

"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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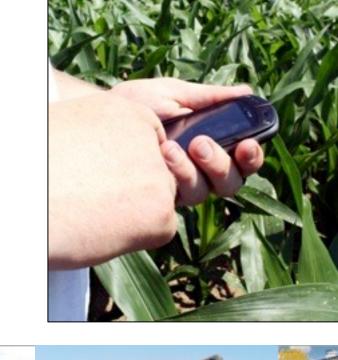






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Highest potential is in the bag, but..







... 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.

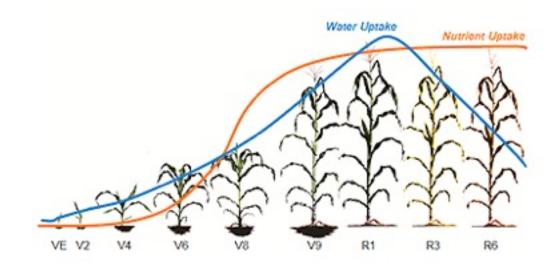






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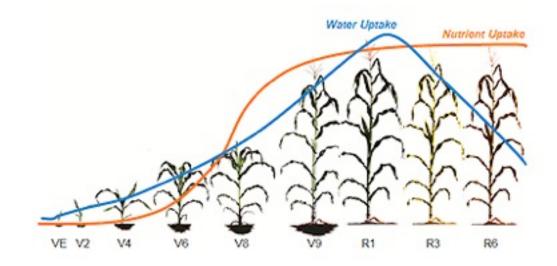




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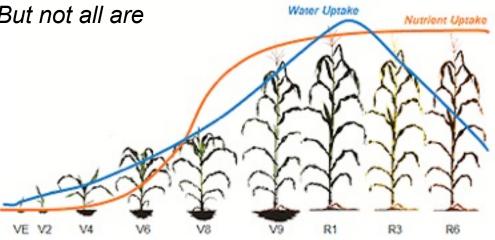




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- VR Seed consistently shows a \$37 per acre separation from flat rates. Seed savings and yield advantage add up.







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







Weather.







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







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- Keep it digital to keep it alive.







What good is a plan...







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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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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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