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Making the Soil Work for You This Winter - Humic Products Help Your Nutrients Stay Put

Are you confident that your Fall fertility program will balance nutrient loss reduction goals with the need to make sure the soil has adequate nutrients come spring time? A lot of what is put on fields in the fall is gone by the time plants need to access it in the spring. Humic substances help stabilize fall applied P and K, keeping them in place through the winter.

In addition, your soil can work for you throughout the winter months if it has the right components in place. Combinations of applied humic substances and specialized microbial products can help the billions of soil organisms work all winter long to solubilize and chelate nutrients, grab and hold heavy metals, and mediate salt build-up. Give us a call or e-mail and make sure that the factory that is your soil is a high-quality bed for the crop seeds come Springtime.

New Facility Update:

We're busy putting the final touches on a new facility located at our offices on IL State Route 17 in Kankakee. This facility is designed to better serve growers by producing SoilBiotics **OS 46**, a new ready-to-use, urea-based granular fertilizer. **OS 46** is a unique formulation of high-quality 46-0-0 urea and SoilBiotics **4 – Ultra Boost**. We are very excited to get our new facility ready to start providing **OS 46** to growers through our network of dealers, so talk to your dealer or call the office.

Beating the Drought:

Harvest 2018 update: One of our local Kankakee County farmers reports that he experienced drought-like conditions on his corn field this summer, but with the help of 5 years of **2r - Soil Boost** applications, the soil was able to hold water and have it readily available for the crop throughout the year. This field yielded 215 bushels per acre.

Make Your Voice Heard

As usual, harvest activities are taking up the majority of everyone's attention right now, but growers need to remain vigilant about pricing and the effects that legislation and federal trade activities are having on the world market, which directly effects their bottom line. Tax reforms are in place and growers need a good financial support team in place to make sure decisions reflect those changes. The 2014 Farm Bill has expired and the 2018 Farm Bill is likely to get kicked down the road with mid-term elections looming. Free trade agreements are in a state of flux.

So, make sure you are as informed as possible and be sure to vote.

Consulting Services Partner:

SoilBiotics has several partner companies, including Fertility Management Systems (FMS). FMS offers agricultural consulting services for nitrogen management, yield data analysis, soil health, plant health, crop residue management, variable rate application, and overall, fertility recommendations. Contact Mark at (815) 378-9948 or mark@fertilitysolution.net.

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