
FROM THE PRESIDENT

Mother Nature has once again shown all of us that she is in control of our destiny. As I write this (June 2nd) the weather forecast calls for frost tonight in northern Wisconsin. Many areas of the state are still extremely wet and planting is way behind. As of May 29th, the USDA reports only 64% of Wisconsin corn and 29% of soybeans have been planted compared to last year when 70-75% of the corn and soybeans had been planted.

In the Central Sands we have been more fortunate with planting. Potatoes are being hilled and fungicide sprays should be applied soon. Peas, snap beans and sweet corn continue to be planted. At Hillcrest we finally managed to get our strawberries planted and hope to get our squash and pumpkins planted this week.

On a separate note, I feel very fortunate. One of my daughters and my grandchildren live in Moore, Oklahoma where tornadoes have struck in the last couple weeks and caused terrible destruction. While the tornadoes were extremely close to them, none of them were injured and they had no damage to their home. Our thoughts and prayers are with the many people that have suffered and lost loved ones due to the tornadoes and hope that they are able to rebuild quickly.

While I make mostly general comments in this article, we try to cover crops, products and other issues in this newsletter. As we have stated before, we have sales people who are able to help you with your crop production needs on just about any crop that you might be growing. Please call us or go to our website, www.thagrchemicals.com, where you can email specific sales people with your questions.

Once again, thanks for your support. It is appreciated! Always remember that when you support us you are supporting a locally owned and operated business.

Sincerely,

Robert L. Zimpel
President

“YOU’RE ONLY GIVEN A LITTLE SPARK OF
MADNESS, YOU MUSN’T LOSE IT.”

Robin Williams

WHAT CAN I DO WITH MY WHEAT?

I have been getting calls about weeds in wheat fields. Once the flag leaf is emerged there is no herbicide labeled to use. For most of you that means you have no options right now, however you may want to consider a pre-harvest application of Roundup (Credit Extra) or 2,4-D. The labels state to apply after hard dough stage or at 30 % moisture or less and at least 7 days prior to harvest. For Credit Extra only 1 qt. can be applied.

If you are considering using a fungicide you still have several options once the head emerges. You cannot put any strobilicid containing products (Statego, Headline, Quadris, Quilt) on headed wheat, but you still can apply Prosaro and Caramba at flowering (Feekes 10.5) for head scab control and other diseases. These fungicides have a 30 day harvest restriction and have no restrictions for feeding the straw. With the weather we have had lately I would recommend you apply a fungicide to prevent any yield loss. Call T H if you need additional information.

Jeff Luttrupp, CCA

****The following are registered trademark products : RoundUp of Monsanto; Credit Extra of Nufarm; Stratego and Prosaro are from Bayer CropScience; Headline and Caramba are from BASF; Quadris and Quilt are from Syngenta.**

EMPTY MINI-BULK TANKS

Just a reminder to please let our office or your salesman know when you are finished with your mini-bulk tanks that you got from us. We are trying to be more efficient and will try to pick up the tanks when we are in the area making deliveries.

Please let us know if you had any problems with the motors or meters as well.

Thank you for your support.

Steve Rosenthal, CCA

MESSENGER GOLD - TIMING

Potatoes

Fresh market growers will soon be making the first application of Messenger Gold. Potatoes with tuber initiation should receive 3 ounces of Messenger Gold with a second application 2-3 weeks later. A third application 2 weeks before vine killing should be made on storage potatoes.

Seed potato growers should make the first application of 3 ounces at the hooking stage, with a second application 2-3 weeks later.

Growers can expect increased yield, common scab suppression and better plant health in potatoes.

Messenger Gold will also benefit snap bean growers, sweet corn growers and other vegetables. Give us a call if you have any questions.

Steve Rosenthal, CCA

****Messenger Gold is a registered trademark of Plant Health Care.**

ALERT! ALERT!

We are getting calls about Black Cutworms, Alfalfa Weevils and True Armyworm. Surveys done by DATCP noticed high populations in southern WI this week. Keep an eye out there before you are caught off guard. Call if you need help determining what is best for you.

Jeff Luttrupp

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* "BE WHO YOU ARE AND SAY WHAT YOU FEEL,
* BECAUSE THOSE WHO MIND DON'T MATTER
* AND THOSE WHO MATTER DON'T MIND."
* DR. SEUSS
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APPLES

As predicted we have had a snowball blossom in most areas of the state. We have sold more products for thinning than ever. As we all know, thinning is not an exact science. It is important that we do the very best job possible because it is not the year to have small, poor quality apples. At Hillcrest we started thinning last week and will be evaluating our results to see if we have to go back in.

With all of the wet weather, we have maintained an aggressive spray program to keep scab under control.

We have a good supply of Reckon (generic Rely) on hand for weed control in orchards and vineyards.

As I stated earlier in this article, it will be very important to do everything possible to produce a top quality crop.

