

Conservation tillage show date set

The Tenth Annual Eastern Iowa Conservation Tillage Show is set for January 31 and February 1 at Cedar Rapids' Five Seasons Center.

Hailed as the "Midwest's Best," the show features sixty exhibits and eight hours of program concerning soil and water conservation on the farm.

Cooper Evans, former U.S. Congressman and Grundy County farmer will give the opening address entitled, "Agriculture and Conservation Policy in the Bush Administration."

"This year's show is tailored to farmers who are making decisions on their soil and water conservation plans," says Greg Brenneman, chairman of the steering committee.

Seven farmers from Iowa, Illinois, and Wisconsin will tell about their many years experience with their successful conservation systems.

Dick and Sharon Thompson of Boone will discuss their operation which uses no agricultural chemicals but gives excellent financial return with low input.

Sustainable agriculture systems will be the topic of Dixon Hubbard, a national leader with the Extension Service.

Jon Kinzebaw, founder of Kinze Manufacturing at Williamsburg will talk about "Equipment Innovations for the 1990's."

Other program topics include no-till and ridge-till, water quality, soil compaction, herbicide carryover, wildlife benefits and economic management strategy.

Machinery and equipment showing the latest technology relating to conservation tillage will again be featured at the show.

The Deutz-Allis Company will exhibit their new 12 row planter for the first time at this year's Eastern Iowa Conservation Tillage Show.

To reduce input in crop production, no-till drills for soybeans are becoming more widely accepted. This year's show will feature five brands of no-till drills.

Sprayers, ag chemicals and a variety of other exhibits involving conservation tillage will be featured.

Doors are open at the Five Seasons Center from 10 a.m. to 9:30 p.m., Tuesday, January 31, and from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, February 1.

Two hour program sessions are scheduled for both Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons, Tuesday evening and Wednesday morning.

Brenneman said this year's show will be the best ever in its ten year running.