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Agronomy Corner

Potash Deficiency

Potassium is a mobile nutrient in the plant, moving from older to younger tissues when there is not adequate potassium entering the roots with soil tissue.

The recent dry weather has made potash deficiency evident in many fields in this area, especially alfalfa and soybeans. The symptoms appear as yellowing on the outside of lower leaves and if the deficiency is severe enough, the yellowing will move up the plant.

Some results of potash deficiency:

- Aphid susceptibility - Aphids attack potash deficient soybeans first and more severely, as it is believed these beans have a higher concentration of a certain amino acid that is beneficial to aphid reproduction.
- Disease susceptibility- Plants showing a potash deficiency are more vulnerable to diseases.
- Reduced winter hardiness- Potassium is essential for winter hardiness in alfalfa, therefore deficient plants may not have the longevity and hardiness as compared to plants with sufficient potassium.

Talk to your County Farm Centre Crop Specialist to discuss soil tests and to make a plan for improving soil potassium levels.

Seed returns are now complete. Thank you for returning your seed promptly!

Video of the Month

Check out "I'm Farming and I Grow It" on YouTube. Excellent agricultural promotion by some young Kansas farmers.



Be sure to check out countyfarmcentre.com -Crop Blogs for the latest **Crop Solutions that Work** newsletter.

Fuel Section

Whether you're running a grain or livestock operation, or both; no one is in a better position to help than the energy specialists at CFC. For all of your fuel and lubrication requirements, give us a call. Let us look after your needs.



Thank you for the great Spring and have a safe and happy summer.

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Feed Corner

Playoffs Are Coming? Are You Prepared!
Fall incentive time coming up!
This is what I call the “playoffs of Dairy Farming”!

Like any good sports team we need to be in perfect shape to prepare ourselves for the “playoffs”. Here are some tips to help make it to the finals:

- 1. Start Focus on close up cows. The cows that we will be counting on to fill fall incentive milk will be the ones that are freshening now.**

You know that cows that don't calve out right, won't milk and won't breed back. Canadian research proves this (figure 1), therefore identifying cows at risk of not “calving out right” will save you money.

Figure 1

Ontario Veterinary College Research:
Subclinical Ketosis in Early Lactation:

- Pp to 8x risk of LDA (duffield '97, LeBlanc '05)
- Lower likelihood of pregnancy at first AI (Walsh et al '04)
- Lower milk production (Duffield '00)

- 2. Start to gear up now for higher milk production.**

Even with the heat of the summer start “dialing” your rations up now. Remember a 1 kg increase in peak milk equals 220 kg on her lactation so getting these cows to peak a little higher now will pay big dividends later in her lactation.

- 3. Start to watch for high SCC's now.**

With the new “cap” of 400,000 coming in August make adjustments now to help lower or maintain low SCC's. Lets try to keep every cows' milk in the tank that we can. Talk to your Vet about the J Vac Vaccine program. Your milk house supplier about pre and post dip programs. Now is also a good time to review your farms' milking routine.

Conclusion: Lets' be proactive and ready for the playoffs your wallet will thank you!

Thanks,
Mike Ingram
Masterfeeds Inc.



~ STORE NEWS ~



Selection may vary by store

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