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FUNGICIDE APPLICATIONS

Wheat and durum are on the final stretch of development, so it is important to protect them from head diseases like Fusarium Head Blight and reduce DON levels to maintain quality. Infections are most serious when the anthers are exposed during flowering. Frequent rain and/or high humidity promote head scab. Feekes stage 10.5.1 or early flowering is the ideal time to apply a fungicide to prevent head scab and reduce DON levels. We are also concerned with Ascochyta Blight in pulse crops. Ascochyta lesions produce spores which spread the disease, so fungicides will provide the best control when applied before high levels of disease. Talk with your Southwest Ag. representative today about the different products we offer for flowering application on your crops. We also offer aerial application for all your pesticide application needs.

CHEMICAL RETURNS

It is that time of year when in-crop pesticide applications should be wrapping up. If you have any chemical to return, we would like to get that picked up as soon as possible. We would like to have in-crop pesticides returned by July 17th. If you have returns you would like credited back to your account please contact your sales representative or contact the office to set up a pickup time. We will return any unopened jugs, and refillable containers that are empty, or have the seals still intact

PULSE CROP DESICATION

Although it seems early now, we are only a few weeks away from desiccating pulse crops and starting to harvest them. A few things to remember when it comes times to desiccate is crop maturity, crop moisture, and water volume. The first thing to check is crop maturity. We want to look for a large majority of plants having tan pods on the bottom, yellow to tan pods in the middle, and yellow-green pods on top. The seed moisture should be between 25-30 percent when they are desiccated. Then the crop can be harvested when seed moisture reaches 18 to 20 percent moisture. It is also recommended to use 15-20 gallons of water when applying desiccants. Products like Gramaoxone, are contact herbicides so the increased water volume is essential for good coverage.

BAYER PLUS REWARDS

Many producers have been taking advantage of the Bayer Plus rewards program. We are starting to report all Bayer transactions this month. To claim your rewards, you need to make sure you are enrolled in Bayer Plus Rewards. You can do this by visiting the Bayer Plus Rewards website and making sure you have a login.

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