

SPOONER MILLS

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Happy
New
Year!



News & Notes

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To:

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Have a Safe and Happy New Year!

THANK YOU!

Thank you to all of our customers for making us your supplier of feed, seed, chemical, fertilizer, LP, and other farming and agricultural supplies. We greatly appreciate your trust in allowing us to be a partner in your business!

Spooner Mills Mineral Special

Booking thru January 31st

For each ton of mineral booked,
receive a \$25 coupon
and a flashlight!

Limit one flashlight per farm

Special includes:

Cow Minerals
Dry Cow Minerals
Heifer Minerals
Beef Minerals
Vitamin Paks

Terms: Must be current on your account. Product must be taken and paid for by June 30th, 2023.

No Exceptions. Speak to Paul or Tim about how we can help you with your mineral needs!

Book or prepay now for best availability! Certified and uncertified available: Oats, Barley, Peas & Oats, Peas & Barley, Peas & Triticale
Bulk and Bagged Soybeans, Insecticide/Fungicide, Inoculant-treated Soybeans



- Urea, DAP, Potash, Ammonium Sulfate, Pel Lime, Calcium Sulfate, Potassium Sulfate, Pelleted Hi Cal Lime, Factor Plus, Contain, custom mixes, trace elements
- 28% liquid and starter liquids
- Spreader trailer rental, custom spreading, variable rate and high-clearance spreading, air flow spreading

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From the Agronomy Desk...

Looking into the crystal ball for 2023, what can a farmer do to reduce risk and grow a profitable crop? Understand most crops in our area are raised to feed livestock, but the following is very important.

1. **Soil test.** If your soil tests are greater than 5 years old, pull new samples. You must have a starting point. Don't guess, soil test.
2. **Lime.** If the field pH is below crop requirements, correcting pH will provide the greatest return on money invested.
3. **Phosphorous and potassium.** Believe it or not, providing P and K at the minimum of crop removal will have a greater impact on yield than additional nitrogen inputs.
4. **Tillage.** Tillage is a useful tool when needed. Excessive tillage will reduce yields and contribute to soil erosion. Try to minimize the number of tillage passes and add dollars to your bottom line.
5. **Mother Nature.** Remember, a great portion of growing a crop is out of your control. You will not control Mother Nature. Manage what you can manage, but you cannot manage the weather.
6. **Crop budget.** Put a pencil to paper for your crops and know your cost per acre, use attainable yields, and future prices to develop your budget.
7. **Seed selection.** Identify problems on your farm and select seed to reduce risk of a disease or insect problem. Don't buy open pollinated or VNS seed as it will have a reduced yield compared to known hybrids or varieties. Consider buying traited seed if needed.
8. **Marketing.** Growing a crop is easy; selling the crop is hard. Don't be afraid to ask for help and don't hang on for the last penny. Always consider reducing risk, but don't overpay for risk protection. Once your crop is sold, start working on your plan for the next year.
9. **Forget the frills.** When times are tough, don't buy a Cadillac when a Chevy will do. Manage your inputs (seed, fertilizer, crop protection) and don't buy the extra micro packs as they will have little impact on yield and profit. If you apply manure, take the nutrient credits into consideration and decrease fertilizer input.
10. **Tissue tests.** They are a tool, but only useful if combined with a soil test in the field area of the tissue test. The expense of tissue testing may not provide a return on investment during tight margins unless it is a high-margin crop.
11. **Silver bullets** will only control werewolves, don't buy them. There are no silver bullets in crop production. There is no miracle in a jug or bag, just expense. If you are confused and need help, there are people who can help. Agronomists, UW-Extension agriculture agents, technical school instructors, private consultants, and the list goes on. There are people to help, but first you must convince the person in the mirror looking back that you may need help. We will grow a crop in 2023. Farmers will need to manage through tough times. Remember one thing: yield and yield alone doesn't always equal profit.

Have a Happy New Year and a great start to 2023.

Your Spooner Mills Agronomy Team,

Tom, Paul, Cory, and Terry



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Problem with Ringworm?

Putting a topical treatment on ringworm works, but you can also topdress iodine and more vitamins. You can also put it in your feed at a preventative level or treatment level. Help prevent it so you do not catch it when you work with your cattle.