

JUNE NEWSLETTER



Corn Tillers – Good or Bad?

You may have heard before that corn tillers suck nutrients from the main stalk, but is that really true? No, it's not true as it turns out. Research shows they typically have a neutral yield impact and can actually be an indicator of good soil fertility and moisture, and in some cases the earless tillers can supply plant sugars to the main stalk's ear during grain fill.

Scout Early & Often

Crops are doing well overall, but scouting is as important as ever! Watch for common rust, eyespot, and physoderma brown spot in corn & bacterial blight and septoria brown spot in soybeans. Insects will also become more of a concern going forward, so look for stalk borer, cutworms, armyworms, corn rootworm larvae, bean leaf beetles, stink bugs, & Japanese beetles.

Crop Updates

The crop is taking off now that we have more moisture and sunshine. Corn overall looks great, while beans have faced more adversity with uneven emergence and heavy residue to push through but they are coming along. The Iowa Crop Progress and Condition Report published June 9 rated 85% of corn and 80% of soybeans as good to excellent. Topsoil moisture condition rated 4% very short, 21% short, 71% adequate and 4% surplus.



Carlson Agronomy Plot Tour on June 27

Join us Friday, June 27 at 10 am for a plot tour featuring our own Carlson team and Bayer representatives with lunch to follow! Meet us at the plots – go to the intersection just west of the office and you'll see us set up. The corn plot is on the south side and the bean plot is on the north side. Hope to see you there!

Fungicide Application Considerations

Fungicide application time will be here before we know it – do you have a plan for your farm? We recommend using fungicide for both disease protection and better overall plant health. For best results, apply Delaro Complete to corn as it is tasseling and apply Delaro to soybeans at R3, when there is a pod 3/16" long on 1 of the 4 uppermost nodes. While you're already making the pass, we also recommend adding insecticide for protection against pests that could take a toll on your crop. Call Curt or Meghan to set up fungicide applications for your farm.



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