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OUR NO-TILL DRILL & FORECART



OUR RAINFALL SIMULATOR UNIT

Our newest addition to our fleet of No-Till Drills is the 6ft. N0-TILL Drill and Forecart for our Amish Farmers. It has been used by 40+ Amish farmers and went over 400 Acres. Since our first No-Till Drill in 1987, our drills have been used in 7 other counties besides Douglas. They have been used on over 147,359 Acres and have saved over 427,341 Tons of soil from going into our rivers and lakes of East Central Illinois.

Our Rainfall Simulator unit provides an effective visual demonstration of the power of a raindrop on the soil surface. It shows how valuable No-Till is in keeping the soil on the land plus its great benefits. Also the unit shows the benefits of filter strips along fields and Pervious Concrete in our urban areas. Our unit has been extensively used at events including the Illinois State Fair, Farm Progress Show, teacher workshops, field days, and conservation education events for students. We have been at these events since 1999 and given presentations to over 20,000 people.

We were instrumental in having State Representative Chapin Rose introduce House Bill 0228 which provides for the issuance of Soil and Water Conservation District License Plates. The money from these plates would go into Soil and Water Conservation District Fund for all Districts.

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