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To: Riemer, Hans
Subject: RE: No-Till Farming in Montgomery County MD

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From: Riemer, Hans
Sent: Wednesday, March 11, 2015 4:14 PM
To: Criss, Jeremy
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Thank you Jeremy! I knew that no-till was used in the county because I have heard that from you and from our farmers during our visits and discussions; I am guessing it is related to our programs with the soil conservation district? I'm pleased to get your response and to know that the county ag community has been a pioneer in this practice. Regards,
Hans Riemer

From: Criss, Jeremy
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Hello Hans,

Thank you the message below and the story about no-till farming.

In Montgomery County there are very few farmers that still use a plow for production.

The County farmers are well aware of the conservation benefits of no-till farming as most of the acres in commodity production are farmed using no-till practices.

Robert Raver, Former County Extension Agent who is copied on this message learned about no-till farming at a seminar and then introduced the practice to our farmers.

Bob used a welder to develop a prototype no-till planter and began showing it to our farmers many years ago.

Montgomery County MD is one of the first jurisdictions in the Country to introduce no-till farming.

If you would like to see an example of no-till farming as the farmers begin the 2015 planting season please let us know.

There are many reasons to be proud of the farmers in the County and the best management practices that they implement including no-till farming.

Thanks again and let us know if you have any questions. J

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From: Riemer, Hans
Sent: Wednesday, March 11, 2015 6:48 AM
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Hi Jeremy, how common is no-till in the Ag Reserve? This piece is getting notice. Best, Hans

<http://mobile.nytimes.com/2015/03/10/science/farmers-put-down-the-plow-for-more-productive-soil.html?referrer=>

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