

CALENDAR SPRAY PLAN

One problem we all fought this year was the continuous emergence of waterhemp species. They just never seem to stop. Going with a strong pre-emerge program followed by a shot of Glyphosate used to work so well. What happened here? How did the things I did just a year ago fail and fill my field with these resistant weeds? The problem is as these resistant weeds came in and our post emerge Glyphosate just flat stopped working on a massive percentage of the weeds. The waterhemp species seems to germinate and grow all year. Our pre-emerge we laid down in April just doesn't have the staying power it needs to keep in front of them. What's our options now if we want clean fields?

We have been working hard trying to find options for these problems. Last winter we had a grower meeting with BASF about this very problem. Many of you made it and the

information they gave us was great. One thing stressed was to spray dirt. If we get good residual out in front of these we don't give them the option to grow, and we are not trying to kill resistant weeds. The growers that followed the plan have cleaner fields this fall. Though nothing is perfect against these pesky weeds, a program of being in front of them sure made a big difference. For 2017 we plan on taking the next step to slow them down. We are calling this Calendar Spraying. Meaning you do not spray by what weeds are in your field but you use the calendar to time good residuals in front of germination of the resistant weeds.

The Calendar plan will place residual for weeds at different times. Marestale germinates in the fall and starts coming alive in early Spring. Kochia generally starts in April. Waterhemp is late May through July. To be in front of all of them is tough. We need to know weeds in your

fields to plan an attack. Every field is different and every farmer faces different challenges than others. We will need to visit this winter to come up with a plan for you, and make sure to keep costs where we can afford to make this work financially too.

If Marestale is your problem, come in now and get lined up to deal with it this fall. If you are having mats of Kochia, some fall or very early spring should be your plan. Another kochia option is to lay down some residual this fall on borders where the mats appear. It will not add a massive cost to the whole field but will slow down the big problems we have on borders. I'm sure we all have waterhemp problems and we need to attack in late May with residual products. Come in and visit about what options we have to get you the best bang for the buck on your farm.

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Fertilizer Talk

So far things are quiet on the Fertilizer front. Pricing has come down some recently on 32%, Urea has ticked up. Might be time to start to worry about getting a little bit purchased but at this time I'm not ready to buy all our needs. Phosphorous products are much cheaper than last year but have ticked up recently. Call us if you want to inquire about having dry/liquid spread or are looking for truckload pricing on anything.

Seed Corn Test Plot Results

Our plot is out. Here's the top 10-

Stine 9739E-20	273.13 bu/ac
Stine 9812 SS (Check)	272.39 bu/ac
Stine 9734-0 (conv)	268.82 bu/ac
Stine 9734E-20	263.98 bu/ac
Stine 9812 SS (Check)	263.65 bu/ac
Stine 9734 VT3PRO	257.42 bu/ac
Stine 9812 SS (Check)	256.04 bu/ac
Producers 7268 STX	254.21 bu/ac
Producers 7358 STX	253.68 bu/ac
Pioneer 1197	252.75 bu/ac

Stine Corn and Beans having good year.

NK Soybeans had a great year. Call us if you have any seed needs.

From Kurt's Corner:

Drain your meters on chemical pumps or get them brought back in. If washed out put in RV Antifreeze.

New meters \$152

Pump Diaphragm \$241

If not winterized or brought back in you will be billed parts and labor

