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The Sixth Annual Southeastern No-Till Systems Conference gratefully acknowledged the late MR. TOM McCUTCHEN for his unsurpassed service and contributions to no-till research and its application. Mr. McCutchen served as Superintendent of the Milan Experiment Station from 1963 until his untimely death on June 3, 1983. Under his leadership, the Milan Station became one of the pioneer research centers in the nation for collecting scientific information on no-till crop production and soil erosion control. In 1982, approximately five thousand people from Tennessee and surrounding states attended the Annual Milan Experiment Station Field Day.

Tom's expertise and enthusiasm in no-till work were widely recognized and appreciated. He authored numerous articles and publications, presented research papers at professional meetings and regularly prepared timely articles for popular farm publications. In addition, he was very instrumental in forming and promoting the West Tennessee No-Till Association.

Much of the success of this year's conference must be attributed to Tom's aspiring efforts and dedicated spirit as he pursued the goal of successful no-till farming.

WELCOME TO THE SIXTH ANNUAL SOUTHEASTERN NO-TILL SYSTEMS CONFERENCE

Joseph E. Johnson

It is a real pleasure for me to have this opportunity to welcome farmers, professional agricultural workers, and friends to the Sixth Annual Southeastern No-Till Systems Conference, to Tennessee, and especially to Milan.

Milan is the location of the Milan Experiment Station, the Milan Arsenal, and the parental home of Dr. Andy Holt, former President of the University of Tennessee having retired in 1969.

The Milan Experiment Station and the Buford Ellington 4-H Training Center were a part of the Milan Arsenal. They were established by The University of Tennessee in 1963.

A large amount of the Experiment Station's no-till research has been conducted at the Milan Experiment Station under the direction of the late Tom McCutchen, Superintendent of the Milan Experiment Station. As you saw yesterday on the tours of the field research, a tremendous number of experiments dealing with no-till and conventional crop production methods have been developed by the Experiment Station faculty and implemented at the Milan Station. Mr. McCutchen also provided leadership and motivation for no-till crop production throughout Tennessee.

The University of Tennessee Agricultural Experiment Station has nine locations off campus where agronomic research is conducted with four of those being in West Tennessee – Ames Plantation, Grand Junction; West Tennessee Experiment Station, Jackson; Martin Experiment Station, Martin; and Milan Experiment Station here in Milan. This network of research centers provides an opportunity for field testing under different soil and climatic conditions to serve agriculture here in Tennessee. The College of Agriculture, The Agricultural Experiment Station and The Agricultural Extension Service are very important segments of The University of Tennessee, the Land-Grant University. Our total job is to teach students, conduct research, and then provide research information to farmers, consumers, and the general public.

The concern for efficient crop production and soil and water conservation has been shared by the Soil Conservation Service, Tennessee Valley Authority and other agencies as well as county, state and federal governments and local organizations. Last year the West Tennessee No-Till Association was formed to promote the adoption of no-till crop production.

Finally, let me formally welcome you to Tennessee, to Milan, one of the many locations in the state where The University of Tennessee is providing services to the public. We are delighted you are here and we know that there are many interesting and informative topics which will be discussed here today, and thank you for inviting me to play this traditional role on your program.

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