

NEWSLETTER

October 2024



Harvest in Full Swing

Field activity has picked up in the last few weeks as crops continue to dry down. Harvest has been going well overall. So far yield reports for both corn and beans have been as good or better than expected. According to the October 7 Iowa Crop Progress and Conditions Report, corn harvest for grain is 22% complete and soybean harvest reached 58% complete. Corn & soybean condition are rated 77% & 76% good to excellent.

Harvest Losses Due to Moisture

Dry weather has caused crops to dry down rapidly, and with that comes greater potential harvest losses. This year we have lots of green stems that can cause plugging in the combine, but the beans themselves are very dry. Adjust your combine settings and slow your ground speed to help reduce harvest losses.

Impact of Harvesting Soybeans at Moisture Levels Less than 13%

Moisture Level	Potential Yield Reduction
8%	5.4%
9%	4.4%
10%	3.3%
11%	2.25%
12%	1.14%

Minimizing Fire Risk in the Field

As we continue to have dry weather, fire risks are a very real concern. Take precautions to minimize your fire risk.

- Keep equipment clean and remove plant materials on or near bearings, belts, chains, etc.
- Check air filters often to keep your engine running cooler and more efficiently
- Keep fire extinguishers in all machinery and trucks
- Check oil and coolant levels daily
- Be prepared to create a firebreak using tillage in an emergency
- Consider delaying harvest during windy, dry conditions
- In case of fire, turn off the machine, get away, and call 911



Yield Contests

If you entered the NCGA corn yield contest, keep an eye out for your best corn.



Enter the Asgrow bean yield contest by Nov 22. Contact us to learn more.

Local Plot Results

DEKALB, Asgrow, & Alloy are performing well in plots! Visit our social media pages or stop into the office to see results.

2025 Seed Orders

It is already time to start thinking about your 2025 seed order! Talk to our seed experts for personalized recommendations for your farm, and to learn about special offers and financing options. The first early order discount deadline is Nov 15.

Share Your Photos!

Share your harvest photos with us on social media!



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