



FROM THE PRESIDENT

Mark Twain once said, “Everyone talks about the weather but no one does anything about it!”. That certainly is true this year. The drought continues not only in Wisconsin but also in a major portion of the U.S. Some areas of Wisconsin have been fortunate enough to have received rain, which has helped keep crops alive, while the rain has been too late to save some of the field corn. The soybeans continue to hang on. The one highlight so far this year has been the wheat harvest. Yields in most cases have been excellent with a lot of straw.

Pea harvest is completed with very disappointing yields. Processors are reporting that the pack was well below budget. Snap bean yields have been sporadic. The heat has caused a significant amount of blossom blast, thus reducing yields. Sweet corn harvest is in full swing with yields in the 8-9 ton range in the irrigated areas, and 5-6 tons in the dry land areas.

Insect pressure has been heavy this year. Spider mites have been a serious problem in soybeans. Western Corn Rootworm Beetles have been clipping silks in field, seed and sweet corn. Snap beans continue to be sprayed for Corn Borer and Western Bean Cutworm.

The potato crop looks excellent at this time. However, late blight has been found in central and northern Wisconsin so growers are tightening up their spray intervals and increasing their fungicide rates. This looks like the year where potatoes are going to be cheap. So much for high food prices.

The drought will certainly have far reaching effects, which will be felt for the next several years. With all of the press coverage about increased food prices, consumers are getting nervous. A couple of locker plants said they are getting calls from people wanting to purchase beef quarter, halves or whole carcasses. This fall will probably be the best time to purchase beef because with the feed shortage, herds will be culled. Dairy farmers are going to be buying feed along with other livestock producers if they can find it. The main issue is that consumers do not realize that farmers are not making significantly more money than in the past, but that the drought is the cause of the increase in food prices.

We at T H understand the ups and downs of agriculture because of our 30 years in the business. We will continue to work with you through these tough times and be here to enjoy the good times. Thanks for your support again this year. It is appreciated!

Sincerely,

Robert L. Zimpel, President



RECYCLING CONTAINERS

The recycling of containers will again take place in Wisconsin. T H Agri-Chemicals, Inc. supports and encourages recycling of agricultural plastic containers and would like to provide information about recycling services. Here is a list of our local sites:

If you have any question with regard to how CSN will accommodate your recycling needs, please don't hesitate to contact Sheri DeMars toll free at 866-225-6629.

Robert Dinkel
Marketing Manger

Date	Company	Contact	City	County
7/24/2012	CPS	Bryan Cullen	Plainfield	Waushara
9/17/2012	Agricair LLC	Tim Rourke	Bancroft	Portage
9/17/2012	Reabe Spraying Services	Jeff Reabe	Plainfield	Waushara
9/17/2012	Reabe Spraying Services	JR	Plover	Portage
9/26/2012	CPS	Bryan Cullen	Plainfield	Waushara
10/25/2012	Wysocki Produce Farm	OJ	Plainfield	Portage
10/25/2012	Jay-Mar	Dave Warner	Plover	Portage

POTATO VINE KILLING TIPS

Growers have a number of tools for potato vine dessicants. One vine killer that will not be available is Rely 280. This product was used as a herbicide in other crops and is not available at the present time.

Fresh market potatoes have Aim EC, Vida, Reglone (Diquat) available. Gramoxone (Parazone) is also available but cannot be used on storage potatoes.

Each dessicant requires a non-ionic surfactant to be added to help the product work better. Also, adding Hook at 1 quart/100 gallons has been shown to help kill heavy vines and stems. Give us a call for rates and advice.

Steve Rosenthal, CCA

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LAMBSQUARTERS

POTATOES RUNNING OUT OF GAS???

The heat and heavy irrigation has taken a toll on the potato crop as well as other crops. Additional nitrogen at this time really is not a good option. Growers tried something in 2005 when we had similar conditions and had great success. The use of Messenger Gold at 2 ounces per acre may give you a non-nitrogen boost to help get that crop through this stress period. Messenger Gold can be mixed with any fungicide or insecticide program. Give us a call if you have any questions.

Steve Rosenthal

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CHEF ROBERT'S RECIPES



I WAS TOTALLY SURPRISED WHEN I CAME ACROSS SOME RECIPES THAT WERE USING LAMBSQUARTERS. MORE SURPRISING IS THAT THEY CAME FROM UPSCALE RESTAURANTS FROM NEW YORK TO SAN FRANCISCO. IT LOOKS LIKE WE ARE MISSING A MARKETING OPPORTUNITY! IN CASE YOU HAVE A DESIRE TO HAVE YOUR SIGNIFICANT OTHER COOK UP THIS TASTY TREAT, I HAVE POSTED A COUPLE OF RECIPES ON OUR WEBSITE! ENJOY!

FUMIGATION

T H Agri-Chemicals, Inc. will be ready to provide you with the best fumigation job possible – bar none. We are currently getting training on the new laws and also updating our equipment to give you the best bang for your buck. Many changes to the fumigation laws will occur in the next couple of years and we will keep you informed of how they affect you.

Let us know which fields you will be fumigating so we can get them in to the fumigation management plan process and get the copies to you.

