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October Small Grains News

Happy Friday,

Hope everyone's getting back into the field now the rain has *finally* stopped! I've heard from several of you that you're worried about your planting date for winter small grains because of this delay in soybean harvest. Remember to up your seeding rate to compensate for the late planting date and apply some fertilizer this fall! The link to the full blog on this topic appears below.

I sent the first round of agreements out for 2019 small grains cost share this morning. If you believe you applied but didn't get an agreement follow up with me and we'll figure out what's going on. Haven't signed up yet? Find instructions on how to sign up [here](#).

Good Luck Harvesting!
Alisha

Cost Share Acres for 2019 are Going Fast!

Forty three farmers have submitted requests for over 3,400 acres of cost share for small grains harvested in 2019 and a following cover crop that includes legume species. For details on the cost share eligibility and program requirements refer to [this flyer](#).

In order to stake your claim to acres before they're gone, submit your inquiry via [this link](#).

[Request Cost Share Acres](#)

Late Seeding for Winter Small Grains

Optimum seeding date for winter small grains like cereal rye, winter wheat and triticale is around October 1 in the northern corn belt. But this year many soybeans were still in the

field on October 1 -- how much yield are you losing by planting late? What are the best practices to mitigate the late planting date? You can read [the full blog](#) on this topic, but here are the quick notes:

1. If it's planted by November 1, you'll still be at 70% or better yield potential - after November 1 yield potential drops to 50% quickly
2. If you haven't planted yet, you should increase your seeding rate to 120 lbs/acre or 1.8 million seeds for winter wheat or 25 plants per square foot for other winter small grains
3. Apply 20-40 lbs of N and 20 lbs of P before or at planting

[Read the Blog](#)

From the Archives: Planting Winter Small Grains

Last October, Paul Mugge and Dick Sloan discussed their playbook for planting high yielding winter triticale, rye and barley on our October shared learning call. Here are some key take-aways to keep in mind as you are planting this fall:

Dick - *" Pay attention to whether the combine is catching residue and dropping it off the back – these clumps of residue can prevent seed from reaching the soil and result in an uneven stand of rye (or any other small grain)."*

Paul - *"I plant about 100-110 pound/acre of triticale. In my triticale seeding rate trial in 2016 I found no significant difference between an 85 lb/acre and a 135 lb/acre seeding rate, so I'm going with a lower seeding rate to maximize my return on investment."*

[Read the Blog](#)

EVENTS

November shared learning call is **cancelled** - harvest will still be underway

IN THE FIELD

Winter Small Grain Variety Selection

Still unsure which small grain is right for you? Here are some resources:

- The [variety selection episode](#) of our rotationally raised video series.
- The [blog from January 2017's shared learning call](#) with seed dealer Mac Ehrhardt.
- Jochum Weirsmas's presentation on [Winter Rye Variety Selection](#) in Iowa from the 2017 Small Grains Conference or [this blog](#) from his presentation at the 2017 PFI Annual Conference
- Joel Ransom's presentation on [Winter Wheat Variety Selection](#) from the 2017

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Planting Winter Small Grains

Though it's a busy time of the year during harvest, don't forget to plan for a precise plant population, calibrate your drill and prepare your seed bed for establishing a good stand of your winter small grain.

- The [drill calibration](#) episode of our rotationally raised video series.
- The [seed bed preparation](#) episode of our rotationally raised video series.
- This blog from Oct 2017 shared learning call on [Raising High Yielding Winter Small Grains Starts in October with Planting](#)
- This blog on [late planting management and decision making](#) for winter small grains.

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