

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

**\$10.00 CORN!** Is this a possibility? With the weather conditions we have had through the month of April it just might happen. Very little corn or other crops have been planted throughout the Midwest. While weather forecasts are for drier and warmer conditions it is still going to take a while for the soil to dry out. Some areas of North Dakota had a foot of snow last night!

We are at the point in the season where growers will want to switch to shorter maturity corn varieties (which are limited in availability) or if it gets too late plant soybeans instead.

It appears that the majority of the winter wheat and alfalfa fields have come through the winter in good condition. Getting wheat sprayed has been a challenge this spring. The same with manure spreading. If manure spreading is delayed much longer manure pits are going to start overflowing.

Potato planting is progressing in the Central Sands but I would estimate that only about 20-25% of the crop is in the ground. Field and sweet corn planting has started and some peas are planted. The apple crop is at least a week and maybe two weeks behind in the Gays Mills area. We do not anticipate blossom until about May 14th at the soonest.

Hopefully, the weather conditions will improve and we get some warm sunny days with a gentle breeze so we can get crops in the ground.

With this late season and wet conditions you may need to make changes in your spray program. Please feel free to contact us for recommendations or with any questions you may have. Our CCA certified agronomists are familiar with all field, fruit and specialty crops.



Sincerely,

Robert L. Zimpel,  
President

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## TRANSPORT LPH & HOOK

This spring is full of surprises and challenges. One of these is our cover crop and winter annual burn down. A good seedbed is essential to get our crops off to a good start. When looking at the burn down that has been done so far, Transport LPH and Hook are speeding up the visual effects of glyphosate under some very challenging conditions. When looking at the calendar, many farmers will feel a little behind. The extra activity these products are showing will help with tillage timeliness and a thorough kill. Please talk to your T H Sales Rep about the added benefits of these products – and,

***ADD HOOK LAST.***

**Jon Silsby CCA**

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## INTEGRATE

Engage Agro has developed a highly concentrated soil surfactant to help improve soil condition, improve uptake of nutrients and water as well as prevent clodding of soil. The product contains 61% Tri Block Polymer and 19% Glucoethers. The product should be applied at the rate of 1 quart per acre and can be applied by drip, center pivot, overhead irrigation or boom sprayer. Integrate is compatible with most pesticides and liquid fertilizers.

Considering the wet spring, we may see compaction problems develop and Integrate may be the answer. Many growers are spraying the product at or after hilling on potatoes and mixing it with herbicides.

Steve Rosenthal, CCA

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## AVIPEL UPDATE .....

### *IT'S FOR THE BIRDS*

Arkion Life Sciences has received a label for Avipel as a corn seed treater to control Sand Hill cranes. The birds taste the product on the seed and move on because of the bad taste. The product is available in both a dry and a liquid formulation.

Avipel dry is available in a 13.7 ounce package and treats 180 lbs of seed. (@ 4 bags). Avipel liquid is available in 1 gallon containers and the rate is 6.1 ounces per bag of seed. Uniform coverage of the seed is important to protect newly planted seed and seedlings from attack.

Steve Rosenthal, CCA

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## MOTOR AND METER KITS (ph-6)

Bulk chemicals are becoming common place in the ag industry. We have a simple system that fits on the cage tanks that these chemicals come in. The PH-6 kits come with a motor/pump, 2" 90 coupler that attaches to the bottom of the tank and a meter with a valve and nozzle at the end of the discharge hose. Please call us for a current price if you are interested.

## INPUT COSTS

Input costs are increasing. We all know that fuel continues to increase on an almost daily basis. We have experienced some increases of about 3-5% in the first part of April. Reasons given were that petroleum price increases have increased freight costs, cost of the intermediates that go into the manufacturing products and container costs.

We also are experiencing some delays in getting products and in some cases product shortages.

Fertilizer prices seem to have stabilized, however, we may see some price movement and availability issues if the planting season stays wet and growers have to switch from Anhydrous to Urea and UAN solutions. Flooding on the Mississippi river may delay barges also.

Bob Zimpel, President

## APPLES

What a difference from last year. At Hillcrest we have just put on our 2<sup>nd</sup> Fungicide spray. Unless the weather changes, it is certainly going to be a late bloom. This is probably for the best after what happened last year on May 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> when the extremely cold temperatures wreaked havoc on the crop. I talked to a gentleman I know in Missouri and he said that the apple crop in that area would only be about 40% to 50% because of cold rainy weather which has reduced bee activity and pollination.

We have a new pest which may cause serious problems to apples and other fruit crops. That pest is the Brown Marmorated Stink Bug. Space doesn't allow us to go in to detail on this pest but we will be posting a mailer to our Fruit Grower customers.

