

**November 5, 2009**

- **Soil Testing** – Fall is the best time to have your soils tested as it gives you time to plan and apply needed lime or fertilizer prior to spring planting. If you are planning on planting forages or row crops in the spring and your soil has not been tested for several years, I highly recommend that you do so now.
- **Soybean Cyst Nematode Testing**– Soybean cyst nematode (SCN) is the most yield-limiting pest of soybean in Missouri. If you grow soybeans, you probably have some population of SCN. Testing is the best way to determine if populations are high enough to affect yield. The best time to sample for SCN is right after soybean harvest in the fall.
- **Local Beekeeping Association** – The first meeting of the local beekeeping association will be held on Monday, November 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in the basement of the Henry County courthouse in Clinton.
- **Planting Wheat Late** – In the fall, wheat requires adequate temperatures to develop a root system, store reserves, and produce tillers. Late-planted wheat may not have high enough temperatures to accomplish these required tasks and yield may suffer. Wheat planted right now, about 28 days after the fly-free date, will only realize about 70-80% of its maximum yield. The later wheat is planted, the more this percentage drops. If you are still planning on planting wheat, it should be done in the next 2 weeks, seeding rate should be increased, and a small amount (20-30 lbs/A) of nitrogen should be applied.

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