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SOILBIOTICS COMPANY E-NEWSLETTER

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Time to Check Your Foundation! How Is Your Soil?

Did you soil test last fall? When did you do your last soil test? If it has not been in the last couple years, it might be advisable to ensure that your fertility program is well planned. Tight commodity prices mean that doing your homework before planting may be the best opportunity to make a profit. So, a little more spent now to ensure that the foundation of your business, the soil, is in optimum condition can pay big dividends throughout the growing season.

One of our partners, GMS Laboratories in Cropsey, IL offers the SoilBiotics Soil Testing Program. This is a soil analysis program that was created by GMS and SoilBiotics with a focus on understanding the crop production capabilities of each field with respect to available nutrients. This really aids in determining your dry P and K fertility requirements.

The Next Step: Pre-plant Soil Maintenance Program

OK, so now you're confident that your soil testing is current then it's time to start making decisions on inputs. SoilBiotics offers a comprehensive line of both Conventional and Organic products to help make sure that your soil is both physically and biologically in top condition for the upcoming crop.

SoilBiotics Growth Systems utilize naturally occurring humates, carbon-based substances which can chemically bond with nutrients in the soil for increased absorption by the plant. Better absorption...less nutrient inputs needed...lower costs.

Benefits:

- Reduced compaction, increased aeration and improved drainage.
- Get into the field days faster to plant your crop.

- Conserve applied fertilizers and chelate soil-bound nutrients for greater availability.

Products (see product label on website for precautions):

- **Organic 2r - Soil Boost** with spring applied dry fertilizers to improve soil structure, maintain nutrient availability, and stimulate microbial activity. (This product is used in both Conventional and Organic programs.)
- **3 - Growth Boost** or **Organic 3r - Growth Boost** plus **SB5500*** with UAN and herbicide to help burn down and stimulate soil microbes to break down crop residues.
- **4r – Foliar Concentrate** for quick starting your seedlings and better emergence.
- **Organic 5r – Soil Boost EA** to increase or enhance micronutrient uptake while improving and replenishing depleted soils.
- **SB4400**** and **eFISHnt 5-1-2** to aid in seedling germination, increased microbial population, increased nitrogen fixation and nutrient availability.

*SB5500 is a consortium of living beneficial microorganisms that have the ability to degrade a wide variety of organic polymers such as starch, cellulose, chitin, and lignin.

**SB4400 is a consortium of living beneficial microorganisms, including nitrogen fixing and phosphate solubilizing microbes that have the ability to stimulate enhanced growth and performance of many plants.

Trial Results Up on Our Website

We have conducted a variety of field tests each year, and as part of our ongoing educational efforts have posted those results under the PRODUCTS tab on our website in the [“Trials and Results” section](#). Please visit our website often in the coming months to see our new trial results.

Looking to have a Winter Meeting?

Talk to your SoilBiotics Rep or call SoilBiotics today!

Upcoming Shows:

Winter Meeting on Friday, March 10th at Deb & Di’s Restaurant, 3 Charles St., Rushville, IL 62681. RSVP to our office at 815-929-1752 or to Andy Clayton at 217-322-2639.

Agenda:

- 9:30am – Registration with Coffee and Donuts
- 10:00am – Presentation topic – Soil and Plant Health
- 11:00am – Break
- 11:10am – Presentation topic – Features and Benefits of SoilBiotics Products
- 12:00pm – Lunch with Question and Answer Session

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