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## Summer & Fall Newsletter 2013

We are not sure where time has gone this year! We remained so busy this spring and summer we are just getting around to the newsletter!

### ROLLERCOASTER WEATHER PATTERNS

We started out with heavy rains that lead to flooding and of course late planting (recording the wettest spring in the Midwest in 40 years at approx. 9 inches over average.) Now we've entered into a serious dry spell (working on 30 days without rain (missing almost 4 inches of rain) and scorching heat in late August).

Weather analysts are calling for an early frost and wet fall so it's hard telling what the harvest weather might look like! This rollercoaster of strange weather patterns looks like a tough ride to get off of!



### FALL GPS SOIL SAMPLE & VRT SPREADING

Want your fields GPS soil sampled this fall? Call in and get your name on the list early so fields can be sampled as they are harvested. Don't forget once your field is GPS soil sampled they can be VRT spread with fertilizer to help save money and time!

**TAKE ADVANTAGE! DRY Fertilizer prices are \$150 to \$200 per ton cheaper than last year.**



### ANNUAL CUSTOMER MEETING COMBINED WITH PLOT DAY RESULTS

Watch for your invitation to our upcoming annual customer meeting. We are going to try something different this year and combine our plot day results from all plants, the yield competition awards and an informative industry speaker into a breakfast meeting. This will be held sometime in early December. More information to come soon!



**Werkmeister Feed Bunks - Calves can't climb into it - Cattle can't push it around. Call Sweetland today!**

**CONTACT YOUR LOCAL OFFICE TO SIGN UP FOR THE 2013 YIELD COMPETITION!!!**

**Don't miss your opportunity to be our next \$1,000 winner!**





**Maximize your feed dollars by minimizing your feed loss. Purchase Bextra Bale Feeders through Sweetland today!**

## **PALMER AMARANTH CONFIRMED IN IOWA**



The first discovery of Palmer Amaranth has been documented in Iowa. Kevin Mallon of Rosen's spoke about this weed (first found in the boot heel of Missouri) during our Annual Meeting in February 2013. In Missouri, they have had to hand weed these plants after applying \$50 to \$80 worth of soybean pre-emerge herbicides because they are so prolific. From the look of the fields this summer, Marestail and Waterhemp are also going to need more management next year. Contact your agronomy sales person to discuss strategies for dealing with these resistance problems!

## **IT'S TIME TO LIME!**

Don't miss out on the benefits of agricultural lime on your soil. It increases the PH of acidic soil (the higher the PH, the less acidic the soil). It provides a source of calcium and magnesium for plants. It permits improved water penetration for acidic soils. It improves the uptake of major plant nutrients (nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium) of plants growing on acidic soils.

**Considering these benefits.....don't put it off, call today – IT'S TIME TO LIME!**

## **EXCITING CHANGES COMING TO THE SWEETLAND LOCATION!**



The building of our new dry fertilizer plant is in progress. We are excited about the new equipment, technology and additional storage capabilities. This dry plant is the first phase of the project. The second phase will start next year with the addition of a new liquid facility.

Our long term goal is to close the South Plant and run all operations from the Highway 61 North Plant.

## **Grain Drying, Storage & Marketing**

Remember Sweetland Ag Tech & Nichols Agriservice for all your grain drying, storage and marketing needs.

## **NEW HEAVY-DUTY STRIP-TILL MACHINE IS READY FOR FALL!**

**CALL TO GET ON THE SCHEDULE TODAY FOR CUSTOM ANHYDROUS & STRIP-TILL!**



## **SUGGESTIONS?**

We would love to have your suggestions and thoughts!

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