

#### "Top 10 Precision Ag Tips To Get More Value From No-Till"



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#### Something in the water

• Everyone is unique, that includes you.









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#### using precision ag?







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- Get peer feedback if you can. (wives are good, too!)





#### Example Self Assessment:

- INSERT YOUR NAME HERE:
- Strengths
  - I own excess planter capacity
  - I own large sprayer with 2 quality operators
  - I Love to learn
- Weaknesses
  - I can't sit still.









# Your brain should be the first tool to go to the field.









#### Tip # 9: Think







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#### How's your memory?







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## Highest potential is in the bag, but..







#### ... you can't farm without soil







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- Organic Matter releases around 25 lbs of Nitrogen per 1%. It still takes 1.3 # N/bu , and soil is a great source. If you up OM 1% you preserve 19 bushels of yield potential... or perhaps up your goals?!







# We spend 373% more on seed today than 2006





#### You deserve to know more.

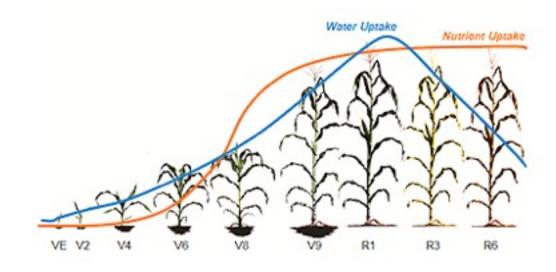






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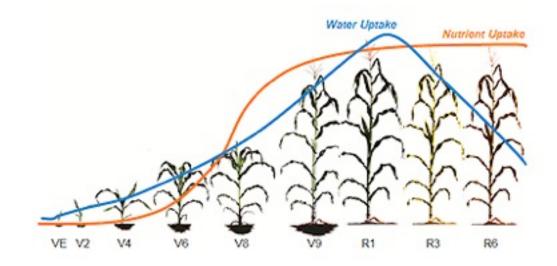




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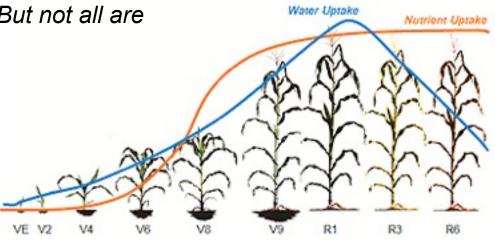




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- VR Seed consistently shows a \$37 per acre separation from flat rates. Seed savings and yield advantage add up.







# What's the one great thing we can't control?







#### Weather.







#### Weather. (But, we must manage around it.)













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- Big rains lead to loss, but they also recharge soils. Measure so you can manage appropriately.







#### Are you writing





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#### What good is a plan...







#### ... if no one uses it?







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- Therefore, a 50 bushel problem on just 6 acres pays for 1,000 ac







#### Now that you know more...







### ... will you grow more?







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- Cultivate higher profits by responding with your new knowledge and precision.







#### Sound easier said than done?



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#### Tip # 1: Commit



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- But, commit to <u>learn</u>, <u>plan</u>, <u>monitor</u> and <u>respond</u> appropriately.







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#### Grow more.



