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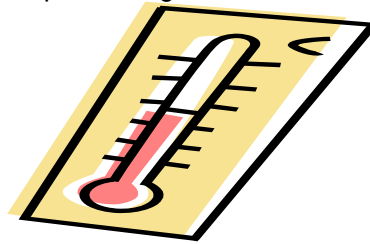
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Cool Weather Slows Crop Progression

Cooler than normal temperatures during July coupled with late planting has raised concerns in northern areas of Illinois and Indiana of a late harvest and early frost. Some areas of Illinois reported the month of July as being the coolest in at least 112 years.

Although the cool weather reduces crop stress, corn silking as of the last week in July in Illinois was 23% behind 2008 and 40% behind normal. Some predict continued cool temperatures through this month could push corn 2-3 weeks behind normal by late August. The Western Corn Belt states of Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri and Nebraska reported July temperatures 4-5° below normal with corn silking also behind normal pace.

As of July 26, less than one-half the Illinois soybean crop was blooming. Indiana reported 51% of soybeans in the bloom stage while Ohio reported 68% of the crop blooming.



Weather forecasters from Planalytics suggest July and August weather patterns quite often remain similar, with the big differences coming in the latter half of August and September. This prediction indicates a warm September. October weather patterns according to these forecasters rarely match September, so a cold temperature pattern could

develop in October and further the fear of early frost in northern growing areas.

Fall NPK Price Levels More Attractive

Fertilizer prices for fall 2009 applications have dropped significantly from year ago levels. According to the most recent issue of the weekly fertilizer publication *Dealer Report*, wholesale anhydrous ammonia is approximately \$700 per ton less than early August 2008. Wholesale DAP prices have dropped more than \$700 per ton, while wholesale potash prices are down more than \$350 per ton from year ago levels. Many growers (and retailers) took early positions in 2008 as prices spiked to record levels and were "burned" when dramatic price drops occurred this spring. Most approach the fall application season cautiously.

However, there is some underlying strength in nitrogen and phosphate markets that make current retail prices attractive. Discuss your fall fertilization program with your Logan Ag crop specialist. With reduced 2009 crop applications, many fields are in need of replacement nutrients for 2010.

Order Wheat Now & Save

It's time to think about fall wheat seeding, and Logan Ag – your Lewis Hybrids dealer – has a terrific offer! The **LW2B** (Lewis Wheat to Beans) program enables wheat producers who order top yielding Lewis wheat varieties by September 15 to receive **\$2.00 per unit reward discount on soybeans** ordered by November 30. Each bag of wheat ordered qualifies

customers for a reward discount of \$2.00 on each soybean unit provided all program requirements are met. All varieties of Lewis wheat and soybeans are eligible for this program including Roundup Ready 2 Yield soybeans.

Contact Troy Kennedy (tkennedy@loganag.com) or Wayne Bingham (wbingham@loganag.com) for more information on this fantastic discount offer. Get top yielding wheat varieties at competitive prices and receive \$2.00 per unit discount on soybeans! But hurry – offer ends September 15.

SmartStaxTM Receives Registration

Dow AgroSciences and Mycogen[®] recently received registration from EPA for the highly anticipated SmartStaxTM hybrids for the 2010 planting season. SmartStax hybrids from Mycogen will offer many advantages for corn producers through reduced refuge acreage requirements, latest corn genetics and broadest spectrum control of above- and below-ground insects.

New SmartStax hybrids enable a reduction in refuge requirements from 20% to just 5% by providing multiple *Bt* proteins to protect against key insect pests. This means that more acres can be planted to higher-yielding hybrids containing valuable traits.

SmartStax hybrids utilize the latest genetics and best germplasm available. Already tested in nearly 1 million acres of plots annually, SmartStax traits enable Mycogen to develop industry leading hybrids for farmers across the Corn Belt.

SmartStax hybrids offer control of nearly all major above- and below-ground insect pests including *wireworm*, *seedcorn maggot*, *black cutworm*, *corn rootworm*, *1st and 2nd generation European corn borer*, *Western bean cutworm*, *corn earworm* and *fall armyworm*. No other trait technology currently on the market protects against all the insects controlled by SmartStax.

See or call Wayne Bingham (217-833-2375 or 217-491-0074) in Griggsville or Steve Crosby (574-727-7804 or scrosby@loganag.com) for additional information on Mycogen SmartStax hybrids.

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Mark Your Calendar For These Events

Join Logan Ag and your neighbors for these upcoming events!

- **Tuesday, August 25. Lewis Hybrids Field Day at Joe Browning farm south of Perry, IL.** See Lewis seed corn hybrids available for 2010 planted in 22" rows at the Browning farm. Join us for an evening meal and hear presentations by Lewis Hybrids and Logan Ag personnel. Crop scouts indicate this plot looks great!
- **Wednesday, September 2. Dow/Mycogen bus trip to Farm Progress Show.** Join us on a chartered bus as we travel to the 2009 Farm Progress Show near Decatur, IL. Lunch and evening meal provided. Contact Wayne Bingham to make reservations. *Hurry! Seating is limited! Spouses are*

welcome on this trip.

- **(Indiana customers) Tuesday, September 8. Tour of Dow headquarters in Indianapolis and Mycogen seed research farm in Fowler, IN.** Join Steve Crosby (Indiana sales rep) Edward Logan, Wayne Bingham (Sales Manager) of Logan Ag and John Kladstrup (Dow sales rep) and Dave Coorts (Mycogen rep) for an informative and educational tour of the Dow facility in Indy on Tuesday morning. After lunch, we'll travel to Fowler for a tour of the Mycogen research facility and see Mycogen hybrids and soybean varieties available for 2010. Contact Steve Crosby for details and reservations.

Did You Know

- Several leaf diseases are now evident in soybean fields. Foliar fungicides help protect yield, especially in cases of moderate to high disease pressure. Adding a labeled insecticide also helps improve yield.
- Harvest will begin in less than 60 days. Get your equipment in tip-top shape with lubrication products from Logan Ag. Contact Phil Ruble for delivery.
- Relieve some of your workload this fall with custom anhydrous ammonia application. Logan Ag has two rigs available with experienced operators – Jeff Butler and Shane Spencer. Schedule your acres now with the Logan Ag sales team.
- The Census of Agriculture reports than farming is the primary job of only one in 306 Americans.
- A new nitrogen stabilizer is coming for hog manure applications. Stay tuned for more information.