

## Ohio's Wheat Struggling Under Wet Weather, Diseases

WOOSTER, Ohio - Prolonged heavy rains during winter wheat planting have resulted in severe stand establishment problems throughout parts of Ohio, which may affect overall yields come next season's harvest.

Pat Lipps, an Ohio State University plant pathologist for the Ohio Agricultural Research and Development Center (OARDC), said saturated soils created ideal conditions for fungi to attack and kill germinating seeds, heavily damaging wheat fields or, in some cases, wiping out entire fields.

"We received very heavy rains during the second and third weeks in October, which was right after the major acreage of wheat was planted. Some parts of the state received six to eight inches of rain during a one-week period," said Lipps. "When you get saturated soils from a deluge of rain like that, it's very difficult for any crop to germinate and become established."

Northwest Ohio has been hardest hit with many farmers having to replant five to six weeks beyond the Hessian fly free date or being forced to plant other crops.

"I can say that in the 20 something years that I've been here, it's the worst looking wheat crop I've seen in terms of stand establishment. I've never seen anything this severe or this widespread," said Lipps. "We like our wheat to be planted on time so that it produces three to four tillers before winter dormancy, and our evaluations of fields so far indicate that we are lucky to have one or maybe two tillers. That's about half of what we need to produce the 80-90 bushel yields we are used to."

Lipps said that the poor ger-

mination problems and subsequent late replanting of many fields are raising concerns whether the crop will survive through winter and produce an economically viable crop next spring.

"Research has shown that fields planted right after the Hessian fly safe date perform much better than late planted fields. Some farmers are still trying to plant right now, which is just way too late to expect to produce a viable crop next year," said Lipps. "The thing that concerns us is the area hardest hit contains the major wheat growing counties in the state, producing more acreage of winter wheat than any of the other counties in Ohio."

Counties in Northwest Ohio affected by wheat stand establishment problems include Putnam, Paulding, Van Wert, Allen, Hancock, Henry, Defiance, Wood, and parts of Mercer, Shelby and Auglaize. Ohio ranks seventh overall among all winter wheat-producing states in the United States and produces some of the highest quality soft red winter wheat sought after by millers and bakers.

Though little can be done now to remedy the situation, Lipps recommends that farmers assess their fields for yield potential next spring by counting the number of plants per square foot. "If farmers determine they have 15 plants or more per square foot, they can probably save those fields and go for a near normal yield," he said. "The economics of the situation, however, might drive some farmers to plant soybeans or corn depending on what they'll see next spring."

## CNH Announces ABS Transaction

LAKE FOREST, Ill. — CNH Capital, the financial services arm of CNH Global N.V. (NYSE:CNH), has announced a \$1.0 billion asset-backed securitization by CNH Capital Receivables Inc.

The securities are backed by U.S. agricultural and construction equipment retail receivables contracts originated through the company's dealership. CNH Capital will apply the proceeds from the securitization to repay outstanding debt.

Lead manager for the transaction is Salomon Smith Barney. Co-managers are: Bank of America Securities LLC, Credit Suisse First Boston, Deutsche Bank Alex Brown, J.P. Morgan, and SG Cowen.

## Broadcast Spreaders Available From Land Pride

SALINA, Kan. — Land Pride Broadcast Spreaders feature an all steel frame, frontal splash-plate, adjustable spinner vanes, agitator and tow hook. Application rates range from 44 pounds to 890 pounds per acre with available hopper capacities of 350 pounds, 563 pounds or 673 pounds.

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## Yetter 2959/2967 Cuts Costs, Boosts Yield Potential

COLCHESTER, Ill. — The new 2959/2967 combination injection system/residue manager allows farmers to make the most of reduced tillage operations, according to the Yetter Manufacturing Company. It does this by combining residue clearance, planting and fertilizer injection into one operation. Labor, fuel and equipment costs are proportionately smaller. The combination unit can be used on most popular planters.

According to Don Bunnell, research and development specialist for Yetter, the 2967's precise residue clearance operation allows for consistent seed placement while reducing the hair-pinning that can cut into yields. Its wide pivot bearing surfaces deliver strength and durability, he says, and he notes that the arm is constructed of formed square steel tubing with replaceable pivot bushings.

## Krause Corp. Appoints Dick Brown, Vice Pres. Of Sales And Marketing

HUTCHINSON, Kan. — Steven L. Krause, president and chief executive officer of Krause Corporation has announced the appointment of Richard A. (Dick) Brown to the position of vice president of sales and marketing and as an officer of the corporation.

Krause Corporation, founded in 1916, is a leading producer of crop production equipment, including yield-enhancing tillage products and seeding equipment, plus material handling products through the K-Pac Division, and selected OEM tillage manufacturing.

Brown has extensive experience in the agricultural equip-

The standard Yetter QuikAdjust allows the residue manager to either float on the surface or maintain a specific depth setting via a pin-locking mechanism.

"Each wheel is heat treated for durability," says Bunnell, "and its tapered, laser-cut fingers move residue efficiently. Double rows of bearings are sealed inside and out, and smooth-headed hub bolts eliminate snagging."

Pointing to the 2959 injection system part of the combination, Bunnell explains how it further increases efficiency. "Even as the 2967 clears the residue," he notes, "the injection system's 16-inch blade cuts a slot two inches off the row and injects liquid fertilizer, giving crops a faster start. So you're not only saving time and money, you're maximizing your yield potential."

ment industry with International Harvester Company, Massey Ferguson Inc., and recently as vice president of DMI of Goodfield, Ill. After the sale of DMI to Case IH, Dick was director of sales and marketing of the Goodfield location for CNH Global.

In addition, he has been actively involved in FEMA (Farm Equipment Manufacturers Association of St. Louis) and EMI (Equipment Manufacturers Institute of Chicago).

With 30 plus years in the equipment industry, Brown has worked extensively with many North American farm equipment dealers and is well-known throughout the industry.



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