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SOILBIOTICS COMPANY E-NEWSLETTER

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SOIL TEXTURE & WATER RETENTION

Many of us are concerned about a lack of rain this year. Some areas are 3 to 6 inches (or more) behind in rain over the last few months, and that's going to have an impact on yield. Humates are key components of a crumb (loose) soil structure. SoilBiotics **Soil Boost** has the highest concentration of humic acid in our product line, and many of our customers make it a long-term part of their soil maintenance and improvement program.

How does this work? As applied humic substances join with the mineral fraction of the soil, colloidal complexes of humus-clay and humus-silt aggregates are formed. These aggregates increase the cohesive forces that cause very fine soil particles and clay components to attract each other. Once formed, these aggregates help to create a desirable crumb structure in the topsoil. Soils with good crumb structure have improved tilth and are more porous, allowing for greater water infiltration and retention.

Adding **Soil Boost** to your post-harvest or pre-plant input program is not a one-year solution to soil texture problems. It is an integral part of a grower committing to restoring fields to optimum soil texture along with increasing organic matter content, soil health and microbial activity. So, let's get started on improving your soil this fall after harvest and next spring so that you can look at the weather forecast with less anxiety next crop year. Watch for our annual Fall Promotion on **Soil Boost!**

Growing Again!

As SoilBiotics celebrates its 13th birthday this month, we have decided that now is the time to build new offices. Activity will start in July. We hope to minimize any potential disruption and ask for your patience. Here are the basics:

OFFICES: We will be relocating our offices to a location in downtown Kankakee, IL effective July 1st. These are temporary offices with limited access, and we do not anticipate being able to allow customer

visits or meetings at this location unless prior arrangements are made. Our **BUSINESS PHONE number will remain the same – 815-929-1752**. New offices will be built at our current location, **2902 W. State Route 17, Kankakee, IL 60901**. The current offices will be demolished in early July and new construction will begin just as soon as possible.

SHIPPING/PRODUCT PICK-UPS: Construction will not affect our warehouse and receiving facilities, which will remain open for all shipping and product pick-ups at the Route 17 address. Please call the business phone and work with our Order Department to arrange for any shipping or product pick-up needs.

MAIL or PARCELS: If you need to **mail or parcel ship** anything to SoilBiotics please send it to: SoilBiotics, c/o Judy Zehr, 18500 West 3000 South Road, Reddick, IL 60901.

Goodbye and Hello

On Friday, June 16th we celebrated the first retirement from SoilBiotics. Debi Schultz, whom many of you know as the first voice on the phone and the shepherd of your orders, has retired. We wish her all the best and many years of fulfilling grandma duties. Good luck Debi! The new voice on the phone is Elaine Clapp. Welcome!

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