

Lifestyles

Crop residue management aid to controlling erosion

By Donnie Harris
District Conservationist

The 1984 crop season is nearing an end here in Hoke County. This year has proven to have been a better growing season than the previous three years for most crops produced in the county.

Many farmers are satisfied with their crop's production as well as the prices at the market. We did not have the hot dry weather that caused many crops in the past to suffer a decrease in production.

There has been adequate rain and sunshine to provide crops with proper moisture and growing conditions for an increase in crop yields with proper nutrients. Crop production here in the county appears to have been good for 1984.

Although we still have a number of crops in the fields to be harvested, such as corn, cotton and soybeans, now is the time to begin thinking about managing your crop residue for erosion control and possible reduction in farm operational expenses.

The harvesting of these crops may produce enough residue to provide an adequate cover of material on the soil surface to prevent soil particles from being blown or washed off your fields.

Take a few minutes and think about the advantages in managing your crop residue:

- Reduces wind and water erosion
- Possible reduction in operational expenses
- Increases organic matter in the soil
- Increases soil moisture
- Improves soil farmability

Instead of discing crop residue into the soil after harvesting your crops, save that fuel as well as the wear and tear on your equipment for the next year's growing season.

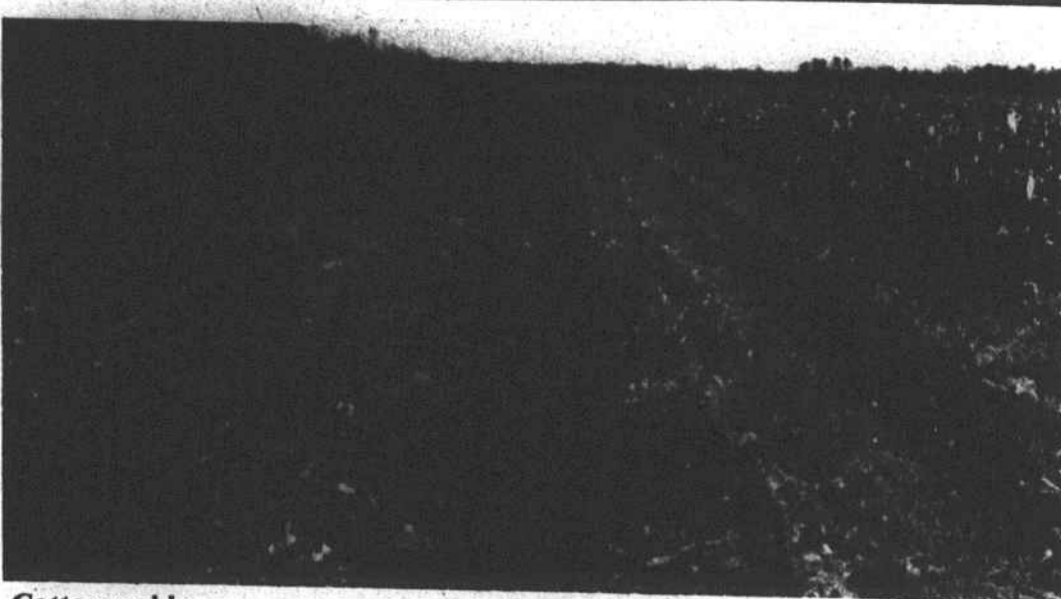
Farmers that disc crop residue into the soil surface after harvesting their crops are leaving their fields unprotected against soil erosion during the winter months of the year.

Many of you probably have noticed dust clouds blowing across fields with no residue or cover crop to protect the soil during the months of March and early April.

In these clouds are valuable topsoil, fertilizer and organic matter being removed off the land. This means a possible decrease in potential crop production.

Take time to consider crop residue management on your farm. Protect your fields from wind and water erosion.

For more information on managing your crop residue, contact the Hoke County Soil and Water Conservation District office.



Cotton residue
Cotton residue is used in this Hoke County field for erosion control.

