Welcome to all the new subscribers to this newsletter and special thanks to all my new Twitter followers. I guess when you post a few pictures on Twitter you can find all kinds of new followers! If by chance you are receiving a forwarded version of this newsletter you can subscribe directly by clicking on the "subscribe" button at the bottom of this page.

Crop Conditions

Soybean
We have definitely seen an improvement in the look and condition of the soybean fields this past week to 10 days. Things finally started to dry out a bit and the beans are starting to green-up and grow. There are some diseases out there but that is to be expected with the wet conditions we experienced earlier. Most bean fields I have been in are R1-R2.

Corn
The corn is looking good across the 9 counties I cover. Some folks managed to get some additional N applied and only time will tell how long our N is going to last this year and if we had enough available for the crop. Corn ranges from V16 to R1 (silking). There have been some reports of diseases starting to show up in corn, but as of today I have only seen some very minor common rust. Drop me a note if you are seeing Northern Corn Leaf Blight in corn or are concerned about diseases in soybeans.
Fungicide Application and Resources
We are at that critical time when decisions are being made about fungicide application to both corn and beans. This is never an easy decision. Things to consider for your decision-making process include weather conditions, past history of disease incidence in a field and if the treatment will provide a return on investment. A primary tool in the decision-making toolbox is to get out there and scout fields and make sure to correctly identify any disease present in a crop. Generally speaking fungicide applications in corn should be made between VT and R2, and for soybean R2-R3. Be sure to follow all label requirements for application timing to best manage disease and protect crop. Below are some links to some good articles written recently by my colleagues. I have also included links to fungicide efficacy reports released in May from Purdue Extension from information developed by the North Central Regional Committee on Soybean Diseases.

Fungicide Thoughts for 2014 Season
Northern Corn Leaf Blight Prevalent in Iowa
Mid-Season Soybean Diseases Out in Full Force: How to Send a Sample to the ISU Diagnostic Clinic
Fungicide Efficacy for Control of Soybean Foliar Diseases
Fungicide Efficacy for Control of Corn Diseases

Events
2014 Iowa Pork Summer Conference | July 24, 2014 from 1 to 4:30 p.m. | Dows Community
Center. This conference will focus on Clean Water Act inspections and the Iowa CAFO rule; Iowa nuisance cases; and PED virus research and reporting. Conference is free for those who preregister by calling the Iowa Pork Producers Association at (800) 372-7675, or $5 at the door.

**Soybean Aphid Field Day** | August 14, 2014 | Field Extension Education Lab (FEEL) near Ames.

**Iowa Drainage School** | August 19-21, 2014 | Borlaug Learning Center, near Nashua.

**Late-Season Crop Management Clinic** | August 19, 2014 | Field Extension Education Lab (FEEL) near Ames.

**Late-Season Crop Disease Clinic** | August 20, 2014 | Field Extension Education Lab (FEEL) near Ames.