

Do's and Don'ts of No-Till

Select fields that are fertile, well drained and relatively weed free.

Use insecticides and herbicides as recommended and at recommended rates, in a timely manner.

Fertilize and lime according to soil test.

Plant seed varieties that are recommended for no-till drill.

Monitor fields after planting for possible insect damage.

If necessary apply additional herbicide on escape weeds.

Wait until soil warms up (50*-65*) before planting.

Use higher seedling rates.

Plan your fertilizer program in advance especially how to apply nitrogen.

Don'ts

Substitute no-till for drainage.

Cut corners with herbicides and fertilizers.

Expect no-till to be successful on poorly drained and compacted soils.

Chop, disc, chisel, plow or disturb old crop residues in any manner before no-till planting.

Use a planter that is not adapted for no-till.

Plant too fast (3-5 mph maximum).