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SOILBIOTICS COMPANY E-NEWSLETTER

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## Thinking Residue Management:

**Commodity prices are low and there's no extra money to spare. So, don't leave money in the field!**

Reclaim the nutrients in your corn stalks and bean stubble for next year's crops. Recycling nutrients will mean increased profits. According to University of Illinois research, **200 bushel** per acre of corn will produce **9,600 pounds** of residue per acre. By employing a good residue digestion program, the fertility yields can be: **209** units of Potassium, **182** units of Phosphate and **88** units of Nitrogen.

Take advantage of our residue digester program to get it all back and save money on fertilizer. Click here <http://soilbiotics.com/files/7977-SB5500%20Product%20Label%2002%2004%202016.pdf> and refer to the Post Harvest Soil Maintenance sections of the **SB5500** product label for program components.

## For Better Spring Soil Health - Fall Applied Organic 2r-Soil Boost

**Organic 2r - Soil Boost** is a naturally derived, mined Humic product. **Organic 2r - Soil Boost** increases nutrient availability by solubilizing soil bound nutrients and sequestering excess soil nutrients, rebalancing the soil naturally. It is compatible with dry fertilizers or manures (Not urea), and increases microbial activity in highly mineralized soils. **Organic 2r - Soil Boost** helps alleviate soil compaction, increasing drainage and water holding capacity. It is compatible for application with most conventional and organic programs. (See product label for application instructions). **Organic 2r - Soil Boost** is OMRI listed.

## Déjà vu All Over Again:

In our newsletter last September, we talked about how Hurricanes Harvey and Irma produced devastating losses in the Gulf Coast and Southern U.S. agricultural markets. And that was before Hurricane Maria made her appearance in late September and Hurricane Nate in early October. Now in 2018, as this newsletter is being written, the remnants of Hurricane Florence are still battering the Carolinas and inland areas. Livestock and crop producers in the Carolinas have been hit with destructive rain, flooding and wind that will cause losses in the many millions. Early reports indicate that poultry losses in this storm could reach the many millions as the floodwaters have cut off many grow houses.

The overall effect of this storm on agriculture nationally will take months to be determined. Disruptions to shipping and freight systems, and destruction of large amounts of inputs and stored crops may put a strain on prices and availability. And, we still have several months to go in the traditional hurricane season. On a more positive note, we have been watching as numerous organizations, many of them ag-related, made superhuman efforts to marshal huge amounts of food and support materials and get them shipped to the areas impacted by Florence in advance of the storm. We can offer prayers as well. Like we said last year, the American farmer will persevere.

## Consulting Services Partner:

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