebraska. They have been completely continuous No-till since 1994. Their farm is dryland and irrigated, raising wheat, corn, pinto beans, garbanzo beans, proso millet. The Watson Brothers have been using soil moisture sensors in

their irrigated fields and have seen a marked savings in amount of water applied which is a savings to their input costs as well.

This workshop is sure to stir up some interesting ideas and discussion.

Meet us at Gregg & Mariane Stults place on CR 28, approximately 1/4 mile west of Hwy 385. From the south, go two miles north of the Vernon turn off. If you are coming from the north, drive about eight miles south of Wray on Hwy 385. Turn west on CR 28 and stop at the first house on the south side of the road. The place is visible from the highway and there will be signs.

There is no registration fee, but you do need to reserve a lunch. Call (970) 332-3173 ext. 3 or email julie.elliott@co.usda.gov by Wednesday, Aug. 24, to save a plate in your name. The Yuma County Conservation District and the Natural Resources Conservation Service are sponsoring this workshop.

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