Fall is good time to begin soil tests

By Willie Featherstone, Jr.
County Extension Chairman

With the harvest season rapidly approaching, it is time to start making some basic management decisions for next year.

First, and perhaps the most important item, on the agenda is the early collection of soil samples for nematode assay and soil testing.

By utilizing these services, growers can avoid needless applications of fertilizers, lime, and nematicides.

Early sampling for both soil testing and nematode assays has several advantages.

First of all, the turn-around time to get the results of the test is reduced.

With the increased demand on both the soil testing and nematode

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laboratories, the springtime procrastinator will end up waiting 6-8 weeks for results.

Early sampling also gives growers more time to formulate their management plans with regard to lime, fertilizer and nematode treatments that may be required.

By applying lime in the fall, the farmer can avoid the delays caused by winter rains and give the lime time to react to get the maximum benefit.

According to Dr. Ray Tucker, agronomist, and Dr. Jack Imbriani, nematologist, of the NCDA Agronomic Division, samples taken now will yield reliable assays and soil tests.

Labeling laws improve washing instructions

By Alice L. Pettitt
Home Extension Agent

If you're like most people, you check what kind of care a garment is going to require before you buy it.

In fact, a recent national survey of women showed that 55% of those interviewed always check care labels when purchasing clothing; another 28 interviewed said they usually check the care labels.

There's good news for these savvy consumers; early in 1984 the Federal Trade Commission's new rules on what those labels must say went into effect. The change was made so that the information given

Front Burner

to consumers is as precise and complete as possible.

Care labels must state what regular care is needed for the ordinary use of the product. For instance, in the past the phrase "machine wash" meant different things to different manufacturers. The FTC's new rules eliminate any ambiguity; if a label only says "machine wash" then it means that the highest possible temperature is safe to use. However, if damage is possible at (See FRONT BURNER, page 7)

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It's Not Too Late To Register

REGISTER AT THE NEXT CLASS PERIOD

Sandhills Community College

CONTINUING EDUCATION CLASSES FALL 1984



Adult Basic Education (ABE)
High School Equivalency (GED)
Adult High School (AHS)

Adult Basic Education classes are for adults 18 years of age or older who have less than an eighth grade education. Basic subjects of reading, writing and arithmetic are offered. Instruction is also given in consumer education, health, family relations and preparation for the world of work.

The High School Equivalency program is a program whereby an adult who did not complete high school may study to take the General Educational Development Test to demonstrate general education competence. Successful participants are awarded a High School Equivalency Certificate from the State Board of Education. Adult High School Class Students can earn Hoke County High School Diploma. ABE, GED and AHS classes are FREE.

