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Fungicides On Your Crops Craig Miller

In this issue I wanted to address using fungicides on your crop. I will concentrate mainly on corn because fungicides on soybeans have some draw backs that don't affect corn nearly as bad. Fungicides on soybeans have the potential to raise the moisture and keep the stems green making it tougher to combine and requiring additional time till harvest. Fungicides on soybeans can be a real benefit but require more management and planning.

If you want to experiment with fungicides, I would suggest starting on corn. Fungicides do the same to corn as they do to soybeans but without the draw backs. Fungicides on corn may raise your moisture but probably only up to 1/2 point and will make the plant stay green a little longer but that only makes the plant stand better and makes it easier to harvest. Many producers use fungicides on corn just to help with standability.

The economics of fungicides is what most people question. In my opinion fungicides are not a guarantee profit maker but are very important part of the whole system that works best for those producers that push their field production limits. In my experience two out of five years a producer will be very pleased with his yield response to a fungicide. Two out of five years, he will be right around breakeven and one out of every five years he will wonder if I know what I'm doing and if my mom was really married to my dad.

Full tassel is the ideal time to apply fungicides. Full tassel is when the tassel is fully emerged and spread out. If you apply before then be sure to leave out any surfactants or crop injury

can occur. You are better off to be late than too early but you get the biggest bang for the buck as close to full tassel as possible.

Normally people pick their best field to put fungicides on and that is usually the best way, but this year with the weather that we have had you may not have a best field. Don't let that stop you; this may be a good year for fungicides. Even though diseases are not in abundance in any fields I have scouted, plant health in this weather needs all the help it can get and a plant with fungicide should be able to wait for that next rain better than an untreated one, which may result in much needed bushels.

If you are interested in doing some fields are just have a few questions, give us a call. Thanks

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Grain Comments By Doug Biswell

June was just a continuation of a very unique weather year. Continued warm and dry conditions allowed wheat harvest to be completed in our area well before we normally start. As a company, we unloaded just shy of 320,000 bushels, which was up 135,000 bushels from 2011 and the most wheat we have handled since 2006. The wheat quality was very good and yields for this area of Kansas weren't bad.

Prices on all commodities increased in the last month as growing conditions for the fall crops are less than ideal in many areas of the corn belt as drought conditions have extended well into the eastern belt. Illinois, Ohio, and Indiana have struggled with lack of moisture and as I write this article, heat is to be a serious problem the next couple of weeks – right in the middle of corn pollination. The heart of the U. S. corn growing area is seeing conditions that they normally don't have to face and yet seem all too commonplace for us back here in the west.

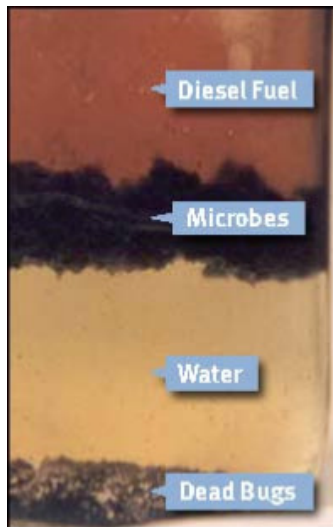
There are so many influences on grain prices that a person could get lost in them all, but ultimately it comes down to production. The more grain the world grows the lower the price. When production gets cut the job of the futures market becomes rationing the demand that the supply just cannot support. We have had a couple of those marketing years lately, and it looks like we are in store for another.

Fuel Tank Maintenance By Jerry Fenske

Just a reminder to take the steps to ensure problem-free engine performance and protect your valuable diesel equipment. With proper tank maintenance and fuel handling, you can avoid many common problems.

Fuels containing water creates severe fuel line and filter plugging problems. It's important to regularly remove water from storage tanks, vehicle fuel tanks and filter bowls, and to follow these guidelines:

- ☐ Tilt tanks to direct water and debris away from the outlet
- ☐ Pressurize tanks to keep vapor and air inside
- ☐ Drain and remove all contaminants every three months
- ☐ Install proper filtration systems on bulk tanks
- ☐ Replace fuel filters according to manufacturer recommendations; if filters have a drain valve, periodically drain water that may accumulate from condensation
- ☐ Clean pump screens regularly
- ☐ Periodically sample fuel for quality assurance purposes
- ☐ Have tanks cleaned annually



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We are in the process of collecting e-mail addresses of our customers so we can quickly send important information to you. Some examples of e-mails we would send:

- Animal health/feed specials (New Products)
- Pest that are being found in the fields
- Reminders for Coop events (like the AnswerPlot)

We have different categories we will put the e-mail addresses in. They include:

- Agronomy
- Feed
- Fuel
- Grain
- Tires

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Independence Day. Please
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