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FROM THE PRESIDENT

As always Mother Nature continues to make the call. Extremely hot and dry conditions are starting to have an affect on non-irrigated crops, especially in sandy soil. While this weather has been beneficial for wheat and hay harvest, corn is tasseling and pollinating and yields could be reduced significantly. Storms did go across the north and northeastern parts of the state on Sunday, August 2nd, and while no one received a lot of rain, the hail and high winds did cause damage in some areas. The Door County area did experience these storms with high winds and hail. Trees and branches are down and cherries on the ground. I haven't heard if the apple crop has been damaged. I also understand that there is a problem with the spotted wing drosophila in some cherry crops as well as other berry crops.

Wheat yields have been reported as high as 140 bushel but there have been high levels of mycotoxins which is leading to dockage at the elevators. Northern corn leaf blight is a serious issue this year. Processors are treating area sweet corn fields. Brown spot has been showing up in snap bean fields, it appears that some of the varieties that are being planted this year are more susceptible.

Potato harvest has been going on for a while now. Processors have been canning potatoes, red potatoes and fingerlings are being dug for fresh market. Late blight continues to be found in many area fields in central Wisconsin, none however has been found in the Antigo areas.

It appears that disease is prevalent in many crops this year. The insect pressure, with the exception of a few crops, haven't been a big issue this year. All in all, another interesting year in agriculture! As Dwight Eisenhower said, "Farming looks mighty easy when your plow is a pencil and you're a thousand miles from the cornfield".

As always thanks for your support, it is appreciated!

Sincerely,

Robert L. Zimpel
President



APPLE NEWS

For those of us that haven't had hail, the apple crop looks good. I am starting to get calls on mites in various orchards. The hot, dry weather is very conducive to mite buildup. In my orchard I am using Envidor. It will control European red mite, two spotted mite, apple rust mite and pear rust mite. You can only make one application per season. The rate is 18 ozs per acre. Envidor has not been known to have any resistance issues with other miticides.

Good luck with harvest this year! I hope we all have a successful one.

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****Envidor is a registered trademark of Bayer Crop-Science.**

APPLES FOR SALE

If the weather continues to cooperate, Hillcrest should have the following varieties for sale this year:

CORTLAND ~ ZESTAR
MC INTOSH ~ GALA
RED & GOLDEN DELICIOUS
HONEY CRISP

Please contact me if you are interested at (715) 570-7091 or (715) 335-6343 or via email: robertz@thagrchemicals.com

VINES, VINES, VINES!!

Ideal growing conditions provided by Mother Nature has given growers very large and lush potato vines this year. Large vines may be great for good potatoes, but it has made it difficult to kill the vines. Growers should use high rates of desiccants (IE: Diquat 2L), and add non-ionic surfactant at the same rate. Example: 1 ½ pints/ acre of each. Growers have also found that the addition of HOOK at the rate of 1 quart/100 gallons will help kill these big vines and prevent additional applications. Diquat 2L can be used up to a maximum of 4 pints per growing season. Give us a call if you have questions or need to place an order!

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT

We are seeing some growers in the Central Sands mixing a number of foliar nutrients and other products in with their fungicides and insecticides, especially on potatoes. On occasion we hear that the fungicide or the insecticide didn't give the desired results even though other growers using the same products may have seen good performance. While I don't have any data to substantiate this, I think we need to consider how many products we combine when making a fungicide or insecticide application. I understand that by combining all of these products that you are saving money on the application cost, but it may be costing you in the long run if you aren't getting the desired results.

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MESSENGER GOLD ~ STORAGE BENEFITS

Potato growers should put an additional 2 ounce application on storage potatoes two weeks before vine killing. This application has shown the following benefits in 20 grower trials.

- ⇒ 2.13% less weight lost (107 tons per 5000 tons)
- ⇒ 84% decrease in sprouts per sample
- ⇒ Less rot in treated potatoes

Give us a call with questions or to place an order!

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FALL FUMIGATION ~ JUST AROUND THE CORNER!

