

FROM THE PRESIDENT

What a difference a year makes. Last year we couldn't get it to rain, and this year we can't get it to quit. We have had significant problems getting crops planted and harvested. Processors have had a difficult time getting peas and sweet corn planted. Sweet corn is still being planted, but should be finished by July 4th. Pea harvest is in full swing, but some acreage has been passed because fields have been too wet for the harvesters to get through. Pea yields have been affected by disease pressure from all of the rain. Snap bean harvest is going on in Illinois.

Strawberry harvest at Hillcrest has been a struggle. We had an excellent crop, but after three days the rain came. The rains were so heavy that towns like Boscobel and Gays Mills flooded; many roads were washed out or closed because of mud slides. Needless to say, with roads closed from rain, people not wanting to pick in the rain and water logged berries, we will probably only get about ½ of our crop harvested. We will be done picking by July 6th.

The weather has made farming a bigger challenge than most years. Crops did not get planted, we are having difficulty harvesting crops and we are starting to see more disease show up in various crops such as late blight in potatoes. Unless we get a drastic change in weather, we can expect insect and disease issues for the rest of the summer.

I know that those of us who have chosen agriculture as a profession understand the ups and downs that we face from year to year. I also know that we are a hardy and optimistic group, and will handle whatever obstacles are thrown our way through hard work and perseverance. I hope everyone had an opportunity to spend a little time with family and friends this 4th of July; to enjoy parades, fireworks, brats, beer and picnics. I also hope that everyone did take a few minutes to reflect on the sacrifices that so many people have made to make and keep this a free country. Maybe even spend a little time explaining to your children and grandchildren that the 4th of July is more than fireworks and good times. Happy belated 4th of July everyone.

Sincerely,

Robert L. Zimpel
President



*Happy Birthday
America!*



LATE BLIGHT ALERT!

Growers are aware that late blight has been confirmed in Adams and Sauk counties. Fortunately there are many options to manage this disease. We have ample supplies of late blight fungicides on hand: Curzate, Tanos, Previcur Flex, Revus Top, Gavel and Zampro to name a few. Give us a call today if you need product, have questions or need recommendations.

Steve Rosenthal, CCA

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APPLES

Everyone seems to have a large crop of apples in the making. There are a few reports of hail in various areas of the state, but it doesn't appear to have done significant damage. We have had numerous reports of active scab in orchards. With all of the rain we have had, this doesn't surprise me. If you see problems in your orchard I would recommend that you use Sylitt FL at 3 pints/acre to try and eliminate it. Use two applications 7 days apart. It can be mixed with your regular fungicides.

We also have plenty of insecticides and miticides available to help control any pest issues that may arise.

Remember, there is going to be a huge crop of apples in the U.S., possibly the largest ever so we need to make every effort to produce a quality crop this year.

If you have any questions, or need recommendations on apples or any fruit crops, please give Craig or myself a call.

Bob Zimpel

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MESSENGER GOLD

Potato growers should remember to apply Messenger Gold at the proper timing. 2 ounces of Messenger Gold should be applied in each application. This application will improve plant health and also reduce common scab.

Fresh Market Potatoes:

Application 1: Tuber initiation

2: 2-3 weeks later

3: 2 weeks before vine kill

Seed Potatoes:

Application 1: At hooking

2: 2-3 weeks later

Messenger Gold is compatible with all pesticides including oil based products.

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STRAWBERRIES

Even though many of you are in the middle of harvest, it won't be long until we need to do renovation. Some of the products available to us are as follows:

Formula 40 – 1 quart per acre

Apply before mowing. Leave for several days. This will control a wide spectrum of Broadleaf weeds. **Do not apply after August 1st.**

Stinger – 1/3 pint to 2/3 pint per acre

Controls: Canada thistle, smart weeds and clover. Apply if you see some of these weeds after mowing and the growth has started.

Arrow 2EC– 6 oz to 8 oz per acre PLUS 1% Crop Oil (1 gallon per 100 gallons of water) ;This will control many of the annual grasses.

Spartan – 4 oz to 8 oz per acre – apply no more than 12 oz/acre/year ; Can be applied after renovation, or at spring or fall dormancy.

My weed control program has been as follows:

Formula 40 before mowing.

Stinger and Arrow 2EC if needed to control the weeds and grasses that may come through after renovation.

I also do a combination of Spartan and Chateau WDG in the fall after dormancy; this combination is a little pricy, but has given me excellent weed control. I also put on 100 lb/acre of 13-13-13 after mowing. Once we get new growth established, a couple of fungicide sprays.

