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Between the Rows

Observations of Scott Schaffert
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Be the first to answer the
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Fieldwork Update.





Field work is underway as another spring is upon us. Harrowing is underway throughout the area as producers are looking to seal in moisture and fill in cracks in the soil in preparation of seeding. Speaking of seeding, reports are coming in of peas already in the ground in the Boyer area. My travels took me to Fairview last weekend, where seeding of canola and peas is underway.



Agronomic Initial Visits

In my first scouting visits to your farm, I will perform an initial field assessment looking for any early season weeds requiring a pre-seed burn off application, as well as collecting some general information on any tillage done, your seeding practices, and fertility program. If you've happened to have already seeded, then I will monitor any

emergence information as well. This information is designed to help me to provide you with the best agronomic recommendations based on your farming practices. I will begin these visits next week.

Dynamic Crop Soil Services	
	
Grower's Name _____ Address _____ Phone (780) 841-1496 Email _____ Scouting Plan _____ Field Name _____ Field Size _____ Legal Land Description _____ Directions to Field _____ 7 miles east on Fox Lake road (Twp R0 1081) from Highway 96, field on North side of road.	
Crop Inspection Information Sheet Scott Schaffert Agronomic Services	
Field Map 	

Dynamic Crop Soil Services	
Early Spring Scouting Grower's Name _____ Field Name _____ Date _____ Time _____	
Spring Tillage Notes Equipment _____ Times Worked _____ Depth of Tillage _____ Comments _____	
Preseed Herbicide Application Product _____ Rate _____ Date Applied _____ Comments _____	
Seeding Notes Date _____ Equipment _____ Operator _____ BSU/L _____ Rate _____ Soil Temperature _____ Seed Treatment (Product and Rate) _____ Comments _____	
Fertility Program Brand _____ Placement _____ Rate _____ Fall Applications _____ Comments _____	
Emergence Information Emergence Density _____ Weather Info _____ Comments _____ Sign off by Scott Schaffert P.Ag. CCA	

Moisture



Soil Moisture conditions are holding on for right now. However recent hot, dry and windy days have had an impact on the surface moisture. While that is good for draining and drying out low spots, current soil reserves will not be enough to sustain us through the growing season.

Last September was very dry, which greatly benefitted harvest, soil moisture reserves were low going into winter. The we only received 60% of the normal snowpack, so will most of the snow melt went directly into the soil, soil moisture conservation should be a priority until we get that 2 day soaker.

Question of the Week

With the restrictions on the use of insecticides such as Matador and Silencer for flea beetle control this year, you will be depending on the seed treatments on your canola more than ever.

However, seed treatments will only provide protection for so long. So, this week's question is: When does the clock start on how long the treatments will control flea beetles?

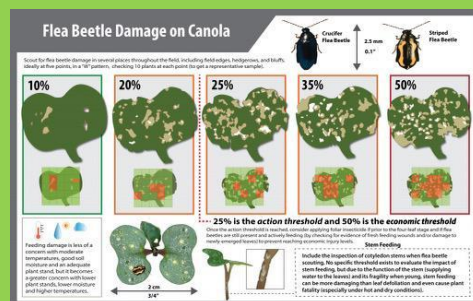
A: Date treated at the manufacturer

B: Date you pick it up from CropMaxx

C: Date you seed it

D: Date the canola emerges

The first person to call Sherri at (780) 927-(CROP)2767, wins this week's prize.



Wildfire in Fox Lake



As I write this newsletter a wildfire has prompted the evacuation of Fox Lake. Hot, dry windy weather has dried out the local forests and until we get some moisture, we can expect more wildfires. We can all do our part by being extra careful out there if we

camping or riding a quad to insure we are not the cause of another wildfire.

4R Designation

Over the winter I completed my 4R Designation for Nutrient Stewardship with the Canadian Fertilizer Institute. If you are interested in applying for various forms of government grants requiring an Agronomist with a 4R designation give me a call.



