



## Tillage Demo Attacks Stubborn Corn Stalks

Tillage demonstrations are returning to Canada's Outdoor Farm Show in 2011 – but with a new twist.

For three days from September 13<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> in the Southwest Demo Field, eighteen top tillage equipment manufacturers will face-off and rip through corn stover showing off their iron strength against some of the hardest hybrids around. This unique tillage demo, organized in response to the challenges of today's tougher corn stalks, will be moderated by Ontario Certified Crop Advisor, Patrick Lynch.

"Today's corn stalks are harder to deal with than corn of ten years ago," says Lynch. "Today's hybrids have more mass than the hybrids of past decades. If these corn stalks are left untouched, the soil will take longer to dry out in the spring. This is not helping growers who want to plant soybeans earlier now than ten years ago."

According to Lynch, these hybrids are harder to deal with because they have more mass, there's more of them and they have more lignin. This extra lignin helps corn plants stand better but can be an issue if farmers are keen to start early spring planting.

Lynch suggests working these stalks into the soil in the fall. This allows the ground to dry out faster in the spring and allows for earlier planting. Mixing this corn stover into the topsoil reduces erosion. In fact, many believe this type of tillage is more effective in reducing erosion than no-till.

Choosing the right tillage equipment is an important step in handling corn stover. So the daily tillage demos, starting at 12:30 p.m. each day in the Southwest Demo Field, will attack the challenge head-on by showing farmers what the marketplace has to offer. Each company will have only 600 metres to work with and show off their skills. Pat Lynch will moderate the demonstrations by reviewing features and benefits before each piece of equipment takes off side-by-side to tackle the corn stover.

Equipment will be showcased by Agro Plow, Amazone, Blue-Jet, Case IH, Great Plains, Gregoire Besson, Horsch Anderson, John Deere, Kongskilde, Kverneland, Landoll, Lemken, Poettinger, Salford, Sunflower, Vaderstad, Walco and Wilrich.

To be part of this ground-breaking demonstration, take the Hyland People Movers which will shuttle attendees from both the west and east sides of the Show to the Southwest Demo Field.

Canada's Outdoor Farm Show will be held September 13, 14, and 15, 2011 at Canada's Outdoor Park in Woodstock, ON. For more information, visit [www.OutdoorFarmShow.com](http://www.OutdoorFarmShow.com) or call 1-800-563-5441.