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Late Harvest Lookout

Everyone is busy with the late harvest and we want to remind all of our customers and friends to be safe. If you're moving around stored grain to make room, don't forget to wear the necessary safety gear and watch out for crusted grain in bins. It's going to be getting darker earlier and a lot more equipment and trucks than normal will be moving around, so take extra care to watch out for those who may not see you.

Time to Review Your Residue Maintenance Program:

A lot of nutrients applied in the fall are gone by the time plants need to access them in the spring. Humic substances help stabilize fall applied P and K, keeping them in place through the winter.

Plus, applied humic substances and specialized microbial products can help the billions of soil organisms work all winter long to solubilize and chelate nutrients, grab and hold heavy metals, and mediate salt build-up. Give us a call! We can help you make fall applications that ensure your soil is a high-quality bed for the seeds come springtime

Don't Forget to Soil Test!

As the crops come out it's time for soil testing to find out what nutrients you need to replenish before you plant next spring. The SoilBiotics Soil Testing Program provides a soil analysis that aids in determining pre-plant and side-dress fertilization requirements. It was created by GMS Labs and SoilBiotics with specific criteria to provide an understanding of the crop production capabilities of each field in terms of salinity, soil type, water holding capacity, percolation, and much more! To learn more about the SoilBiotics Soil Testing Program please click on this link: <http://www.soilbiotics.com/Products>

With your soil test results, you are ready to get fall fertility recommendations and have your local ag retailer make the application. Consider asking them to blend the P and K fertilizers with our **Organic 2r - Soil Boost** to safeguard the fertilizer over the winter and increase nutrient availability for the new crop in spring (See product label for application instructions).

Also ask about **PH K** – this is a dry, granular Humic Acid (70%) product containing a proprietary carrier blended with the humate. This product helps the soil loosen and crumble, increases aeration and workability of soil, allows the soil to retain water soluble inorganic fertilizers in the root zones and reduces leaching. Multiple SGN sizes are available, and this product is suitable for both conventional and organic (OMRI Listed) programs.

Post Harvest Residue Management

Reclaim the nutrients in your corn stalks and bean stubble for use by next year's crops. The SoilBiotics Residue Digester Program can help you keep those nutrients and save money on spring fertilizer. And, those soil microbes will be much happier since you've created a buffet for them. Talk to your SoilBiotics representative or call the SoilBiotics office at 815-929-1752 to discuss your residue management program and how we can help.

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