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BRT Ag & Turf News

Winter has finally set in but we only have a couple months until the beginning of Spring. Some things need to be considered now before heading into planting season.

Fertilizer Prices

We can all enjoy the higher commodity prices, but this has also elevated the fertilizer prices. Nitrogen needs to be ordered sooner than later for your early Spring needs. Dry P and K prices have increased. If you haven't purchased yours for Spring you can go a little conservative and here's why. Instead of applying a bunch of expensive dry P & K look at taking some tissue samples and see what your corn or bean plants really need. If the tissue samples are taken by early June, foliar can be applied as well as side-dress applications if necessary. This practice has proven to improve yields and reduce the overall cost per bushel. Not only will you improve yields, but you will also improve grain/forage quality.

Non-GMO Grain

We are finally seeing some increased demand for non-gmo grains. The food industry is taking notice and some of those companies are making a shift to more non-gmo. There are some new markets on the horizon.

The Heartland Crush facility in Marengo has been sold to a company that will be purchasing a large amount of non-gmo soybeans to mechanically crush at the facility. If you want to grow non-gmo beans in 2021 or have some in the bin we will hook you up with the buyer.



Seed

We are selling several brands of non-gmo seed again and we have found some good affordable options. Some of the seedcorn is as low as \$120/unit and the soybeans as low as \$27 per unit. Keep your seed costs low and let us help manage these acres to take advantage of these premium markets. We also have 98% germ oats on hand in supersacks. Early season special is \$6/bushel.





EMF

What is EMF??? Well, EMF stands for “electromagnetic frequencies”. EMF is a form of radiation that can come from power lines, 5G cell phone signals, wind turbines, etc. Why do we care? EMF can be harmful to all biological life. It can put stress on microbiology, plants and animals and can reduce productivity. Studies have found the EMF in crop fields can reduce yields by more than 20%. If this is the case, all the new genetic potential that you are buying in the bag of seed may be lost because of EMF on your farm. It can also reduce milk production and rates of gain in farm animals. We will be holding a workshop on February 16th (time and place to come) to show you a device that can neutralize the effects of EMF. This is a real problem, and it needs to be managed.

Contact

If you have any questions or would like to order please give us a call!

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DE Carbon

Over the last year and a half we have been able to secure a supply of this carbon and diatomaceous earth blend. This is a great product to stabilize fertilizers, blend with manure, or apply on lower organic matter soils. The typical rate is 1 ton/acre. We need more areas to stockpile so if you are interested in applying this in the Spring or even next Fall please give us a call.

Thank you for your business and continued support!

