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National Expert on No-till/Strip-till
to Address Illinois Tillage Seminars

Dr. Tony Vyn, a nationally-recognized agronomist and researcher from Purdue University will be the featured speaker at the Northern Illinois Tillage Seminar, scheduled for Tuesday, February 12, 2008 near Kankakee, at the Quality Inn in Bradley, IL. He has received national acclaim for his applied research associated with strip-till and no-till farming systems. Vyn will provide a two-part presentation with focus on the following topics: Part 1: Rotations, Residues, and Resolutions; and Optimizing No-till/Strip-till Systems - Part 2: Automatic Guidance, Fertilizer Placement, and New Directions.

The 2008 series of Illinois Tillage Seminars across the state will focus on technology and environmental stewardship associated with adopting a no-till and strip-till farming system. The Quality Inn is located about one-half mile south of the IL Rt. 50 exit of I-57 north of Kankakee. The program runs from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. This Tillage Seminar will provide 5.0 ceu's for Certified Crop Advisers (4.5 Soil & Water Management and 0.5 IPM).

Other speakers will include Jay Solomon, Engineering Technology Educator from University of Illinois Extension, who will provide a step-by step approach to "Selecting a Guidance System that Works for You". Doug Thompson, a Logan County Farmer with 8 year's experience with Strip-till and over 20 year's experience with No-till will share "Practical, "hands-on" Management Tips for No-till/Strip-till and Use of Autosteer." Russ Higgins, Integrated Pest Management Educator from University of Illinois Extension will discuss

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“Continuous Corn Disease Management for No-till Corn.” Topics related to state and federal cost-share assistance will also be provided.

The seminars are co-sponsored by University of Illinois Extension, Soil and Water Conservation Districts, Natural Resource Conservation Service, the Illinois Department of Agriculture. Agri-businesses will be featured as exhibitors.

Pre-registration is necessary and the deadline is February 5th. A \$15 per person fee will be charged to cover room rental and noon luncheon. To register, include the following information with your check: Northern IL Tillage Seminar, your name, address, county of residence and number attending. Please make your check payable to “Kankakee SWCD” and send to: Kankakee Co. SWCD, 685 Larry Power Rd., Bourbonnais, IL 60914. For more information or if you need special accommodations to attend, contact the Kankakee Co. Extension office, ph. 815-933-8337 or the SWCD office, ph. 815-937-8952 or John Church, U of I Natural Resources Educator, Rockford Center, phone 815-397-7714.