

Sustainable farming network

In this Issue, Sustainable Farming Network features a number of publications that can help with farm management decisions . . . should you like to let others know about other publications, or information available from your organization/company, let us know and we would be happy to include them in the Network!!

New publication for ridge-tillers

A new publication, Ridge Till Hotline, has been launched to help meet the information needs of ridge-till farmers.

This eight-page newsletter will keep readers up-to-date with the latest developments in ridge-tillage. It will be an unbiased source of news featuring farmer experiences, research/extension information, machinery and chemical supplier data, government views and other topics related to ridge tillage.

Ridge Tillage Hotline is published by Lessiter Publications which also produces the No-Till Farmer newsletter. For a sample issue write: Ridge Till Hotline, P.O.Box 624, Brookfield, WI 53008-0624.

Conservation tillage fact sheets available

The Conservation Technology Information Centre (CTIC), West Lafayette Indiana, recently announced the titles available in a new conservation tillage fact sheet series. The fact sheets, printed on recycled paper with soy ink, are available by contacting the CTIC and requesting an order form. Write: CTIC, 1220 Potter Drive, Room 170, West Lafayette, IN 47906-1334. Quantities of the fact sheets are available at \$.03 per piece. There is a minimum charge of \$3 per order. Titles in the new conservation tillage fact sheet series:

Benefits of Conservation Tillage

Conservation Tillage: Does it Pay? Cultivators for Conservation Tillage Drills

Equipment for Ridge Planting

Estimating Percent Residue Cover using the Line-Transect Method

How to Form a Conservation Tillage Club

Management Considerations in a Ridge Plant System Managing Crop Residues to Minimize Detrimental Effects on Crop Growth

No-Till Planters--Equipment and Adjustments No-Till Weed Control Strategies

Planning a Conservation Field Day

Plant Nutrient and Soil Acidity Management for Conservation Tillage

Residue Management to Control Soil Erosion by Water The Fundamentals of No-Till Farming

The Center for Alternative Plant and Animal Products, 305 Alderman Hall, 1970 Folwell Ave., St. Paul, MN 55108, has a number of publications for sale that may be of interest. They include: Growing Grain Amaranth as a Specialty Crop, Lupine Production and Utilization, Grain Legumes as Alternative Crops, Shiitake Mushrooms, Deer Farming and Commercial Field Production of Cut and Dried Flowers.

Proceedings of 1990 Leopold Center Conference are now available. Titled "Farming Systems for Iowa: Seeking Alternatives", the 112-page collection of papers and posters covers the Center's first conference on sustainable agriculture in the Midwest last year. Price is \$9 per copy. Order from the Leopold Center for Sustainable Agriculture, 126 Soil Tilth Building, Iowa State University, Ames, IA 50011; ph: 9515) 294-3711.

"Milkhouse Wastewater Management" is a new ENVIR AG FACTS information sheet, published by Upper Thames River Conservation Authority (UTRCA). It claims, "80% of Ontario dairy farms dispose of their milkhouse wastewater through sub-surface drainage." For more copies: Ted Briggs, UTRCA, Box 6278, Stn D, London, ON N6W 5S1. Phone (519) 451-2800 or Fax: (519)451 -1188.

New book available !!

Soil Management for Sustainability, published by the Soil and Water Conservation Society in the United States and edited by R. Lal and F.J. Pierce, this book is a collection of 12 review papers that discuss the ever important themes of soil structure, soil compaction, soil erosion and its effect on crop productivity. It focuses on management options that include: conservation tillage, use of organic wastes, and farming by soils. Many of the chapters also explore research needs and priorities.

To obtain a copy, please address inquiries to Soil and Water Conservation Society, 7515 Northeast Ankeny Road, Ankeny Iowa 50021 -9764 or call (515) 289-2331 or 1-800-THE-SOIL.

Sustainable Agriculture: A Brighter Outlook for Fish and Wildlife, a new report by the Izaak Walton League of America, concludes that sustainable farming practices, such as reduced use of chemicals and a greater diversity of crops and livestock, would

significantly benefit fish and wildlife. For more information, contact Ann Robinson at the League, 801 Commerce Drive, Decorah, IA 52101; Ph: (319) 382-2947.

Farmers tell what's worked for them . . . and what hasn't, in a series of four practical booklets: Mechanical Weed Control . . . Nitrogen Management. . . Intensive Rotational Grazing . . . Composting. They are available for \$4 to \$5 (US) each, with a discount for the complete set, from the Land Stewardship Project, P.O. Box815, Lewiston, MN 55952; Ph: (507) 523-3366. Also the Land Stewardship Project will be releasing, in the near future, a video series on sustainable farming practices featuring farmer reports.

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