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Seed Plant Expansion

In July, we expanded our seed processing plant with the addition of two new 6,000 bushel bins, a high efficiency 65 foot grain leg and a 13" auger for unloading trucks into the seed plant.

The added capacity will allow the fully automated seed plant to run continuously without interruption for greater efficiency during grain conditioning. This increased efficiency

means larger volumes of grain can be handled more quickly and will reduce the time spent waiting to load and unload trucks.

In addition, we have also recently added conveyors for cleaning beans.

We're happy to note that these improvements will allow us to accept larger loads for custom cleaning.



The Court Seeds Advantage

Court Seeds is your local supplier of quality seed and services:

- We grow the seed we sell right here on our farm
- Seed is stored on our yard until you are ready to pick it up
- Reduced handling of the seed means less damage and losses before it gets to your farm
- Treatments are applied only when you are ready to start planting
- We can customize the seed treatment to meet your needs
- We offer competitive prices
- Land roller available to our customers
- Agronomy services are available
- We're growers too and we understand your challenges



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Agronomy Notes

Lodging Prevention

We all know that lodged crops are more than just an eye-sore, they cost us profit from decreased harvest efficiencies, lower yields and loss of quality. As always, Mother Nature plays a big part in the severity of crop lodging, but there are a number of practices growers can use to keep their crops standing.

Variety selection is an obvious factor in lodging, and growers should trial new varieties to ensure they are using the best genetics.

Establish an appropriate plant population through the use of thousand kernel weights to prevent over-crowding which often

leads to taller plants and weaker stems.

Developing a strong root system will help to anchor plants during late season storms. Proper seeding depth and the use of seed treatments and starter fertilizer will assist in building a sturdy root complex early on.

Keeping fertility levels in balance is also critical to a plant's standability. Excessive Nitrogen levels from fertilizer or manure are often one of the main causes of lodging.

Potassium is also essential to building strong cell walls within the plant – deficient plants tend to exhibit brittle straw which is prone to lodging. Use a

soil test to ensure you are keeping these nutrients in check.

Finally growers can look at using a plant growth regulator to shorten plant height and strengthen the straw. Although PGR's have been around for a number of decades, growers in Western Canada are just beginning to access the newest formulations with improved crop safety, earlier application windows, and greater efficacy under adverse conditions.

These products are worth noting and will play a major role in how we manage lodging in the future.

Don't miss these deadlines!

Dekalb

- ✓ Early booking and payment discounts by November 20

NorthStar Genetics

- ✓ Early booking discounts by November 15
- ✓ Early payment discounts by November 28

Syngenta

- ✓ Early booking discounts by November 14

Invigor, Canterra, Nexera

- ✓ Cash discounts available to December 31

Give us a call to discuss your variety needs for 2015.

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