T H Agri-Chemicals was the first applicator in the state to provide fumigation services to growers! We are ready to provide you with the most sophisticated equipment and trained personnel to give you the best job possible! Take a look at our pictures below!

Give us a call to get on the schedule. We will be starting to fumigate right after Labor Day!

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SOIL HEALTH—ARE YOU COVERED??



The term "soil health" as applied to crop management systems refers to the ability of soil to support and sustain crop growth while maintaining environmental quality. Cover crops can play an important supporting role in your overall crop management system. Benefits of a successful cover crop program can include weed suppression, erosion control, nitrogen fixation or scavenging, and breaking through compaction layers. Fields that were planted with wheat, vegetable crops, or soybeans in 2015 could be perfect candidates for a cover crop established later this season. Legacy Seeds offers a full line of blended mixes containing clover, vetch, peas, or radishes. Some of the popular mixes available include:

- ◆ SGR - Oats or spring barley, radishes – grows quickly, winterkills
- ◆ OPR - Oats, peas, and radishes – produces and scavenges Nitrogen, winterkills
- ◆ RVR - Rye, vetch, radish – rye and vetch overwinter, vetch provides Nitrogen for next season

Target planting date for most cover crop mixes is 6 weeks prior to a killing frost. Cover crop blends are relatively easy to establish, including aerial application as an option. Give us a call to discuss your cover crop options and how they will compliment your crop management system!

Ben Jahnke
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ORDER YOUR FALL SEED NEEDS FROM T H TODAY!!

We have available a full line of seeds from Legacy Seeds, which include cover crops, wheat, alfalfa. We also have rye seed available sourced from local growers. Call for availability and pricing on wheat. All wheat seed is treated with a fungicide, insecticide and SabrEx for the maximum yield potential. I am sure they will sell out so order as soon as possible. I know prices are down, but I have customers getting wheat yields over 140 bu. - yes it is true I saw it! We can help you get more out of your seed. These new varieties are not just called "poverty grass" anymore.

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WHEAT RETURNS

Are you trying to figure out how to maximize returns on wheat? For the past 5 years T H has promoted SabrEx for your wheat. So what is it doing for you? It's creating a larger root system than Ascend or QuickRoots in our trials. SabrEx is a patented formulation of 2 strains of trichoderma which colonizes the plants root system and develops a symbiotic relationship with the plant, feeding off the starches and sugars produced by the plant, in turn the plant benefits from the trichoderma as they exude enzymes and proteins for the plants use. It's just a fancy way to say that it makes larger roots, which help with fertilizer efficiency including nitrogen scavenging, and increases stress resistance during times of drought and disease.

SabrEx is sold as a planter box treatment which treats 48 bags per pail. It provides great returns on your dollar. Last year we saw a 3 - 5 bushel increase in yield. My first plot this year gave us a 3.3 bushel increase. You cannot afford not to add it in! It only costs \$2.50 / bag to treat. Call T H today to place your order.

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MARKERS, DE-FOAMERS, DYES, BRUSH
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SURFACTANTS, MICRO NUTRIENTS/
FOLIARS, PENETRANTS, TANK CLEAN-
ERS AND RED WEEDAR APPLICATORS
— JUST TO NAME A FEW!**

**GIVE US A CALL, WE ARE HERE TO
MAKE YOUR FARMING LIFE MORE
PRODUCTIVE!**

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. This 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 31st, 2015.

****Please give us a call when your mini-bulk tanks are empty! Next time we are in the area we will arrange to pick them up! If you are storing the tanks outside please remember to cover up the motor!****

CHRISTMAS TREE NEWS

The 2015 growing season has seen timely moisture in most parts of the state. Trees in general look the best that I have seen in many years. Lush new growth can be found on most of the established plantings as well as great survival on new plantings.

2015 has also had very few insect and disease problems so far. The same cannot be said about weeds. The rains have also caused herbicides to fall apart earlier than normal. Weed escapes are now common in many fields. Mowing may be the only option at this time of year, because trees have not hardened off yet. As long as we keep getting rain the weeds should really not hurt the growth of the trees.

Give us a call for options.

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YOUR LOCAL
FARM MARKETS**

