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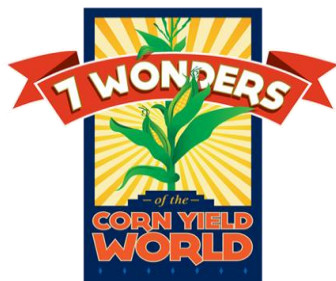
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Newsletter Summer 2012

**FALL CUSTOM ANHYDROUS & STRIP-TILL
APPLICATION AVAILABLE!
CALL TO GET ON THE SCHEDULE TODAY!**



Our February 2012 meeting including Dr. Below was outstanding.....**DO YOU HAVE ANY TOPICS YOU WOULD LIKE US TO COVER IN 2013?** If your idea is chosen, you will win \$100 in cash. CONTACT YOUR LOCAL DEALERSHIP WITH YOUR IDEAS TODAY (if two people have the same idea, the first one in wins!)



FALL PREPAY PRICES ARE AVAILABLE. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED CONTACT YOUR LOCAL DEALERSHIP!

CONTACT US FOR YOUR SMALL SEED NEEDS!

Don't forget we carry all kinds of grass seed, alfalfa, clover, oats & wildlife mixes. Contact your local seed sales person to assist you with all your small seed needs.



High Management Production Systems include Corn & Soybean Fungicides

In the last few years fungicides have become the up and coming management tools in corn and soybeans, some of the reasons being plant health and yield increases. In soybeans we have seen a consistent 5-6 bu. yield increase over the last 4 years using an insecticide with the fungicide at an approximate cost of 2.5 to 3 bu. of soybeans per acre. We have found that this soybean yield increase happens most consistently when we apply the fungicide and insecticide by ground at the R3 crop stage. For more information contact your local agronomy sales person.

Corn fungicide not only helps with the yield portion of corn production but also with the stand ability of the corn speeding up harvest and putting more corn in the bin. Dr Below shared with us in our February meeting that corn fungicide is an integral part in a high management corn production system. Even when certain hybrids are in the seed companies no fungicide needed list. BASF's own data shows an average 14bu/a increase @ \$5.50 corn that's more than double your money not accounting for the increased harvestability.

GRAIN DRYING & STORAGE NEEDS

Remember Sweetland Ag Tech & Nichols Agriservice for all your grain drying & storage needs. Call or stop in to line up your fall storage and drying needs. Sweetland will be a competitive buyer of oats. We look forward to assisting you!



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!

DON'T LET PESTS GET THE BEST OF YOUR CROP

Corn Aphids

Aphids should be scouted and treated for before tasseling as some populations will live in corn whorls making treatment difficult. Extra scouting can pay with the more valuable corn crop.



Soybean Aphids

Scouting starts mid-season lasting till pod fill. It's difficult to determine now if aphids will have to be

treated. Past experience has shown summer weather determines how the aphid will react. Careful observation can pay off as aphid populations can increase rapidly, however populations can vary widely from field to field.



Potato Leaf Hopper

The Potato Leaf Hopper damages alfalfa piercing the plant with its stylet mouth turning the plant yellow. The hopper is very small and active making it very hard to observe. Scouting should be done with a sweep net all season long with only one to two hoppers per sweep as a threshold. Scout often and treat as soon as the population increases avoiding tonnage and feed value loss with yellowing alfalfa.

Rely on the experts at any of our locations for advice and scouting of all of these pests.

CONTACT YOUR LOCAL OFFICE TO SIGN UP FOR THE 2012 YIELD COMPETITION!!!

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



GIVE US YOUR THOUGHTS!

Our goal is to continually improve how we serve our customers. Therefore, we would love to have your suggestions and thoughts!

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