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Planting Delays

Another wet spring. By the time you read this it will be May and there is very little seed in the ground when it comes to corn or soybeans in Adams County. Coming off of a very wet fall harvest that left some fields in need of “damage control” or working out ruts, there are lots of things to deal with when the weather breaks.

Later planting changes many of the management strategies for the producer. Weed control becomes more of a challenge, the seed treatment may lose some of the strength over time, seeding rates may be able to be lowered. Another thought would be to look at varieties with a shorter season to maturity.

The CORN newsletter is a weekly publication that will have current information addressing many of these issues as we move forward. You can check the newsletter at <http://corn.osu.edu> for current or past issues. The new newsletter is typically available on Tuesdays.

This week in CORN, one of the topics deals with the burndown programs. Dr. Mark Loux, the Weed Science Specialist for OSU Extension, wrote “Adapting Burndown Herbicide Programs to Wet Weather Delays”. This addresses issues where glyphosate resistance can be a problem and the use of 2,4D may be a problem with the 14 day planting delay. There are several other suggestions to consider in delayed burndown situations.

If you do not have the internet, or access to the web, feel free to stop by the OSU Extension Office located in the Adams Co. Government Annex on Courthouse Square in West Union, or call 544-2339.

May is Finally Here

For many cattle producers, May could not get here fast enough. With May comes grass and grazing instead of feeding hay. This is also the time of the year you typically find out just how good your fences are, and where the weak spots are in that fence. Livestock seem to have a way of showing you these things when grass gets green.

As we come into grazing time, it is a good time to market lighter feeder calves. It has been a good time for a few weeks now according to the market reports. In a recent Beef Blog there was a post from Doug’s Market Intel by Doug Ferguson. It was titled Grass-Fever Buyers want “Ready” Cattle, and it stated that buyers are picking through the markets for cattle they want. This is something that has been a trend for a few years, but it is increasing more and more according to those who run our local markets here for Adams County producers. Weaned cattle, with castrated males and vaccinated cattle are in demand. Here is what Doug had to say.

It is my opinion that prices paid last week for turn-out ready cattle were high. This week buyers added more fuel to that fire. Between the sales I attended this week and the market reports I looked at I found



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only one that was lower compared to the previous week. Non-weaned cattle and feeder bulls continued to carry a significant discount.

We have discussed talking to your local Stockyards manager, your local veterinarian, and others that can help advise you toward getting top dollar out of your cattle when you sell them. Communication and other little things can add up to several dollars on sale day.

Dates to Remember

May 16 Weed Identification at Western Brown HS Community Room at 7:00 p.m. Free and open to the public, brought to you by the Brown Co. Master Gardeners.

July 7-13 Adams County Fair