



April 2026 NEWSLETTER

Slow Start – But Don't Panic

The season is off to a slow start with all the rain, other than a few fields of early planted soybeans. We expected a wet March, but we seem to be getting a rainy April instead. You may feel like you should be in the field due to the calendar date, but don't let that feeling drive your decisions. Precision Planting conducted a multi-year study and has concluded that the optimum time to plant corn, on average, is the 3rd week of April, but yields do not drop off significantly until late May. Soybeans are similar, with the last half of April only a couple bushels behind early April planted bean yields. While planting date definitely has influence over final yield potential, field conditions are even more important to your end result. We also want to note that if we were to get into a replant situation, corn seed supply is very short and you are highly unlikely to get your desired hybrids the second time around, so let's do it well the first time. Scan the QR code to the right to see Precision Planting's study on corn's optimum planting date.



Scouting Ahead of the Sprayer

Weed control is always a challenge, but with the weather we've had, very little spraying has been completed so far. Henbit appears to be the most prevalent weed this spring. Cover crops, particularly rye, are also growing quickly and will need to be prioritized for termination once field conditions are fit. When we do get back in the field, be sure to do some scouting ahead of the sprayer to see which weeds are present and their size to determine if you need to adjust any pesticides or their rates to get good weed control.



It's not too late to use Pivot Bio on your corn, whether on your DEKALB or any other brand. Replace up to 40 lbs of synthetic N with Pivot Bio G3! The gene-edited microbes fix nitrogen all season long. Prices start around \$0.54 per pound of N, making it more affordable than other sources this spring. Finance for 0% APR with JDF or Rabo or pay up front for the cash discount.



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