



ATTENTION WILLIAMS COUNTY FARMERS

Conservation Equipment to Try



- **Salford RTS Vertical Tillage Tool Equipped with a Gandy Air Seeder, Tractor & Williams SWCD Operator**
- **Two 15-foot 1590 John Deere No-till Drills (7.5" & 10" row spacing)**
- **Chisel Plow**

- The **Williams Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD)** has recently purchased a **Salford RTS** vertical tillage tool equipped with a Gandy air seeder. This new tool will do a great job of planting a wide range of seed mixtures. The SWCD board has invested in this tool to be able to come out to your farm and seed cover crops. For a reasonable rental rate, the Williams SWCD will come to your field with a seeder, tractor, and operator to help you get cover crops planted this fall. The goal of this program is to give local farm operators the opportunity to get cover crops planted on a timely schedule and to demonstrate on local farms how effective this practice can be in reducing runoff, holding nutrients in place, and building soil health.
- In recent years we have heard over and over from university studies, from independent study groups and from many farm operators how quickly they see the benefits of cover crops in their operations. The benefits from cover crop practices are many. Call us and we can schedule a time to demonstrate the Salford on your farm and get your cover crops planted.
- As we plan and prepare for this fall's harvest, let us also plan ahead for next year's crops. We should each plan far enough ahead that we can make a positive impact on our soil health for the years to come. The more no-till acres and cover crops we can put in place, the more soil erosion we prevent. Less erosion means more nutrients staying put on our farms, healthier soils, and fewer concerns downstream. Every step towards better soil health improves your farms return on investment. More biodiversity from cover crops and more extended crop rotations will help grow healthier crops.
- If you haven't tried cover crops, do some research or ask your neighbors who are having success with these practices. This fall may be a great time to start! Stop in at the Williams SWCD office, Williams County Extension office, or ask your local seed supplier for information on the benefits of fall planted cover crops!
- No-till cover crops and no-till wheat are locally proven practices, and no-till acres are steadily increasing. By saving on both time and fuel, you can make a positive return on your investment, while saving our valuable soils for many generations to come.
- The Williams SWCD has available for rent **two 15' John Deere 1590 no-till drills**. These drills will work great for planting cover crops or this year's wheat crop. We would like to offer you the opportunity to try cover crops and try some no-till acres without making a large investment in new machinery.
- The Salford and the drills are available to all Williams County farmers and landowners. Call us about the details of scheduling the Salford on your farm, or we can deliver the no-till drill to your field and help you get started. We can answer your questions and concerns or help you find the right resources if we don't have the immediate answers.
- With your tractor (around 100 hp) and our drill, you can start cover cropping and no-tilling this fall!
- Rental charges for the **Salford & Gandy seeder** are \$15 per acre plus fuel with the operator being furnished by the Williams SWCD (\$300.00 minimum charge).
- Rental charges for the **no-till drills** are \$9 per acre with a \$50 minimum. The **chisel plow** is \$5 per acre with a \$50 minimum. These charges include delivery and setup.
- **Call Bert Brown at 419-636-9395 Ext 3** for rental information, questions, and to get your name on the fall drill rental schedule. Office: Williams SWCD, 1120 West High Street, Bryan

