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Hale Farms Testimonial (*excerpt taken from the February 2003 issue of Tiller Focus*)

Ken Hale, of Hale Farms, was gracious enough to take time out of his busy schedule to discuss his operation and his recent purchase of a Northwest Tiller. We thank him for this testimonial and the great enthusiasm he has for our product.

Hale Farms is a 1700 acre operation located in the San Joaquin Valley in California. This farm has been in operation since 1915, with Ken taking over in 1976. Hale Farms currently produces cotton, tomatoes, seed alfalfa and corn.

In 2001 Ken took part in a fall demonstration of the Northwest Tiller. During that next year they monitored the progress of the field where the demo took place. In September of 2002 they purchased their first Northwest Tiller Field Bedder because of the results they saw in that field.

Ken stated that in the area he is farming the soil is compacted. The compact soil creates difficulties because crops are not able to retain the necessary amount of water needed for adequate growth. With water shortages [past and present] it is important that all water is used as efficiently as possible. In just one pass with the Northwest Tiller, the ground allowed for ample penetration creating healthier and fuller crops. This process left more organic residue in the bed versus on top of the ground.

He says they've seen crop increases of $\frac{1}{4}$ to **$\frac{1}{2}$** bale per acre. He's saving as much as \$70 per acre and not working any ground wet. On a final note, Ken stated that the Northwest Tiller will pay for itself in one season.

One Tough Tiller