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Soybean Special

With all of the changes in soybean platforms recently, we have worked diligently with our seed representatives to make sure we deliver the platforms you want at a competitive price. We will be offering Enlist, Extend, GT 27 and RR2 for the 2020 growing season. We have a great supply of each soybean platform, however, we encourage you to order as soon as possible if you are looking at new technology in order to secure the volume and varieties you want. Talk with Jason or Casey to lock in your early pay discounts. First pre-pay discount will be due December 15, 2019 and second prepay discount will be January 10, 2020 for both corn and soybeans purchases

Post Harvest Meeting



Due to the delayed harvest that we are facing, we will wait until a later time to set our Post Harvest Meeting date at Unkies. As always, we will have a lot of good information regarding the 2019 season recap and will cover new technology that should be given consideration for the 2020 season. Syngenta has released Saltro, a seed treatment to combat sudden death syndrome, that we will be replacing Illevo with. The research shows that this treatment has been much more effective in treating SDS than past treatments, and it is available at a lower cost. Be on the lookout for a Post Harvest Meeting invitation in the near future from OS&C.

Agronomy Update

The 2019 growing season has been a challenge to say the least. Spring seemed to last well into summer with late planting and replanting going well into July. 20-30 days after emergence we had many rain events allowed a lot of water to enter the whirl of the corn plants giving optimal conditions for stalk rots to start moving in. Crop stress anytime during the growing season can lead into the development of poor stalk quality and allow stalk rot diseases to move in. Fields that may have a higher risk for stalk rot diseases and lodging are:

- Lost leaf area (hail, leaf diseases)
- Fields with excessive moisture (poorly drained)
- Goose neck/green snap
- Higher planting populations
- Late emerging plants

Listed are the stalk rots I'm seeing out in the field.

Fusarium Stalk rot: most common during damp growing conditions (May-June). The symptoms is development of crown rot in the lower stalk where stalk and roots attach.

Physoderma Stalk rot: excessive rain in May and June causing large amounts of moisture in the whirl of the corn plant cause physoderma. Infections in the nodes makes the stalk rotted and snap easily.

We can minimize losses by identifying which fields and hybrids to harvest first. Early season hybrids 97-102 day have physically matured and will have weaker stalks so harvest them first. Fields that have been affected by hail, green snap, goose neck and wet farms (poorly drained) should go next, then later season hybrids. From a stand ability aspect a fungicide application is paying off this year with stronger stalks and a healthier plants allowing them to stand later into the harvest season.

I'll be out scouting well into fall providing updates if certain hybrids are being affected worse than others. I will be out riding in combines this fall, if you have a certain field you want me to ride along with give me a call and we can set that up. If you have any questions feel free to give me a call.

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