

# CWICNY Corn Planter No-till Retrofit Funding

CWICNY was recently awarded a grant from the Lake Champlain Basin Program to help farmers pay for modifications to their corn planters in order to make them work in a no-till system. While focused on Clinton, Essex and Washington counties, any New York Farmer located in the **Lake Champlain Basin** with a corn planter and a desire to go no-till may be eligible.

Since reduced tillage and no-till practices can prevent the use of conventional corn planters, No-Till planting equipment is required to obtain best results. There are No-Till/Conservation corn planters available, but many existing conventional corn planters can be modified to do planting in reduced tillage or no tillage situations. Because proper placement of the seeds is extremely important for optimum emergence, early growth, and eventual yield, choosing the proper openers, seed firmers and furrow closers is an important aspect of a no-till retrofit. If approved for funding, a technical expert will work with you to determine what parts you need to buy to convert your planter to no-till.

**The sign-up deadline is August 31, 2020 to be considered for the cost sharing opportunity.**

**To apply, you can contact your local Soil and Water Conservation District:**

Clinton County SWCD 518-561-4616, ext 3 <http://clintoncountyswcd.org/>

Essex County SWCD 518-962-8225, <http://www.essexcountyswcd.org/>

Franklin County SWCD 518-651-2097, <http://fcswcd.org/>

Warren County SWCD 518-623,3119, <https://warrenswcd.org/>

Washington County SWCD 518-692-9940, ext 5. <https://washingtoncountyswcd.org/>