

Field & Crop Update From Chad (July 2014)

Ten days ago we had the best looking crop that we have seen in a long time. In less than 12 hours, much of this crop was damaged by wind and water, or in some cases, both.

Over the last 10 days, the water has receded, and the corn is straightening. As of right now, I think most of us are not sure of the yield potential. The challenges we will have harvesting this crop are more certain.

In the past, we here at Gripp Custom have NOT been proponents of blanket spraying fungicide on every corn acre. This year we recommend spraying all corn that has been damaged by the wind.

Will sprayed fungicide on your goose-necked corn put more kernels on the ear? We think “no”, but it will improve plant health and standability, and that is exactly what we need this year to protect the kernels the corn plant does produce.

There are a number of economical solutions to achieve the plant health we need and desire. We can provide application with both helicopter and airplane. Ground rigs may not be practical in goose-necked corn.



