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SOILBIOTICS COMPANY E-NEWSLETTER

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## National FFA Week is February 17-24

FFA members throughout the U.S. will be celebrating National FFA Week from Saturday, February 17th through Saturday, February 24<sup>th</sup>. Keep a close watch on your local media outlets to see if there are any special activities being promoted by your local chapter members. Note that Tractor Supply Corporation sponsors an annual "Grants for Growing" chapter competition during this week. Many of your local FFA'ers will be at TSC stores promoting their chapter programs and soliciting donations.

## Are You a Boy Scout?

Boy Scouts are well known for always "being prepared", so it's time to ask yourself if your annual cropping program measures up to that standard. In January's newsletter we stressed soil testing and the need to know how well your soil is prepared to maximize the yield potential of the seeds you'll be planting. You're probably spending hours each week with various tools in hand as you repair and calibrate equipment. But are you thinking through the needs of your soil as well? SoilBiotics offers a comprehensive line of 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** can help you get better nutrient absorption...so if there are less nutrient inputs needed, the result is lower costs.

- You'll see reduced compaction, increased aeration and improved drainage.
- You'll be able to get into the field days faster to plant your crop.
- And, you'll be able to conserve applied fertilizers and chelate soil-bound nutrients for greater availability.

Here are some suggested Growth System Products to consider (please read the product labels on our website for product descriptions and 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.

## 2017 Trial Results Starting to Go Up on Our Website

Early results from some of our 2017 crop trials have been posted under the PRODUCTS tab on our website in the "Trials and Results" section, including the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of our Multi-State Seed Treatment Trial featuring some outstanding results. Please visit our website often in the coming months to see our new trial results at: [http://www.soilbiotics.com/Products/Trials\\_and\\_Results](http://www.soilbiotics.com/Products/Trials_and_Results)

Looking to have a Winter Meeting? Talk to your SoilBiotics Rep or call SoilBiotics today!

## Upcoming Tradeshow

Winter Meeting on Friday, March 16th at Deb & Di's Restaurant, 3 Charles St., Rushville, IL 62681. TEL: 217-322-4528. **To RSVP and get directions, call Corey at 815-929-1752.**

### 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

This is your chance to learn more about the use of biologicals in farming, short and long term benefits of using humates, the economics of humates, among other benefits of using SoilBiotics products.

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