So far there is no sign of spotted wing drosophila either in traps or in the fruit. In observations in Wisconsin and other states, the fruit flies have shown a strong preference for raspberries over strawberries. In other northern states, adult flies have not been trapped before July 1. It looks like we will get through strawberry season without any issues and maybe raspberry season as well.

Please remember to read and follow all label instructions before using any pesticides. Please give Craig or myself a call with any questions you may have.

Bob Zimpel

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PREVENT PLANT ACRES



If you're one of the many farmers that were unable to get into the wet fields this spring, you may be thinking about planting cover crops. Cover crops are an excellent way to build your soil profile through aeration and green manure along with the added benefits of potential feed in the fall. If feed is your goal, T H can provide Sudan grass, oats, peas, clover, barley and many more but these supplies will go fast so don't hesitate. A grower favorite for feed is a crimson clove and pile driver radish mix @ 20 lbs/acre that can be expected to winter kill. If soil nutrients is more your aim, we have a wide variety of nitrogen scavengers and producers such as Berseem Clover, Rape and turnips that can expect winterkill. Inoculating your cover crops to improve root structure and nutrient uptake is always an added benefit. Whatever your goal is we can tailor a mix to meet your exact needs. These supplies are limited and are flying off the shelf so order today. There will be no returns on cover crop seed.

Aaron Lohr



CRANBERRIES

Cranberries are starting to bloom and the bees are in. The insecticides available during bloom are Confirm 2F, Intrepid 2F, and Altacor. Remember if you are planning to use Intrepid 2F to check to see if your marsh is in the Karner Blue Butterfly habitat. If you have any questions give me a call and I can check the maps. You can also go to www.epa.gov/espp/ you will need to click on "Bulletin Live". Then you will pick the state and county you are in. You need to have this document on site when applying Intrepid 2F. I will also send a copy of this document when the product is delivered. The documents change month to month. If you have any questions feel free to give me a call.

Craig Raha

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INSECTS ARE ABUNDANT - TIME TO SCOUT!

This is what is on the horizon for bugs. We are getting a lot of calls about alfalfa insects, and we need to watch for Aphids, Leafhoppers, and Grasshoppers. Some of you may already have swept your fields but it needs to be done again. You can spray up to 1 day prior to harvest with products like Silencer or Paradigm to control insects.

Be alert for soybean aphids as pressure is rapidly increasing. Aphids are really early this year so we will have to scout weekly. Keep an eye on the edges of the field and watch for any spots that appear to be stressed. The current threshold for aphids is still at 250 per plant. If you need to spray consider using a longer lasting material like Leverage. Products like Silencer and Fanfare will do a excellent job controlling the pest but provide very little residual. We are also keeping an eye out for Japanese Beetles in next few weeks.

For corn and wheat look out for Armyworms. In wheat watch the lodged areas and in corn watch the grassy areas or where you had rye planted. A few calls regarding Slugs in corn have come in recently. The feeding has been minor and there really is not a good chemical to control the slugs. Hope for dry weather, it is the best control for slugs.

In general keep the sweep net handy in the next few weeks and TH's phone number on speed dial!

Jeff Luttrupp, CCA

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T H SUMMER 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.

Christmas Trees



WET- WET- WET!

2013 has blessed (or cursed) us with an abundance of moisture. This environment can be attractive to both disease and insects. Wet conditions with warm temperatures can rapidly increase the development of these issues. Growers should scout plantations on a weekly basis for potential problems.

Pre-emergent herbicides may also be starting to weaken with all of the rain. There are some options for spraying if weeds and grass start to escape. Give us a call with any questions.

Steve Rosenthal, CCA

GET HOOKED!

Wet and warm weather can prove to be a challenge for effective fungicide, insecticide and herbicide applications. Some of these pesticides now recommend the addition of a surfactant and penetrant to improve performance.

Hook is a product that can address these issues all in one package. Hook has a surfactant, sticker, penetrant, deposition agent and low drift all in one easy to use formulation. Add Hook at a rate of 1 quart/ per 100 gallons. Always add Hook last!

Steve Rosenthal, CCA

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pH & INSECTICIDE PERFORMANCE

Many of today's insecticides will breakdown when pH's of the water are too high. Chem-Stik LpH can help correct this problem. The reduction of the pH will help insecticides last longer and work better. As a general guide use 16-48 ounces per 100 gallons of spray solution. Start with 16 ounces and test the pH again to see if you are now in the 5.0-6.0 range. Continue at 8 ounce increments until the desired pH is reached. Give us a call with questions.

Steve Rosenthal, CCA

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