



Almost every Nebraska Continuous No-till field event includes a soils pit demonstration to educate landusers about the increased water infiltration, improved soil structure and enhanced soil health provided by continuous no-till planting systems.

Project: Nebraska Continuous No-till Project

Council/State Name: PrairieLand Resource Conservation & Development Council; Madison, Nebraska

This statewide educational project is funded with a grant from the Nebraska Environmental Trust which is administered by PrairieLand RC&D. The yearly budget of \$110,000 is used for three major educational no-till events hosted by No-till on the Plains, Inc., a non-profit educational organization providing no-till information to farmers. There are several smaller events, seminars and workshops held throughout the state with partial funding from the grant. The large events are attended by an average of 125 producers each and the project has also helped fund attendance at the winter no-till conference in Salina, KS. The project partially funds a western Nebraska no-till educator, a UNL Engineer specializing in no-till techniques and equipment and a grant administrator.

The no-till project also supports the No-till on the Plains website and Leading Edge magazine. Articles about no-till techniques, equipment, cover crops and water use are all available on the no-till listserv and website and in many publications and local newspapers. The western Nebraska no-till educator, Mark Watson, prepares a weekly no-till column and the Nebraska Farmer magazine frequently features producers in "No-till Tributes" articles. The education effort is supported by the NRCS staff, the Natural Resource Districts and their staff, other RC&Ds and some agribusinesses. A project goal of having continuous no-till planting systems used on at least one million acres of Nebraska cropland has been achieved.

Project Partners: The Nebraska Environmental Trust, No-till on the Plains, Inc., the Nebraska No-till Cadre (consisting of NRCS and UNL/Extension staff and others), Ward Laboratories, The Nebraska Farmer Magazine, the Lower Platte North, Lower Elkhorn, Lower Loup and Upper Niobrara White Natural Resources Districts.

