FORUM – REDUCED/STRIP TILLAGE

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Advantages of Stale seedbed

- Less chance of loosing soil moisture (better emergence)
- Lower Fuel Costs
- Less Chance of Compaction
- Less Effort Required
Disadvantages of Stale Seedbed

- Fall preparation required
- Planting too wet causes problems
- There is room for quality research
No Tillage (spring or fall)

- A Few Will Try This in 2009
- Possible need for cultivation reduced this practice in the past
- Disease implications not well understood
- Insect implications not well understood
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Majority of Acres

- Fall tillage with soil saver, spring, field cultivator
- Fall moldboard plowing, spring, light tillage
Other Crops in Rotation

- Corn
- Corn Silage
- Dry Beans
- Soybeans
- Wheat (fall planted)
- Pickles
- Other