

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

Mother Nature continues to make life interesting this year. Not only for us in agriculture but the entire U.S. with heavy rain, flash floods and forest fires. After we had a week of 90 degree temperatures the next week we are setting record low high temperatures. The 90 degree temperatures pushed maturity on some crops. One week some snap beans were passed, the next week bean pickers were sitting because of the cool weather slowing things back down. By the time you receive this newsletter pea harvest should be completed and sweet corn harvest should be starting in the Central Sands. Snap bean harvest is in full swing with good yields reported. Carrot digging is just beginning. With all of the late planted sweet corn and snap beans we had better hope for a very late frost.

There is a huge apple crop this year. Most people east of the Mississippi did not have an apple crop last year and all of the energy went into producing fruit buds for this years crop. I am going to speculate and say that I look for a record apple crop in the U.S. this year. Apples and cranberry yields are determined the previous year in August. If you have a heavy fruit load then the energy goes into the fruit production and not the fruit buds thus a smaller crop for the next year. The cranberry crop has the potential to be good to excellent this year, however, with the surplus on hand this may not be the best thing. Wheat is being harvested with yields in the 90-100 bushel range being common. There are a number of reports of fields being flattened by storms and growers are having to combine one way.

Insect pressure in most crops is non-existent, although we have sprayed a few soybean fields for aphids. Processors have been spraying snap beans and are getting ready to gear up to spray sweet corn.

We hope you find the information in this newsletter helpful. You can find a copy of this newsletter along with other information about TH on our website. If you see ways that we can improve our newsletter and website please feel free to contact us. We can handle constructive criticism!

Just to note also, we will be closed on Labor Day weekend so all of our employees can enjoy a long weekend! Thanks again for all your support. It is appreciated!

Sincerely,

Robert L. Zimpel  
President



**PLEASE SUPPORT  
YOUR LOCAL  
FARM MARKETS**



### BABY ANNOUNCEMENT—IT'S A BOY!

T H employee Aaron Tubbs and his wife Diane were blessed with their first child, a baby boy, on July 28th, 2013. He was born on Sunday evening at 8:00 pm, weighed 5 lbs and 9.5 ozs and is 19 inches long.

All of us at T H want to wish Aaron and Diane congratulations and many blessings with their beautiful new baby boy Ethan Aaron Tubbs.

## WHEAT FOR SALE

T H will again be handling the wheat line from Legacy Seeds. The variety results are not out yet, but they have performed very well in the past years.

At present time there isn't any pricing available. Supplies will be okay but not plentiful, order the varieties you want early to ensure you will get them.

Jeff Luttrupp, CCA

## FUMIGATION

Fumigation season will be here soon. We are currently upgrading our equipment and our applicators are getting trained and recertified to comply with the new fumigation laws. Give us a call to get on the schedule to get your job done by the best in the business.

Steve Rosenthal, CCA

## SECOND GENERATION COLORADO POTATO BEETLE

The second generation Colorado potato beetles are evident in many fields. Second generation beetles usually are more voracious feeders than the first. Scout fields weekly for this damaging pest.

There are many products available to growers. Generally speaking, we want to avoid using products that we used for the first generation.

Coragen, Besiege and Blackhawk all are good choices. Coragen and Besiege both work better with the addition of Methylated seed oil (MSO) at the rate of  $\frac{1}{2}$  gallon per 100. If you are using Super Tin or Agri-tin in the mix, do NOT use Methylated seed oil (MSO) as it may cause severe burning and premature vine dessication. Give us a call with questions.

Steve Rosenthal, CCA

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## APPLES FOR SALE

Hillcrest Orchard will have the following apple varieties available for sale this fall.

Zestar	Gala
Honeycrisp	Empire
MacIntosh	Cortland
Smoothie	
Red & Golden Delicious	

Contact Bob at  
(715) 335-6343 or  
(715) 570-7091 (cell)

## FERTILIZER PRICES IN TURMOIL

The potash cartel is starting to unravel. For years the potash production and pricing has been controlled by two cartels. Canpotex, which Potash Corp, Mosaic and Agrium are part of and Belarusian Potash Co. which was the European cartel that marketed potash for Uralkali. The Russian potash producer, Uralkali, has split with Belarusian and are going to market their potash themselves. If this holds true, the potential for a significant decrease in potash prices exists.

Nitrogen, DAP and MAP continue to show signs of weakness. Nitrogen producers continue to benefit from the low cost of natural gas. They are in a position to significantly reduce prices on all nitrogen prices (Urea, Anhydrous Ammonia and Nitrogen solutions) and still have excellent profits.

