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TO THE POINT

Winter Wheat

Every year we get a few questions on winter wheat. Some things to consider before growing winter wheat are as follows:

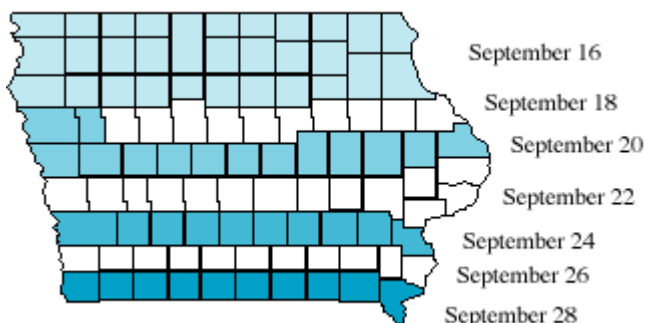
Do you have a market for the grain?

Can you purchase good quality seed wheat (Hard Red Winter)?

Do you have a plan for the crop ground after wheat harvest?

How much fertilizer do I need?

Wheat can be a good choice for row crop production in southern Iowa, it requires less moisture and nitrogen than corn. With high input prices and better than average wheat prices, currently you may want to check out growing a few acres. I have included the Hessian fly free date chart below. If you have, questions on fertilizer look for publication PM 1688.



Why does fertilizer cost so much?

Good question! Times are changing and fertilizer is no different from other commodities. The logical reasons for changes in the fertilizer industry are summed up in an article written by **Roger Ginder**. **If you only read one article, make it this one.**

<http://www.extension.iastate.edu/CropNews/2008/082208ginder.htm>