
FROM THE PRESIDENT

What a difference from last year. Last year spring came early and stayed. This year we can't get winter to end. The snow storm was widespread, with snow falling as far south as Missouri. One of our customers in Missouri said they were picking morel mushrooms in the snow.

Here in the Central Sands we have gotten a considerable amount of potato acreage planted along with some peas and I am aware of some sweet corn and field corn. Snap bean planting will start soon. However, many areas of the state won't be doing field work for several days yet.

This one bright spot for T H is that the weather has allowed us to keep up with deliveries. Many chemicals are allocated or in short supply this year so with the delayed planting we have been able to get product in a timely fashion and get orders delivered. If you haven't ordered your chemicals yet please give us a call so we can make sure you have product when you need it.

If you have any questions on any of the recommendations or products mentioned in this newsletter please feel free to call us or go online and send an email to the expert listed in the article. You can find the experts online and send an email to the one that has expertise in the crops you are interested in.

Thank you again for your support, it is appreciated!

Sincerely,

Robert L. Zimpel
President



OH DEER! - BROWSE BAN DEER REPELLENT

The average deer will eat approximately 2,000 lbs. of commercial produce or ornamental plants (orchards, nurseries, Christmas trees, etc.) a year. Growers now have an option to deter deer and other animals from fields.

Browse Ban can be sprayed directly on crops and be mixed with other crop protection materials. Browse Ban gives 3 different modes of action: #1 - scent aversion, #2 - taste aversion, and #3 - irritant aversion (burning).

Application of Browse Ban at a rate of 1 gallon to 100 gallons of water, and apply at least 15 gallons per acre of water. Give us a call for more information.

Steve Rosenthal, CCA

*****BrowseBan is manufactured by Repellex USA.***

STRAWBERRIES

As you know, I do not cover my strawberries; it looks like they have come through the winter in good shape. I put on 100 lbs. of 13-13-13 fertilizer per acre on May 1st. We also put on Chlorpyrifos 4E and MetaStar 2E. I have done this the past few years and have not had a mite problem. The Metastar 2E has done an excellent job of controlling leather rot.

When you start your fungicide program add 3-5 lbs. to 20-20-20 per acre along with 3 ozs of Messenger Gold. This will help with yield, size and keeping quality.

Bob Zimpel

****Chlorpyrifos 4E is a registered trademark of Makhteshim Agan; MetaStar 2E is a registered trademark of LG; Messenger Gold is a registered trademark of Plant Health Care.**

CRANBERRIES

We have seen some spring like weather this past week. Many growers are busy getting their irrigation up and running and putting on a trash flood. Soon it will be frost watch time!

We have been getting some orders out while working around the road postings. We have a good supply of Casoron, Evital, Select Max and Callisto on hand. Remember to check your "hockey sticks" (Red Weedars), we carry replacement wipers and new sticks that we can send out with your spring orders if you need them.

Give myself or Bob a call with any questions or if you would like to place an order.

Craig Raha

****Red Weedars are a registered trademark of Smucker Mfg; Casoron by Chemtura Corp; Evital by Amvac; Callisto by Syngenta; Select Max by Valent.**

APPLES

You will see a picture of how Hillcrest looked on May 3rd below. The tree and buds were completely covered with ice. Fortunately, I do not believe we are far enough along to have any damage from it. The last Saturday of April we applied Dormant oil and added copper (Badge SC) to our fire blight susceptible varieties. Because the Zestar were a little advanced over other varieties we put some mancozeb on with the oil. The weather turned extremely warm and we applied mancozeb (Koverall) and Sovran on Tuesday and Wednesday. We plan to spray again this week, May 7th, with mancozeb and Scala.

It looks like a moderate to good crop at this time for those of us who had a crop last year. For those of you who didn't have a crop last year I would brush up on my thinning procedures because there is a good chance for a snowball blossom.

Bob Zimpel

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ORCHARD WEED CONTROL

Rely 280SL is unavailable this year. Rely 280SL and Liberty 280SL are the same material but labeled differently. Rely is registered for orchard weed control and Liberty is registered for soybeans. Bayer CropSciences, which manufactures both products, has decided to produce only Liberty because of the demand in the soybean market.

Reckon 280SL, made by Solera ATO, LLC, is a generic product similar to Rely. We will have a limited amount available in mid to late May. If you are interested in some Reckon please give Craig or myself a call.

