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FARMERS COOP EMPLOYEE YEARS OF SERVICE JUNE RECOGNITION

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Chad Massoth - Agronomy Sales

Well, here it is the first of June and wheat harvest is sneaking ever closer upon us. I have been getting some phone calls and looking at some wheat fields. There seems to be a lot of “white heads” showing up across most wheat fields. This usually is caused by wheat stem maggots.

Wheat stem maggots overwinter in the larvae stage, inside the lower parts of wheat and other grass hosts. In the spring, the larvae pupate and adults emerge in late May and June. Eggs are laid as single eggs on the leaves and stems. These eggs hatch into maggots, then tunnel their way in beneath a leaf sheath, then feed on the inside the stem of the upper most joint of the host plant. The first sign of the larvae is the dying out and whiting of the heads and upper stem while the flag leaf and lower portion of the plant is still green. These “white heads” can easily be pulled from the plant revealing an inch or two of browned and tunneled stem a few inches below where the leaf sheath of the flag leaf would have been attached. This is where the damage is mostly noticed with the “white heads” on a green plant that in turn have no kernels in them. Another generation emerges in summer to lay eggs on volunteer and other grass hosts. The fall generation emerges in late August to early September and lay eggs in the new winter crop.

There is just a few ways to control this pest and that is delayed planting and destroying all volunteer to get rid of their hosts. These two ways are the most effective way, as chemical control is usually non-effective on them

due to their placement in the stem. We usually see this every year, but this year has seemed to show up more. Infestations rarely exceed 2%, but occasionally in real infested fields there can be up to 15-20 percent infected.

There is no real cure for this pest, and for that fact no real concerns at this time, unless infestation is greater than 10-15 percent. Hopefully this is some information that will help you as you harvest you wheat this year.

If there are any questions, please feel free to give me a call at 785-313-0670, or your local Coop agronomists.

Father's Day ~ Sunday, June 19th

As a child, you walked before me, to lead by example.



As a teenager, you walked behind me, Looking out for my back and being there when I needed you.

As an adult, you walk beside me so that, as two friends, we can enjoy life together. ~ *Happy Father's Day* ~

Grain Comments for June 2011

For those of you that talk to me either often or occasionally it will come as no shock that I have been friendly the grain markets, especially corn and wheat, for a while now. The fundamentals for corn may be more favorable for higher prices than that of wheat, but the weather conditions, not only across the wheat areas of the U.S., but across some major wheat growing areas of the world have certainly been less than ideal. Too hot and dry for the hard red winter wheat, too wet and cool for the soft red and dark northern wheat areas. Of course the same areas where soft red and dark northern spring wheat is planted are areas of the country where the grower is struggling to get a corn and or bean crop planted. In the next couple of weeks the folks trading corn will watch and see if the growers in eastern corn belt decide to take preventive planting on their corn. June 5 is the preventive planting date and a payment of around \$500 per acre is what most growers can expect – what would you do? Take the \$500 or take a chance on this summer's weather and stick a crop in the ground? No matter what we are not going to get the 92 million acres of corn planted that the USDA is using in their S&D's. With tight old crop supplies and less than ideal planting conditions it is going to be one fun summer. Oh yeah not to forget beans – they seem to want to go along for the ride.

The Farmers Coop Association would like to personally invite you to the Wamego Answer Plot Session 1. Come and see how corn and soybeans are responding to early season conditions, evaluating growth and development, management practices, and the R7 Placement Strategy. Session runs from 9 AM thru lunch. Be prepared to gain vital insight to make your operations more profitable and productive!

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Date: June 3rd, 2011
Time: 8:45 AM Registration
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Directions: 1 Mile East of Wamego on Highway 24



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Call our Agronomy team, John Watts 785.313.1644; Ken 785.313.4880; Mike 785.313.0518; Chad 785.313.0670; or Dave 785.313.1648, for your remaining seed needs. Still have a variety of Soybeans, Milo, Forage Sorghum, and Sorghum Sudan Seeds.



~ June 21 ~
1st Day of Summer

Jared (Jerry) Fenske – Energy Dept.

Yesterday I received another letter announcing more oil price increases. They will go up another 6-9% per gallon depending on the product. The increases will take effect during the second week of June. Anyone needing oil in the near future would benefit from buying sooner rather than later.

In the next couple weeks we should have our Alta Vista fuel truck up and running. We recently had the fuel tanker rebuilt and repainted. It is currently getting a truck inspection and then new decals will be put on it. These improvements should help us improve our image and overall fuel operations in the Alta Vista area. Please call any of our local branches if you would like to schedule a fuel delivery.

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