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Farmers From Five-State Area Will Attend Minimum Tillage Day

Farmers in a five-state area will be able to see a lot of activity Oct. 23 on the George Hoffman, Jr., farm located near Ida Grove. This is the harvest day for the plots at the Quad State Minimum Tillage Field. The Hoffman farm is located just about three miles north of Ida Grove on Highway 59.

Over 12 different kinds of combines will be demonstrated throughout the day. Portable grain dryers, grain bins and dryers will be demonstrated. Wagons, hoists, augers, elevators and grain handling equipment will be displayed and demonstrated.

During the day, 90 acres of corn will be harvested, dried and stored. Besides the many kinds of activity, you will learn of the results of the Quad State Minimum Tillage demonstration.

Stalks will be shredded on the field as the corn is harvested.

Information will be available on each of the 25 minimum tillage plots. You will be able to obtain yield and lodging information, as well as see the weed control, and learn of all the facts involved in the various methods of planting corn.

Over 5,000 farmers were at the spring field day and the community is expecting over 5,000 for the Fall Field Day. Many more equipment companies will be bringing equipment for display and demonstration.

There is plenty of parking at the field site. Also, there is an airport at Ida Grove. Fly-ins will be taken to the field and brought back to their airplanes. There will be a taxi service from the airport to the field site and back all day.

This event will be co-sponsored by the Ida County Extension Service, the Ida County Ag Council, WNAX Radio and the Ida Grove JayCees. ISU will be assisting in the field day with their extension personnel from the various departments.

Specialists from ISU will be on hand to answer questions that people might have regarding machinery, the planting methods or any other questions on corn production.

Another big feature of the Quad State Minimum Tillage Fall Field Day will be a display of the corn planting machines. The minimum till machines will be brought back and displayed at their plot sites. You will be able to see all of these during the day.

Remember, mark your calendar for Oct. 23 and be at the George Hoffman, Jr., farm to see the big fall harvest day of the Quad State Minimum Tillage plots.