Bob Zimpel

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THE CRYSTAL BALL

I have mentioned that we may see some decreases in fertilizer prices as we move forward. A lot can change the price, from prevent plant acres to the price of the commodities. We have seen drops especially on Potash of up to \$50.00/ton from last fall. Nitrogen continues to drop slowly from the highs in January and February, caused by weak demand along with high inventories and the carry over potential from last year's drought. Nice weather last fall allowing Ammonia applications could allow further drops as we move into side dress time. If the price moves, be ready to act on it.

TH Agri-Chemicals can supply you with the best truckload pricing if that happens. Please remember, it could very easily go the other way too, although I don't see it happening.

Jeff Luttrupp, CCA



WHEAT UPDATE

We are experiencing some winterkill in some areas of WI. The problems may have started in January from the loss of snow cover or the prolonged ice sheets in April, which limited the plants respiration resulting in death. Whatever the cause, lets walk your fields this week and take a closer look at them. The impact of the planting date (the earlier the better it appears), and also the variety are huge factors this year. At the university test locations at Chilton they are seeing a 25% to 100% mortality, and at the Arlington location it is 15% to 70% loss. Remember, even brown dried leaves do not necessarily indicate injury and also green leaves are not a sure sign that the crop survived either. The best way to assess the field is to dig roots and look for new growth. Stands with less than 12 plants per square foot probably should not be kept. If you are going to kill off the wheat and rotation to another crop, please remember crop restrictions on previous chemicals and fertilizer applied.

If you keep wheat, don't skimp on the nitrogen, because that light stand still has potential. If you are starting to see weed growth, the cheapest way to go is 2 -4 D. If you have white cockle, mustard, or pennycress you may want to tank-mix in some Affinity Broadspec. The safest herbicide is Huskie, because it doesn't contain 2 -4D. Keep an eye on the fields for early disease development. Applications of Bumper will stop it dead but does not give any residual. I like Stratego the best because the amount of residual you get for the money. Keep in mind if you are on the eastern side of the state, or you have ever experienced head scab, you should consider ProSaro 421 SC at heading. We have seen big yield decreases from head scab under optimum conditions. Best of luck with your decisions; call if you have questions or need to place an order.

Jeff Luttrupp, CCA

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NEW! NEW! NEW!

ABM has developed two new products for growers to help increase the bottom line. The products have shown great yield increases in corn and soybeans through the use of Sabr Ex technology. Yield increases of 5-7 bushels are common.

Snap beans now have the same technology in Graph Ex SA for green beans as a planter box treatment. One 25 oz. package treats 2500 lbs. of seed. The approximate cost would be \$4.70/acre for 70 lbs. of seed/acre.

Alfalfa/cover also has a product called Graph Ex SA with the same technology. Last year we saw 1/2 ton increases per cutting. One 4 oz. package treats 100 lbs. of seed.

Please give us a call for more information or if you would like to order some product.

Steve Rosenthal, CCA



HOW'S THE HAY?

If you're like most people, the harsh winter didn't do any favors for your alfalfa. Unless you've decided to re-seed this spring, the next step is to take it out. RoundUp Ready alfalfa can be effectively killed by using 2,4-D at a rate of 2/3 per pint per acre with Weedone LV6 for less than \$3.00/acre.

The other route to kill non-RoundUp Ready alfalfa would be 1 quart of glyphosate spiked with 2/3 pint of Weedone LV6. These applications would work under no-till or till operations, DO NOT forget that the 2,4-D label states that corn cannot be planted prior to 7 days after application.

If you have any questions or need to place an order, give us a call!

Aaron Lohr

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HOURS**
**MONDAY THRU
FRIDAY**
7:00 A.M.— 5:30 P.M.
&
SATURDAYS
7:00 A.M.—NOON
Thank you!

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 July 31st, 2013.

TRUCK FOR SALE

2005 Ford F250 4X4 Supercab Lariat 8' Box
Engine: 5.4L-FI
Current Mileage: 197,839
Transmission: 5 Speed Automatic
Color: White
Interior: Gray leather interior
Price: \$6,500

Call if you would like more information
or stop by to check it out!



WHAT IS INSTIGATE ALL ABOUT?

Instigate is a combination of rimsulfuron (BASIS) and mesotrione (CALLISTO) labeled on corn up to V2 emergence. It gives you an option to make a mix of me-too-lachlor (PARALLEL) and Instigate similar to that in Lumax EZ. It is very economical and is in a dry, easy to use formula. The rates are low so there is no need to handle the bulk chemicals like some of the competing products. Rates from 4 to 7oz/acre; it comes in a 210oz jug.

There is a shortage of Callisto this year, so we will have to look for some other options and Instigate may be the one for you. To learn more about saving some money give us a call.

Jeff Luttrupp, CCA

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