

**April 21, 2009**

- **Wheat** – Most of the wheat in the area is behind schedule and much of it is nitrogen deficient. Nitrogen deficiency may be caused by a lack of oxygen in the root zone. As soils dry out, nitrogen deficiency symptoms may go away. At this point in the season, it is no longer profitable to topdress nitrogen.
- **Black Cutworms** – High numbers of black cutworm moths were captured in Henry County last week. While the numbers were not considered “intensive”, there is still a good chance for black cutworm damage on emerged corn in May and June. Fields should be monitored for black cutworm activity soon after corn emerges. Cool temperatures and moist soil conditions prolong a plant’s susceptibility to black cutworm damage.
- **Cool-season Grass Nitrogen Application** – If hay is cut in early to mid-May, nitrogen should be applied if a second spring cutting is anticipated. Grazing pastures that have not yet been fertilized should have nitrogen applied in late April or May to extend the grazing season into early summer. Recommended rate for both of these options is 40-80 pounds per acre.
- **Alfalfa Weevil** – Alfalfa producers should be scouting for alfalfa weevil from now through first harvest. Economic threshold is one larvae per stem.
- **Grazing School** – A grazing school will be held on May 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> in Warrensburg. Call Johnson County SWCD at (660)747-8200 for more information.

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