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Table 1. Linear correlations between logarithmic transformation of six-year mean yields and penetrometer resistance values from four reclamation treatments in Illinois (Vance et al., 1992).

Soil depth - - - - - - - - Crop - - - - - - - -

Segment Corn Soybeans

Correlation Coefficient (r2)

23-45 cm -0.97\* -0.91†

45-68 cm -0.96\* -0.99\*\*

68-91 cm -0.96\* -0.99\*\*

91-112 cm -0.96\* -0.99\*\*

Avg. 91-112 cm -0.98\* -0.99\*\*

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†, \*, \*\*, Statistically significant at the 0.10, 0.05, and 0.01 levels of probability, respectively.

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Figure 2. University of Kentucky students on a field trip in western Kentucky.

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Table 2. Corn yield response to deep tillage (TLG-12 to 80 cm depth) on scraper placed mine soil (Hooks et al., 1987).

Treatment 1985 1986 Mean

- - - - - - - - -- - - - - - - Yield, Mg/ha - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -

Scraper w/ TLG tillage 7.46 a† 6.21 a 6.83

Scraper no tillage 5.71 b 3.13 b 4.42

Undisturbed Stoy soil‡ 5.89 b 4.26 b 5.07

† Values followed by the same letter within a year are not significantly different at *p* = 0.05 level.

‡ Stoy soil is classified as fine-silty, mixed, mesic Aquic Hapludalfs.

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