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Agronomy Corner

Spider Mites

The current dry weather pattern is promoting two-spotted spider mite development. It is believed dry weather reduces the effectiveness of a fungus that provides natural control of the mite and may also result in higher concentration of nutrients in the plant sap, particularly amino acids, which promotes greater reproductive potential of the mites.

Two-spotted spider mites overwinter in our area and feed on several weeds and crop plants. Dispersal to and within the soybean field is accomplished through a process called "ballooning". Mites emit a strand of silk that catches moving air and they are passively carried to other location.

Mite infestations usually begin at the edge of fields but may also show up as circular patches within fields.

Mite feeding initially appears as a graying or light discoloration on undersides of leaves. Close examination reveals that individual leaf cells have been fed upon and have collapsed, appearing silver or gray. Damage usually begins on lower leaves and moves up the plant. Mites can be seen on the undersides of soybean leaves, especially with the aid of a magnifying lens.

Your County Farm Centre crop specialist can help identify mites and recommend a treatment if necessary.



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Feed Corner

ATTENTION: DAIRY PRODUCERS!

Silage is a critical part of every successful dairy program. County Farm Centre, Masterfeeds, and Hyland Seed Corn wants your corn silage and your program to be a complete success.

We are offering for the next several weeks, moisture testing of your corn stalks. The dry growing season has added more challenges in harvesting good corn silage.



Come in every Friday morning at 10:00 for coffee and donuts, beginning August 3 at our Picton location.

Bring in 4-5 corn stalks from dryer areas of your field, cut at least 12" above the ground. Enjoy a coffee and donut, while we test your potential corn silage. Nitrate testing is also available. (Sample will have to be sent to laboratory.) Our own crop specialists will be on hand as well as Craig Carson of Hyland seeds. Our nutritionist Mike Ingram will also be available.

Looking forward to seeing you!

When should drought-stressed silage be chopped?

Ensiling should occur at the same dry matter level as normal corn silage (30 to 35 percent dry matter), depending on your storage unit. The problem is that the milk line guideline may not be available (no ears and kernels). If the plant has green material, it still is alive converting sunlight and soil nutrient to plant nutrients even if no ear is present.

Do not chop the corn plant too early. The best guideline is to chop up several representative stalks, and conduct a dry matter analysis on your farm using a Koster tester or microwave, or send it to a commercial lab. You must have dry matter levels in the optimal range (30 to 35 percent) for proper fermentation to occur.



~ STORE NEWS ~

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