Steve Rosenthal, CCA

APPLES

Harvest has started at Hillcrest. While we don't have a lot of early apples, we are harvesting Paula Red, Dandee Reds, and Red Free. Zestar will probably be ready in about a week.

We are planning to open our farm market the week of August 13th. Everything continues to be 10 days to two weeks ahead of schedule. I will have some prices put together soon on the various varieties that we have available for sale this year. I intend to sell orchard run in 20 bushel bins. With the current wholesale price on apples, the cost of bringing apples in from Washington state may be prohibitive. I will keep you posted.

APPLE PICKERS NEEDED! I know many of you work with migrant laborers. I have several apple growers, including myself, that are looking for pickers. If you can put us in touch with contractors that may have workers available or know workers that are available please contact me.

Bob Zimpel



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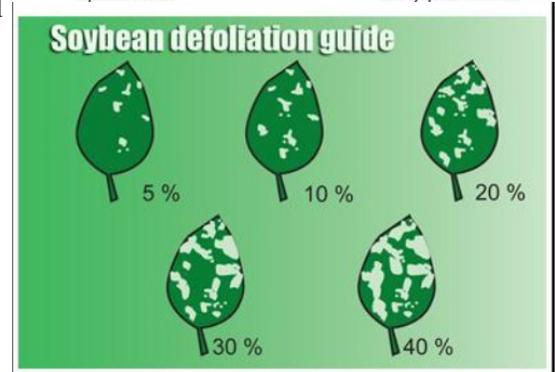
JAPANESE BEETLES IN SOYBEANS AND CORN

Last year we saw this pest become a problem, and I am sorry to report they are back! Numbers are increasing in the yards and home gardens across the state. Although the numbers are still low in most crops in the state, we have seen them on the increase in the southeastern part of the state. The populations should be increasing in the next few weeks. In soybeans the primary injury would be from leaf defoliation, treatment is not recommended until 30 % defoliation till bloom and 20 % defoliation between bloom and pod fill. Scout the entire field as they tend to conjugate along the edges, also sample leaves from the entire plant and not just the top. Corn treatment is recommended when 3 or more beetles are present and when the silks have been clipped to ½ in and when pollination is less than 50 percent complete. Please review the chart provided for an estimate in defoliation, when determining if you need to treat your soybeans. T H has the products used you need to control this pest. Please give us a call if you have questions.



Japanese beetles

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AVIPEL—LIQUID & DRY

Because Avipel has a Section 18 label, the company Arkion is required to take the product back this year. If you have any Avipel that you have left over this year you will need to have it returned to T H by September 1st, 2012 to receive credit. All products must be in their original containers, unopened. Partial or opened containers will not be accepted.

WHEAT SEED AVAILABLE

The variety test results are in and the Legacy wheat performed very well. Four of their wheat varieties yielded over 100 bu across the four test sights. LW 1155 is even getting close to 120 bushel at Chilton (that's impressive compared to the past years). We have seen a lot of change in the genetics and have a lot of new varieties again this year. All Legacy wheat varieties are treated with the best fungicide and insecticide, along with the Sabrex root growth promoter at no extra charge. The supplies are great, and all their wheat is raised locally. Best news is that the price did not go up from last year. Give Steve or myself a call today to reserve your top yielding wheat.

Jeff Luttrupp, CCA

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COVER CROPS

If you are thinking about planting a cover crop, give us a call. We have access to a line of, winter peas, radish, crimson clover, turnips and others. We also offer some mixes for pastures and emergency feed. Please remember that herbicides used in the previous crop can have long plant back restrictions, which can limit and or eliminate some of the choices. Cover crops aid in reducing erosion, improving soil health, increasing earthworm populations, reducing compaction, improving water quality, and their ability to produce and scavenge nitrogen. Call T H to find out more or visit www.plantcovercrops.com.

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T H RETURN POLICY

T H will accept product returns only if the product is in clean, re-salable condition. We will not accept dirty, water stained, or greasy containers. Any containers that have been opened or the seals broken will not be accepted. The policy is for everyone's protection against contamination. Remember, don't send anything back that you would not accept if we were delivering it to you. We will also need products returned in a timely fashion.

We will be unable to accept returns on Herbicides or Insecticides after August 17th, 2012.

Christmas Trees



Dry, Dry, Dry or Wet, Wet, Wet

We have seen a variable weather pattern in the state this year. Many growers have not seen rain while others have had an over abundance. Growers need to scout fields, because different environments have different insect and disease problems. Give me a call with your situation.

2012 WCTPA Convention

Plan to attend the tree convention at Schroeder's Forevergreen plantation and support Tom and Sue who have put a lot of work in to making the convention a success. The convention will be held in the Montello/Harrisville area on August 24 – 25, 2012. Give Cheryl a call at 608-742-8663 if you have any questions.

Roundup (Glyphosate) price increase! Supply ??

The price of all formulations of glyphosate have had recent price increases. Additional increases may occur in the future. The supply of glyphosate will also be temporarily limited. (Especially the glyphosate without a surfactant.) I hope to have product for sale at the convention. Give me a call with your chemical needs and I can bring them along to the convention.

Steve Rosenthal, CCA

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