Bob Zimpel, President



## WORKER PROTECTION SAFETY

Do EPA Approved Warning Signs need to be put up in each area that has been sprayed? False, warning signs should only be posted when indicated by the label of the product being applied. Remember, "The Label Is The Law" as set forth in FIFRA and pesticide manufacturers are required to include posting instructions on the label. However, when posting of warning signs is not required, all personnel should be informed as to where the spraying or application will take place and told to stay away until the REI period is over. In addition, warning signs should be removed after the REI expires. It is technically against the Worker Protection Standard to leave the warning signs up. Fold-over signs have been developed so that the sign does not have to be physically removed – the top part folds down over the lower half and covers the sign up until the next time it is needed.



### Summary of other protection:

- \* Protection during applications: Applying a pesticide in a way that will not expose workers or other persons.
- \* Restricted entry intervals: Restricted entry intervals must be specified on all agricultural pesticide product labels.
- \* Personal protective equipment: Provide personal protective equipment for handlers.
- \* Notification to workers: Workers must be notified about treated areas if label requires.
- \* Decontamination supplies: Have an ample supply of water soap and towels for routine washing in the event of an emergency.
- \* Emergency Assistance: Medical assistance (911), if anyone may have been poisoned or injured. Have information available (product label or product MSDS sheet) about the pesticide to which the person may have been exposed.
- \* Pesticide safety training and safety posters: Train everyone who will be handling pesticides.
- \* Access to labeling and site-specific information: Central location or posting of pesticide applications.

Remember to read all label directions for proper handling, application rates, REI, rain –free intervals and pre-harvest restrictions for optimal results with products you're using. We hope you have a safe and successful start to your planting season.

Bob Dinkel, Marketing Manager

### SECOND HARVEST NEEDS HELP!

Hillcrest has donated different food items to Second Harvest as I know many of you have. They are looking for some bins to haul products in. Listed below is their request and contact number.

"Second Harvest is planning on bringing fresh produce from the field to the food bank. We are focusing on potatoes, carrots, onions and apples. To accomplish this feat, we are thinking that the wooden bins used in the fields for apples would be the ideal way to transport and hold produce. We are looking for the resources to acquire at least 40-50 bins. I would also ask that if any apple grower is willing to partner with Second Harvest concerning apples which might be in surplus or not acceptable at retail, that they please contact me. Thanks for taking the time to help out. Without your support, we can't begin to serve those who are food insecure."

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# CHRISTMAS TREES



## Rain, Rain, Go Away!

The state has received plenty of rain this spring, and in some cases too much. Adequate moisture is needed to activate pre-emergent herbicides, but too much rain (or snow) can cause these same herbicides to be washed away from the soil surface. Growers should evaluate and monitor plantations to see if any grass and weeds escape.

Grass can be controlled with Arrow 2EC and crop oil. Apply when grass is @ 4 inches long. Weeds can be sprayed with Stinger when they are @ 5 inches tall. Both products can be sprayed over any trees at any time. If you mix the two together, take out the crop oil.

## Growing Degrees – What’s Bugging You?

The cool temperatures this year have slowed insect development dramatically. The life cycle of many insect is related to growing degree days, or accumulation of temperatures over a period of time. Growers may notice that spray programs for insects such as Gypsy Moth, Twig Aphid, etc. may occur later this year. Scout fields to assess problems and determine if spraying is needed.

Please give us a call for specific problems that may develop this year.

Steve Rosenthal, CCA

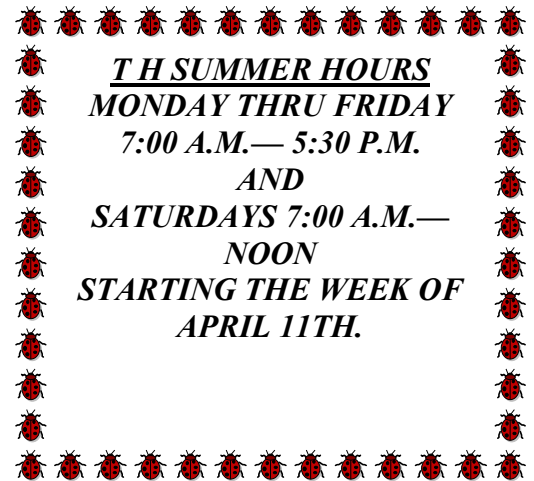
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### \*\* T H RETURN POLICY \*\*

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. The 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 July 31st, 2011.**


**T H SUMMER HOURS**  
**MONDAY THRU FRIDAY**  
**7:00 A.M.— 5:30 P.M.**  
**AND**  
**SATURDAYS 7:00 A.M.—**  
**NOON**  
**STARTING THE WEEK OF**  
**APRIL 11TH.**

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for 29 years!*