



# WHITE RIVER NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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## White River NRCD No-Till Drill Rental Program FACT SHEET

Thank you for your interest in the White River NRCD No-Till Drill Rental Program! The White River Conservation District received inquiries and interest in the availability of a no-till seeder over the last several years as more farmers looked to implement innovative Best Management Practices (BMPs) and improve the soil health on their farms. In response to the local interest, the White River Conservation District received an Ecosystem Restoration Program grant to purchase and organize a rental program for farms in the Connecticut River watershed. The Haybuster 107C is an all-purpose seeder that can inter-seed pastures, cropland, and cover crop corn fields. Below are some facts and frequently asked questions about the program.

### **Who can use the drill?**

Farmers in the Connecticut River Watershed. Farmers in Orange and Windsor County will receive priority as it is a White River Conservation District program.

### **What type of equipment is it?**

Haybuster 107C All Purpose Drill, hydraulic lift, acre counter, single hitch w/safety chains, legume box 2.2 bu, single bottom agitator. Please see the included specification sheet for more information.

### **What is the cost?**

Free for the 2015 and 2016 season. In the next two years the district will work with farmers to determine an appropriate rental rate to cover costs of upkeep, maintenance and replacement of parts.

### **How do I sign up to use the drill?**

The White River NRCD will coordinate farm sign ups based on a first come first serve bases. The district may also coordinate according to drill location to maximize in field use. Farmers interested in using the drill should contact the conservation district for scheduling, then review and sign the rental agreement prior to picking up. Farmers provide transportation and maintenance.

### **What can I use the Haybuster 107C for?**

The drill can be used for several practices including;

*Pasture renovation:* Inter-seed legumes into pastures to increase soil health, improve nutrient recycling, and improve forage quality.

*Cropland inter-seeding and repair:* Inter-seed grasses and legumes into patchy or bare soil

*Cover Crop:* Reduce erosion and soil loss by cover cropping after fall corn harvests



For more information, please contact the White River Conservation District

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