

# Now is the time to evaluate fields

NEWARK, DEL. — This is an excellent time for farmers to evaluate their fields and decide what to do in 1985. At this time of year, many cultural and pest problems are very visible, says University of Delaware county extension agent Derby Walker. By identifying present problems, growers can improve cropping programs for next season.

One of the first things to check is weed control. Identify existing weeds and decide whether they're a serious problem, Walker advises. Be sure to identify any new weeds to determine whether they're likely to become troublesome in the future.

"Knowing what weeds are in a field makes it possible to choose crops in which they can be controlled, as well as the herbicides which will do the best job under those particular conditions," he says. "It may be necessary to change your cropping program in order to bring some weeds under control. Johnsongrass, for example, is easier to control in soybeans or vegetables than in corn."

On the other hand, broadleaf weeds like burcucumber and giant ragweed are much easier to control in corn. With some specific weed control programs the same crop must be grown several years in a row in a field before it will be possible to rotate to other crops without experiencing serious weed problems.

When checking fields, also look for signs of nematodes. Walker says injury by this pest is often confused with drought, water damage, spider mites or nutrient deficiencies. Since nematodes feed on plant roots, reducing their ability to take up nutrients, affected crops often look nutrient deficient.

To determine the presence of nematodes, collect a soil sample and have it analyzed by an extension plant pathologist. Also examine the roots of affected plants. It's possible to see cyst-nematodes and root knot nematodes with the naked eye or a

hand lens, but other kinds will need laboratory identification. If nematodes are present, the agent advises planting resistant varieties or changing the crop rotation to bring this pest under control.

Nutrients are another consideration. "If you find a deficiency, decide how best to correct it for this year, and also determine how to avoid the problem next year," Walker says. "Since some deficiencies are the result of over- or under-liming, the easiest solution may be to adjust your liming program."

This is an excellent year to check for drainage problems in fields. "You may want to evaluate the lay of your land and decide whether you need new ditches to drain off excess water. This has been an exceptionally wet season; most years you won't see nearly as many problems of this sort," the agent says.

By reviewing field conditions now and noting what they find, growers can make sound management decisions which will benefit not only the 1985 season, but those that follow.

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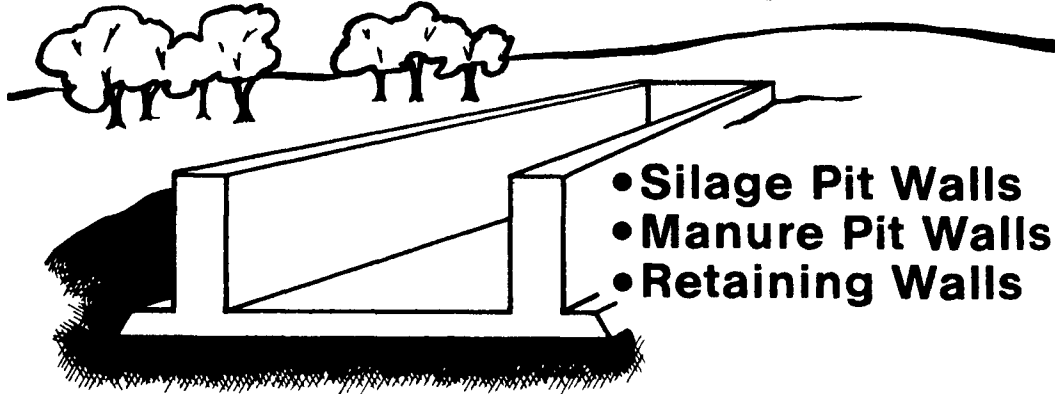
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