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COMPOST MOUNDS NO TILL PUMPKINS

I did not address irrigation in my early narrative because it was not a factor this year due to the higher than average rainfall we experienced. The irrigation system for both plots was ready to be put into use if conditions had warranted.

Looking at the big picture, the use of compost mounds provides a producer with an alternate production method. This method is an excellent choice for highly erodible fields because it leaves the sod in place. Leaving the sod in place enables the producer to utilize fields that they would not ordinarily use in their rotations. I plan to continue the use of compost mounds on my farm. It will be interesting to see what happens in the second growing season using the same mounds.

I will be submitting articles to local county extension services for publication in their monthly newsletters.

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