Bob Zimpel

*** Reckon is a registered trademark of Solera-Source Dynamics;
Rely is a registered trademark of Bayer CropScience.**

ATTENTION

SNAP BEAN GROWERS!

Green Bean Bonanza!

Use the Graph-Ex SA on your seed for a way to increase roots and bigger yields. The product contains the growth promoter Sabrex and premium three strain inoculant. It comes as a dry mix, which costs \$4.80/ acre and could return ½ ton per acre, and 1 package would treat about 35 acres.

Jeff Luttrupp, CCA

****Graph-Ex SA and Sabrex are registered trademarks of Advanced Biological Marketing.**

NEW PRODUCTS!

For anyone who is seeing pale or yellow corn, Valent has a solution. RyzUp, increases early season growth and helps maximize grain yield. The timing is between V3- V5 for corn, the use rate is .3 -.6 oz/Acre. RyzUp can be applied with other herbicides and fungicides. Why not give your plants the boost that is very economical!



BASF manufactures a post emergent option for field corn or sweet corn. Armezon is a highly flexible broadleaf and grass option. This product is very safe for use on corn and has the same active ingredient as Impact. It has very low use rates, a large window of application and along with its ability to kill big weeds this make it a great clean-up herbicide.

Jeff Luttrupp, CCA

****Impact is a registered trademark of AmVac Company; Armezon is a registered trademark of BASF; RyzUp is a registered trademark of Valent.**

CRANBERRIES

Cranberry growers have been finding Black Headed Fireworms, Fireworms and Spanworms. Products of choice have been Delegate, Chlorpyrifos, and Acephate 97.

T H distributes a full line manufactured fertilizers. All products are ordered and picked up fresh with your order to prevent any unsatisfactory product. Give myself or Bob a call with any questions or if you would like to place an order.

Remember June 19th is the Cranberry Open at Northern Bay. Hope to see all of you there.

Craig Raha

****Delegate WG is a registered trademark of Dow Agrosiences; Chlorpyrifos is a registered trademark of Drexel; Acephate 97 is a registered trademark of United Phosphorus.**

FUNGICIDE FORECAST

While most people are still spinning their wheels in the mud from this wet spring and late summer, the 2013 Farmer's Almanac predicts that the Midwest will have a growing season that is warmer than usual with a normal amount of precipitation. Whether or not you believe the Almanac or your instincts, the fact is that we have been wet for three weeks, with this wet weather brings disease.

On your corn acres an early application of fungicide at V-5 can help aid in disease control and keep corn plants greener longer. An option to use a preventative and curative fungicide would be an application of Stratego YLD at 2.5 oz/acre at V-5 or 5 oz/acre at corn tassel, the other option at V-5 is Headline AMP at 10oz per acre . Another route would be a newer chemistry from BASF called Priaxor that not only has strobilurin but a new curative called xenium which is applied at 4oz/acre.

If you were able to get the soybeans in the ground before the rains came, you might be worried about white mold. DuPont's Approach fungicide applied at 9oz/acre on R-1 to R-3 beans will not only control white mold but also soil-borne diseases. Keep in mind that Approach is a preventative fungicide only. Approach is in limited supply, so order today. Stratego YLD is also labeled on soybeans at 4 oz per acre when applied at early flowering. This application will control any blight, rust, or leaf spot problems occurring in your soybeans.

Aaron Lohr

****Priaxor and Headline AMP are registered trademarks of BASF; Stratego YLD is a registered trademark of Bayer Crop-Science; Approach is a registered trademark of DuPont.**

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FRIDAY
7:00 A.M.— 5:30 P.M.
&
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7:00 A.M.—NOON
Thank you!

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, 2013.

Christmas Trees



Wet and cold weather seems to describe the spring we have had. Many species of trees have broken bud and can no longer be sprayed with pre emergent herbicides. Weeds have also come on like gangbusters and are growing rapidly. What can we do now?

Growers have a number of options. Grasses can be sprayed with Clethodim (Select, Arrow, etc). Application over any trees at any time will control emerged grasses. Grass should be 4-6 inches tall and actively growing. A rate of 8 ounces per acre along with crop oil at 1 pint per acre will give good control.

If broadleaf weeds are a problem you can spray Stinger at ½ to ½ pint per acre. The weeds should be less than 5 inches tall. If you want you can mix the Stinger with a grass herbicide, but skip the crop oil. Give me a call if you have any questions.

BALSAM TWIG APHID

Growers should monitor fields for Balsam Twig aphid. Look for mucus liquid forming on the new growth, especially in areas of the field where you saw it last year.

Options are available to control this pest. One option is Lorsban 4E (chlorpyrifos) at 1 quart per acre. Please give me call with any questions.

Steve Rosenthal, CCA

****The following are registered trademarks: Clethodim is Albaugh; Stinger and Lorsban 4E are Dow; Select 2EC is Valent; Arrow 2EC is Makhteshim Agan.**