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SOILBIOTICS COMPANY E-NEWSLETTER

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LATE SUMMER FOLIAR APPLICATIONS:

We have heard from a number of customers of success with foliar applications of SoilBiotics products on "R" stage soybeans. A late season kick can benefit both yield numbers and crop quality. Talk to us about putting together a foliar program for you.

ORGANIC 2r - SOIL BOOST FOR SOIL AND CARBON FOOTPRINT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMS:

SoilBiotics products are all about improving the quality of your soil. Soil improvement is the single most effective commitment you can make to increasing yields while reducing the need for chemical inputs, giving you a much better "carbon footprint" and keeping more dollars in your bank account. SoilBiotics' **Organic 2r - Soil Boost** is the perfect foundation product for soil and carbon improvement (this product is also used for Conventional programs). A solid post-harvest program includes a SoilBiotics residue digester application, followed by an application of **Organic 2r - Soil Boost**, and then any fall tillage. If cover crops are being planted, **Organic 2r - Soil Boost** can be applied at the same time

TRIALS AND RESULTS:

While you're on our website, take a little extra time to check out our Trials & Results section under the main page PRODUCTS tab. http://soilbiotics.com/Products/Trials_and_Results. We've just finished our 2017 section by posting the final trial results from the University of Illinois nitrogen trials. We will also start posting some early season 2018 results from several of our international growers. Not every trial we conduct with our growers is going to be applicable to your program, but we hope you gain some insight into the broad spectrum of plants that can benefit from SoilBiotics products.

WE SAID IT LAST YEAR AND WE'RE SAYING IT AGAIN...SCOUT, SCOUT, SCOUT!

Last season saw a lot of Northern Corn Leaf Blight (NCLB) and Grey Leaf Spot pressure, so once again there is a high likelihood of holdover inoculum. A relatively mild winter and cooler spring in many areas may have allowed a whole host of insects to survive as well. Now that we've hit hot and muggy weather make sure you take the time to scout and get ahead of any insect infestations.

Similar opportunities for problems exist for soybeans and many other crops. So, scout, scout, scout. And if you do see problems, make sure you talk to us about how SoilBiotics products can help make your fungicide/insecticide applications more effective.

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Mark your calendar! Friday, August 10 is Western Illinois University's 2018 Allison Organic Research and Demonstration Farm Field Day. The theme is "Practical Problem Solving in Organic Agriculture". Contact Andy Clayton at aw-clayton@wiu.edu or (217) 322-2639 or WIU School of Agriculture at (309) 298-1080 for more information. Be sure to preregister!

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