

GREAT PLAINS NO-TILL DRILL POLICY

PURPOSE:

The purpose of the no-till drill is to promote conservation tillage in Muskingum County, and improve the quality of pasture forages and other crops, thereby reducing soil erosion.

POLICY:

The following policy has been adopted by the Muskingum Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors to effectively carry out this program:

The cost of renting the drill is \$8.00 per acre for no-till planting(s) with a minimum charge of \$50.00. A deposit is required when the agreement is signed for use of the no-till drill and shall be one-half of the total cost of the planned acres to be planted with the balance due within 30 days of the completion of planting. The balance due will be based on the number of actual acres planted as indicated on the acreage meter attached to the drill. **After 30 days, the unpaid balance shall bear interest at the rate of 10% per annum.**

Effective October 1, 2004, the Lessee will be required to show proof of liability insurance with an official Certificate of Insurance. Failure to provide the Certificate of Insurance will terminate any contract for use of the drill.

The unauthorized late return of the no-till drill will result in a one hundred dollar (\$100.00) per day late charge. If the Lessee keeps the drill in excess of two days over the return date (without authorization), then that Lessee cannot use the no-till drills for one calendar year following the date of the late return. To receive authorization for the late return of the drill, the Lessee must contact the District staff. The staff, if contacted, can make the decision regarding the extension of the return date for bad weather, breakdowns, etc. The call and their decision will be documented on the office copy of the contract. It is suggested that the Lessee also make note of the call and decision on his/her copy of the contract. The time for which the Lessee may have the Great Plains no-till drill in his/her possession to make the planting(s) is based on the rate of 15 acres per day, plus travel time determined by linear distance. Extenuating circumstances may be appealed to the Board of Supervisors with their decision being final. The calculated time of possession for the drill prior to a penalty charge is based on the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The Lessee will be responsible for damages to the no-till drill while in their possession. The payment for such damages shall be made to the Muskingum Soil and Water Conservation District.

A District representative will assist the first-time user in making all adjustments. The repeat user shall make the necessary adjustments unless the service of a technician is requested to assist in making the adjustments.

The no-till drill will be transported only during daylight hours and in accordance with the Ohio Motor Vehicle Laws and Ohio Revised Code pertaining to transportation of farm equipment. Anyone towing the drill must have a Reese Hitch or comparable hitch with an 8000 lb. or greater towing weight capacity. **DISTRICT VEHICLES WILL NOT BE USED TO TRANSPORT THE NO-TILL DRILL. The Lessee is responsible for transportation of the drill from the point of pickup to the farm and back to the original point of pickup. The pickup point is the District Office unless otherwise specified by the District Office.**

When using the Great Plains, magnetic-mount caution lights will be provided by the MSWCD. The Lessee is responsible for the lights being returned with the drill. The lights must be removed before the drill is used to plant and must be installed again before the drill is transported. Any damage to the lights is the responsibility of the Lessee. Lessee must have a vehicle equipped with an accessory outlet near the hitch in order to transport the drill.

NO FERTILIZER WILL BE APPLIED TO THE SOIL THROUGH THE NO-TILL DRILL.

The drill will be cleaned after use by the Lessee, using air or vacuum only for interior cleaning (seed boxes). A cleanup fee of \$25.00 will be paid at the time of application. Upon return of the cleaned drill, \$25.00 will be returned or credited toward the rental charge. Preventive maintenance will be completed by the District staff or a qualified dealer.

THE NO-TILL DRILL SHALL NOT BE USED IN MOLDBOARD OR CHISEL PLOWED FIELDS.

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