I believe that prices on most fertilizer products will continue to decrease so I would recommend only purchasing immediate needs at this time.

Bob Zimpel

## FOLIAR FEEDING BEANS

Your beans are off to a great start, but harvest is a long ways off. With the possibility of high bean prices, why take a chance on running out of nutrients before harvest? There is no cut and dry answer on when to foliar feed; it's all based on individual scenarios. Foliar feeding is great for beans that had a late start or that had heavy rains early that might have washed away any fertilizer you may have applied. We have a wide variety of foliar feeds but the most popular is our "TH-Bean Grower" (5-1-1-3 with Dextros, Zinc and Sulfur) at a quart/acre. Foliar nutrients work best when sprayed at a high rate of 20 gallons of water/acre and a pressure of 40 psi out of the nozzles in order to contact both sides of the leaf. Another added bonus would to add Hook in the mix at one quart/100 g water for better leaf penetration and adsorption. Call TH to formulate a bean mixture to tailor your needs today.

Aaron Lohr

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## CRANBERRIES

With the cool weather the insect pressure has been low. I am still seeing a few hives in some marshes. There is still time for an application of Callisto 4SC before the 45 day pre-harvest. Growers feel that there is the potential for a good crop. It is getting time to start thinking about taking your plant tissue samplings. The time table should be between August 15<sup>th</sup> and September 15<sup>th</sup> depending on the season. This year's sampling should be done on the later side because the late spring. Remember, the 2013 WSCGA Sumer Meeting and Field Day is on August 14<sup>th</sup> at Gardner Cranberry in Pittsville. Hope to see you all there!

Craig Raha

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## ATTENTION CORN NO-TILLERS

We all understand the importance of an effective and economical herbicide program in early spring to reduce yield robbing weeds in corn fields, but when is the optimal timing to spray? Most farmers spray near planting to reduce trips across the field, but winter annual weeds complete most of their vegetative growth and nitrogen up-take in early spring before we even get in the fields.

Kansas State University completed a study focusing on delayed herbicide applications to control winter annual weeds, such as henbit and field pennycress. Their study indicated an average uptake of nitrogen from winter annual weeds to be 16 pounds per acre in addition to reduced corn populations by 526 plants per acre. When it comes down to it, delaying spraying until the time of planting cost 7 bushel per acre in this particular study. This spring brought many adverse weather conditions which delayed planting and was a good example of how we can lose control of weeds early. Instead of losing nitrogen units and corn yields, an effective fall burn down immediately after harvest is a very economical and productive method to put money back in your pocket.

Chemical recommendations are completely dependent upon the crop to be planted due to rotational restrictions on label. For undecided growers, Round-Up combined with 2,4-D or Express are good options. Corn acres should consider Round-Up combined with Basis, Resolve, Dicamba or 2,4-D. Bean acres should implement Round-Up mixed with Synchrony or 2,4-D. When applied at the correct time (soil Temp below 50 degrees) these mixes should provide a healthy residual. These are just a few options, for a detail plan call your T H sales Representative.

Aaron Lohr

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Pennycress and henbit pictured above

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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!**

## HUGE VINES? NO PROBLEM!

Potato vines are huge this year. Growers can increase the effectiveness of vine killers by adding Hook to the tank mixture. The penetrating ability of Hook will help kill vines and stems and help skin set. Apply Hook at 1 quart per 100 and add Hook LAST!

Steve Rosenthal, CCA

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## RYE FOR SALE

**One of our customers in the Mosinee area has bulk rye for sale.**

**Call Randy Kukuczka if interested at (715) 551-0421**

## Christmas Trees



### Mites-Scout Now!

Growers have been calling about mites in tree plantations. You should check fields now for these damaging insects. Hold a white piece of paper under a branch and tap on the branch. If you see small specks that look like pepper, you probably have a mite problem.

Mites can easily be controlled. Insecticides such as Abba, Magister, Lorsban, etc. will kill the insect. Give us a call with rates and questions.

### 2013 Wisconsin Christmas Tree Convention

The states Christmas tree convention will be held from August 23-24, 2013 in Wild Rose, Wi. The convention will be held at the Wild Rose Lions building on the South side of town. Rocky Ridge Tree Farm and Nelson Family Tree Farms will be the hosts of the convention. Plan to attend for interesting grower meetings as well as field tours.

Steve Rosenthal, CCA

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