

## Chapter 7 Guidelines for Hosting a Tillage Day

1. Date for the Tillage Day should be a weekend in October. If out of the guidelines, it must be approved by the directors.
2. A minimum of 40 acres is needed. 80 acres would be ideal. Plow one way only depending on the acres available and owner's discretion. Set up a separate area for Cub Cadets. If space is available, smaller plows (1 to 3 bottoms) need to be separate from the larger plows. Do not limit the size of tractor and plow, limit the time and space they can plow. Example: If there is a 6 bottom plow, he can make only half the passes as a 3 bottom plow.
3. Need a Tillage Day coordinator to work with the host land owner. His top priority is to carry out the wishes of the host. He needs the authority to stop operators that are not plowing properly, or operating in an unsafe manner. He needs to be able to carry out this authority diplomatically with courtesy and respect.
4. The tillage operations are to be shut down at noon for a carry-in meal sponsored by Chapter 7. The fourth quarter meeting will follow the meal at 1:00 PM. The president needs to keep the meeting as brief as possible. The tillage operations will resume after the meeting. An evening meal arrangement is optional.
5. The land owner/host has the option to open the event up to vendors, evening activities, or a multiple day event.
6. A variety of IH implements should be encouraged, especially for smaller acres. Discs could be used ahead of plows, and field cultivators could follow behind the plows to help level the ground.
7. Tillage Day needs to be voted on at our first quarter meeting in January. They need to be scheduled at least two years in advance. If the event is cancelled because of rain, the host will be offered to first open date to reschedule.
8. The host will need to work out arrangements for the following items: Flyers to promote the event; signage to the farm or site; unloading area with assistance; tables and chairs for a meal; electric hook-ups, and port-a-pots. Chapter 7 will cover the rental costs, etc.
9. The Number One Rule will be RESPECT THE LAND OWNER'S WISHES! If the weather causes the event to be cancelled, this will be at the HOST'S discretion.

These are guidelines suggested by the Tillage Day Committee. We agree that this is a Chapter 7 sponsored event, open to any member with an IH tractor. For this reason, we feel you cannot limit the size of the tractor or plow a member brings, but you can limit the time and manner in which he will plow. All International Harvester equipment (old and new) should be welcomed to attend and join in on the activities. Let's keep SAFETY FIRST.