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Ask Your Agronomist: Preston Thomas

Crown rot has been a problem this year because it has been a cooler spring especially for corn that was planted earlier. This problem can cause symptoms that are easily misdiagnosed early on as it may occur in patches or wetter spots in the field. With crown rot, you may notice earlier stresses from the plant as well as the stacking of internodes which will result in a shorter plant height, lower placed ears, and a shorter harvestability window. If you have any questions or would like to discuss in-season management options, please contact Preston or your local Ag Partner's Agronomist.

Wheat Harvest

Harvest is here and Ag Partners is taking wheat at several of our facilities. Early returns have shown very good quality with good test weights. Give us a call if you plan to move bushels at harvest.

Market Update: Lincoln Hillyer

The markets continue to trade the ranges we've experienced the past several months. Until an event occurs to change the current sentiment, look for more of the same. As always the summer months can bring added volatility. Be prepared to take advantage of opportunities as they are presented. We offer many different marketing options to enhance value to your bushels, both old and new crop.

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Fungicide: Levi Lehmkuhl

Fungicide applications have shown to help improve overall plant health by helping resist diseases that can move quickly through a field and reduce yield. When considering a fungicide application, certain criteria need to be considered, like hybrid susceptibility, disease severity, and weather conditions. And, an accurate diagnosis is critical, as other diseases, such as Goss's bacterial wilt, blight and bacterial leaf spot cannot be managed with fungicides. For example, timely fungicide applications can be very effective in controlling rust diseases in corn. Application timing is critical to making the best use of the protective properties of the products relative to your stage of corn and disease severity. Improved stalk health sometimes occurs after a foliar fungicide application. When disease pressure is severe enough, leaves cannot photosynthesize enough to fill an ear, so it takes sugars from the stalk. So, controlling foliar pathogens can also help preserve stalk integrity. In the right situations when targeting a disease; foliar fungicides can be used to help protect against yield reductions and potentially boost profits.



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