

WET CLAY SOIL MANAGEMENT FOR RICE AND SOYBEAN

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ABSTRACT

Clayey soils have a tendency to remain wet for long periods in the spring, making it difficult to plant conventionally in early April or even before May. Winter flooding, coupled with airplane seeding, or high flotation tire technology was investigated. Surface conditions and seedling establishment were

characterized under airplane seeding following (1) a 3-month flood, (2) a 3-month stale seedbed following a wetting rain, and (3) a recently tilled seedbed following a wetting rain. Characteristics of a high flotation tire planting system for both soybean and rice were observed. Experimental results and their implications will be discussed.