

## CBP SPFP No-till Funding Limits

- Eligibility to receive No-till BMP payment
  - 1- Operator has never used no-till before.
  - 2- Operator has only experimented with no-till for 1- 3 year
  - 3- Operator has only no-tilled certain crops.
    - a. Grant monies could be extend to a crop that operator has not established with no-till before (example – Operator has 100% no-till corn for the last 10 years but always plows for hay establishment. Grant dollars would be allowed for the no-till hay)
- Grant monies can be extended for a maximum of 4 years (would cover 2 grants periods, if the district wants this option, but funding is not guaranteed for the 2<sup>nd</sup> cycle and the district will need to reapply)
- District would be able to set eligibility and standards higher than those listed above with the exception of the 4 year payment limit. If payments are to be extended past 4 years, Chesapeake Bay Implementation Grant Funds can not be used.
- ✓ *note:*
  - *These limits are for direct payments only and should not be reflected for equipment rental programs*
  - *These limits are for the operator's experience with no-till and not the acres that the operator farms. (example, if a operation is 100% no-till for 10 years and picks up newly rented ground that was never no-tilled, the operator is still not eligible, since he has the no-till experience*

### Justification:

- The SPFP Manual states (page 3) “the long term goal of the SPFP is **not to subsidize** agricultural operations but to improve water quality in the most cost effective manner.”
- NRCS only pays (incentive) for this practice for 1 year on farms where this practice is not already established