



# THE DIRT!

SOILBIOTICS COMPANY E-NEWSLETTER

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## A Tip of the Hat

As we move closer to harvesting our income-generating crops, a tip of the hat to the many, many growers who have grown additional crops of produce and fruits for donation to local food banks and community/church organizations for distribution to alleviate hunger. Thank you!!

## Fall & Winter Planning

Now's the time to make your plans for fall/winter soil health improvements you can make that will pay dividends next crop year.

### **Profit from residue – DgradeR and DgradeR+**

**Talk to us about our new DgradeR family of residue digester products. DgradeR** is a liquid product formulated to breakdown forage crop residues. **It contains a unique selection of microorganisms combined with a Humic component. DgradeR+** is a liquid product used to break down crop residue for row crops. **DgradeR+** contains a unique selection of microorganisms combined with both Humic **and** fertilizer components. **These products** breakdown a wide variety of organic polymers; starch, cellulose, chitin, and lignin. They may be applied post-harvest via broadcast spray and can be applied alone or in combination with most conventional post-harvest products. **Our residue digester products are seeing great results in many areas so don't miss out! This is one of the best ways for you to combine the benefits of returning nutrients to the soil, increasing soil tilth and overall soil health, and making soil preparation next spring much easier with cleaner fields.**

## Opposites Attract, Good or Bad?

Mother Nature is all about balance. A properly balanced soil is essential for a healthy, yield-maximized crop. A core component of the SoilBiotics soil health program is **Soil Boost**, our high Humic Acid content granular product. One of the ways humates work is via balancing electrical charges among soil particles, which normally have a negative charge on their face and a positive charge on the edge that causes the particles to repel each other. Poor soil conditions such as excess salts or excess clay content can neutralize one of the charges, causing the particles to bind together tightly. **Soil Boost** will help break that attraction and rebalance the soil particle relationship naturally, allowing better water infiltration, soil-to-atmosphere gaseous exchange, and sequestration of excess soil nutrients. It is compatible with dry fertilizers or manures (**Not urea**) and increases microbial activity in highly mineralized soils.

## Construction Reminder

**OFFICES:** We have relocated our offices to a location in downtown Kankakee, IL. These are temporary offices with limited access, and we do not anticipate being able to allow customer visits or meetings at this location unless prior arrangements are made. **Our BUSINESS PHONE number is the same – 815-929-1752.** New offices will be built at our current location, **2902 W. State Route 17, Kankakee, IL 60901.**

**SHIPPING/PRODUCT PICK-UPS:** Construction will not affect our warehouse and receiving facilities, which will remain open for all shipping and product pick-ups at the Route 17 address. Please call the business phone and work with our Order Department to arrange for any shipping or product pick-up needs.

**MAIL or PARCELS:** If you need to **mail or parcel ship** anything to SoilBiotics please send it to: SoilBiotics, c/o Judy Zehr, 18500 West 3000 South Road, Reddick, IL 60901.

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