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SOILBIOTICS COMPANY E-NEWSLETTER

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First Day of Spring!

The first day of Spring this year coincides with National Ag Day, Tuesday, March 20th, a nice juxtaposition in terms of recognizing a new beginning, growth and potential. It also falls during National Ag Week, March 18-24.

According to the non-profit Agriculture Council of America, the theme for National Ag Day this year is "Food for Life," recognizing that each American farmer feeds more than 165 people ... a dramatic increase from 25 people in the 1960s. Quite simply, American agriculture is doing more - and doing it better. As the world population soars, there is an even greater demand for the food and fiber produced in the United States.

National Ag Day encourages every American to:

- Understand how food and fiber products are produced.
- Appreciate the role agriculture plays in providing safe, abundant and affordable products.
- Value the essential role of agriculture in maintaining a strong economy.
- Acknowledge and consider career opportunities in the agriculture, food and fiber industry.

Farmers as a whole tend not to pat themselves on the back for doing what they love to do and its contribution to feeding a hungry world. A few complaints here and there, but rarely any chest-thumping. So, as we enter yet another growing season, take a moment to think of the contribution you and your operation make and give thanks for having the freedom and opportunity to do it as a livelihood. It's still the best office in the world.

Spring Application Tips:

Residue Breakdown: We recommend you add our **SB5500*** at 1 pint per acre and **3 - Growth Boost** at 2 to 4 quarts per acre to herbicide and UAN applications for accelerating the digestion of crop residues, which will release additional nutrients to your growing crop. However, if you are using glyphosate for burn down, substitute **Growth Supplement 30******* for the **3 - Growth Boost**. In organic programs, use **Organic 3r - Growth Boost** at 1 gallon per acre, **SB5500*** at 1 pint per acre, and 1 quart **eFISHnt 5-1-2***** fish fertilizer dilution.

Fertility: We recommend applying **4 - Ultra Boost** at one gallon per ton of Urea to maintain the availability of applied nitrogen for more effective crop uptake and utilization. For organic programs, broadcast **Organic 5r - Soil Boost EA** at 25 to 50 pounds per acre to increase the availability of soil nutrients and applied organic fertilizers.

Stabilizing Nutrients: In the planter, we recommend an application of our **3 - Growth Boost** at ½ to 1 gallon per acre and **SB4400**** at 1 pint per acre in furrow with pop-up or starter fertilizers will aid in stabilizing nutrients and help promote healthy seedling growth. In organic programs, apply per acre in furrow **Organic 3r - Growth Boost** at ½ to 1 gallon, **SB4400**** at 1 pint, and 3 to 5 gallons **eFISHnt 5-1-2***** fish fertilizer dilution or **Organic Blend 5-0-0****** at 1 to 2 gallons.

***SB5500** is a proprietary blend of enzymes and native microbes to aid in residue digestion.

****SB4400** is a proprietary blend of enzymes and native microbes to stimulate healthy plant growth.

*** **eFISHnt 5-1-2** is a liquid fish plant nutrient concentrate.

**** **Organic Blend 5-0-0** is a nitrogen source for conventional and organic programs.

***** **Growth Supplement 30** is a foliar applied nitrogen stabilizer.

SoilBiotics is Offering a Spring Discount Program for Organic 5r – Soil Boost

For orders of **Organic 5r – Soil Boost EA** placed between March 1, 2018 and March 31, 2018, to ship no later than April 30, 2018, receive \$50 off per half ton, \$100 off per ton, \$125 off per ton when you order four or more pallets. Orders must be placed in full ton or half ton increments. There will be no discounts for product ordered in any other unit size.

To place orders, contact us at: 815-929-1752, or online at orders@soilbiotics.com or by mail at 2902 W State Route 17, Kankakee, IL 60901

Let's Be Careful Out There!

As you head into the fields, a little reminder from Sgt. Phil on YouTube:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_plkkzDagsY

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