

**June 18, 2009**

- **Nitrogen Deficiency in Corn** – As a rule of thumb, corn fields that receive 12 inches or more precipitation during May and June are likely to experience yield loss due to nitrogen deficiency. Nearly everyone reading this postcard is in this situation. The need for rescue nitrogen will depend on when, how much, and what form of nitrogen you initially applied. Contact me or your local fertilizer dealer if you have questions.
- **Rescue N in Corn** – Nitrogen deficient corn can still produce near normal yields if rescue N is applied by tasseling. Limited research indicates that rescue N is even beneficial up to two weeks after tasseling. In other words, you still have time to apply rescue N if your corn is deficient.
- **Tall Fescue Seed or Hay?** – Many of you may have made the decision to graze or cut your tall fescue for hay instead of combining seed this year. Tall fescue grazed or cut for hay right now has the highest levels of ergot alkaloids all year, especially if seedheads have been allowed to develop. Fescue should be diluted with other feeds.
- **Soybean Rust** – Soybean rust has been found on soybean in Louisiana and Alabama in 2009.
- **Corn and Soybean Insects** – So far, infestations of insects in corn and beans have been limited and spotty. If you begin to have significant problem with insects in your fields, please give me a call at the number below. Thanks.

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