HOKE COUNTY CLASSES

COURSE	BEGINS	ENDS	PLACE	TIME	DAY	COST
Accounting - Davis	Sept. 4 - Nov. 20		102	7-10pm	Tues.	\$10.00
Auto Mechanics - Vaughn	Sept. 6 - Nov. 15		Shop	6-10pm	Thur.	\$15.00
Career Planning & Job Seeking Skills-Keiso	Sept. 10 - Nov. 19		HCPL	6:30-9:00pm	Mon.	\$10.00
Ceramics I & II - Jones	Sept. 4 - Nov. 20		Chicks Ceramics	9-12am	Tues.	\$19.00
Ceramics I & II - Jones	Sept. 6 - Nov. 16		Chicks Ceramics	7-10pm	Thur.	\$19.00
Chicken Scratch/Candlewicking/Christmas Crafts - Walters	Oct. 22 - Nov. 21		OCOB	9-12 noon	M&W	\$19.00
Computers for Small Farms - Colston	Sept. 10 - Nov. 19		HHS	6:30-9:30pm	Mon.	\$10.00
Doll Making - Owen	Sept. 13 - Nov. 15		OCOB	7-10pm	Thur.	\$19.00
Financial Planning for Women - Holdridge	Sept. 6 - Oct. 11		102	7-9pm	Thurs.	\$10.00
Furniture Refinishing - Suggs	Sept. 10 - Nov. 19		OCOB	7-10pm	Mon.	\$15.00
Oil Painting - Augustoni	Sept. 6 - Nov. 15		OCOB	1-4pm	Thurs.	\$19.00
Painting on Fabric - Augustoni	Sept. 4 - Nov. 20		OCOB	1-4pm	Tues.	\$19.00
Quilting - Harrell	Sept. 5 - Nov. 21		OCOB	6:30-9:30pm	Wed.	\$15.00
Sea Grass Stool Making/Holiday Crafts with Corn Shucks - Walters	Oct. 22 - Nov. 21		OCOB	9-12 noon	M&W	\$19.00
Sewing - Smith	Sept. 5 - Nov. 21		Wayside	9-12 noon	Wed.	\$15.00
Silk Flower Making & Crafts - Bruton	Sept. 10 - Nov. 19		OCOB	7-10pm	Mon.	\$19.00
Typing - Scott	Sept. 6 - Nov. 15		8	6:30-9:30pm	Thur.	\$10.00
Upholstery, Auto - Blue	Sept. 10 - Nov. 26		211 N. Master Upholstery	6-10pm	Mon.	\$10.00
Upholstery, Furniture - Blue	Sept. 5 - Nov. 28		211 N. Master Upholstery	7-10pm	Wed.	\$10.00
Welding - Locklear	Sept. 6 - Nov. 15		HHS	7-10pm	Thur.	\$10.00
Woodcarving - McFadyen	Sept. 4 - Nov. 20		Tom's Farm	7-10pm	Tues.	\$15.00
Wreathmaking & Flower Arranging for the Holidays - Klabbatz	Sept. 13 - Nov. 1		601	7-10pm	Thur.	\$19.00
Walter-Waitress Training - Van Winkle	Sept. 18 - Oct. 16		OCOB	6-9pm	Tues.	\$10.00

ABBREVIATIONS: OCOB - Old County Office Building
OARH - Open Arms Rest Home
HCPL - Hoke County Public Library
WCB - Wayside Community Building
HHS - Hoke High School

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Contact Hank Richards, 875-2470, Continuing Education Supervisor; Locky MacDonaid, 875-2156, Continuing Education Supervisor; or Continuing Education Coordinator, Betty High, 892-6185 or 1-800-682-1848.

PLACE	DAYS	HOKE COUNTY TIME	INSTRUCTOR	BEGINS	ENDS
Ashley Heights Community Center	T&Th	6:30-9:30pm	Donna Simmons	Sept. 4 - Nov. 20	
Cameron Heights Center	M&W	12:30-3:00pm	C. Olden	Sept. 5 - Nov. 21	
Old County Office Building, Raeford	M-F	8:30-12:30 noon	C. Carter	Sept. 4 - Nov. 21	
Old County Office Building, Raeford	M-F	9:00-12:00 noon	C. Page	Sept. 4 - Nov. 21	
Old County Office Building, Raeford	M-Th	6:00-9:00pm	B. Hurst	Sept. 4 - Nov. 21	
Old County Office Building, Raeford	M-Th	9:00-11:00am	C. Rice	Sept. 4 - Nov. 21	
Open Arms Nursing Center	M&W	3:00-4:30	C. Olden	Sept. 4 - Nov. 21	
South Hoke Elementary School	T&Th	6:00-9:00pm	L. Richards	Sept. 4 - Nov. 20	
Scurlock	T&Th	6:00-9:00pm	W. Hensley	Sept. 4 - Nov. 20	
West Hoke Elementary School	T&Th	6:00-9:00pm	B. Lupo	Sept. 4 - Nov. 20	
Wayside Community Center	M&W	6:00-9:00pm	A. Hurst	Sept. 5 - Nov. 21	

HOKE COUNTY ADULT HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA PROGRAM

PLACE	DAYS	TIME	INSTRUCTOR	BEGINS	ENDS
Hoke County High School	T&Th	6:30-9:30pm	E. Gentry	Sept. 4 - Nov. 20	

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