

Farm Equipment Decisions Made Easy

Issue (Who Cares and why)

Delaware growers every day make tough decisions regarding agricultural equipment maintenance, replacement, new technology, and efficiency. Many decisions about agricultural equipment involve complex analysis of economic benefits and detailed comparison of the overall effectiveness of several different models.

What has been done?

The University of Delaware Agricultural Equipment Day was developed in cooperation with several local equipment dealers and national manufacturers to address the issues facing Delaware growers.

Impact

Approximately 180 growers, dealers and consultants attended this annual all-day meeting. Based on the information presented, those surveyed indicated the following: 84 percent would probably make changes in the area of Traction and Tractor Performance; 91 percent indicated they would attend to planter calibration; 44 percent agreed to try GPS and Advanced Ag Technology; 85 percent said combine calibration would be given high priority; and 89 percent would try deep tillage. Overall 88 percent of the surveys indicated that they would definitely like see events of this kind in the future.

Primary Impact Areas

Extension

Funding Sources

State Cooperative Extension

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