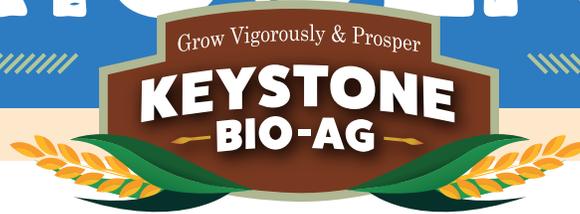


REGENERATING AGRICULTURE

A Keystone Bio-Ag Newsletter



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SEASONAL CALENDAR

June 22: Conference Call at 8AM. Number on back page.

July 6: Vegetable Field day. 9AM to 3:00 PM.

July 7: Dairy Field day. 9AM to 3:00 PM.

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The Trials and Triumphs of Eco Farming and Consulting

Welcome, another growing season is here – wow, let’s be thankful we are healthy and can work outside, fresh air-sunshine-rain;

Are we practicing what we learned last winter? Are we listening to conference calls and hotlines? There’s nothing like staying up-to-date.

As practicing regenerative farmers, how often do we think about or even realize that the soil on our farms has more pounds of living bacteria and fungi than pounds of livestock we are taking care of on the farm?

AEA certainly hit the nail on the head when they put Santerra together; it’s a soil bacteria blend that works. Visually healthy roots, sap tests showing easier mineral balance, root disease resistance.

- Samuel Zook



Thoughts and Suggestions for Dairy Farmers

There are a lot of variables on a farm, especially on a dairy farm. Always keep watching for limiting factors. I was recently reminded about stray voltage, by a farmer’s experience with cows not milking out evenly, high somatic cell counts, cows off-feed, especially fresh cows. They spent a lot of time and money upgrading the vacuum system. After installing a stray voltage detector, and correcting fencing issues, things have greatly improved. Bill Roberts says “Based on testing stray voltage on over 2600 farms, the #1 cause of stray voltage is the electric fencer. Ninety five percent of farms tested with an electric fencer have stray voltage that is affecting the cattle to some degree.” Voltage detectors cost around \$300 from Bill Roberts (315-794-5324) and are easy to install.

- Dan Stoltzfoos

Farm Spotlight

5/5/21

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for all the encouragement & advice you share on growing healthy crops. These photos are of our strawberries. They look promising for 2qt. per plant. They have not been touched with any chemicals. This is not supposed to be possible in TN.
Amazing Thanks [REDACTED]



As of 5/27/21, these strawberries are just over the peak and yield to-date is at 1.75 qt. per plant.

GROWING TIPS



ROW CROPS

Corn root worms are an issue on some farms: this usually indicates compaction or poor biology. Root worm larvae emerge from the soil around June 10 to June 20. Monitor closely by digging some roots.



DAIRY

Having trouble with leafhoppers? The goal should be to have nutrient levels so balanced that you can do without pesticides. Taking a sap test once a year can help you determine limiting factors for yield and quality.



PRODUCE

Be proactive! Use foliar regularly (once or twice a week) as a system for increasing brix levels.



ORCHARD

Now is the time to reduce biannual bearing. Use sap tests to determine where the limiting factors are. Foliar feed Accelerate.



GREENHOUSE

Use shade cloth to keep your greenhouses under 80° once warm weather sets in. This can help prevent insect infestations.



GARDENERS

Take a soil test if you have a problem garden. Diseases and insects indicate compacted soils, nutrient imbalances, or poor biology.

KBA FIELD DAYS

So you have questions about plant nutrition, disease and insect resistance, or maximizing your farm success? Come, network with other growers and consultants! Bring a question, take home an answer.

Vegetable Field Day

Date: Tuesday, July 6, 2021

Location: Keystone Bio-Ag, LLC
430 Voganville Rd, New Holland.

Time: 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Focusing on high quality, high yielding vegetable production!

Field walk with practical discussions about roots, fungi, and visual crop indicators.

Check out soil pit.

Free Lunch

Afternoon Seminar will include:

- Crop Field Reports / Case Studies.
- New things we are working on.
- Critical points of influence (John Kempf).
- Successful strawberry production.
- Hopefully have lots of time for Q&A!

Announcements on field day take precedence over all advertising.

Dairy Field Day

Date: Wednesday, July 7, 2021

Location: Keystone Bio-Ag, LLC
430 Voganville Rd, New Holland.

Time: 9:30 to 2:30 PM

Focusing on high quality forage production and managed grazing!

Field walk with a grazing demonstration and discussions on quality forage production.

Free Lunch

Afternoon Seminar will include:

- Hay-in-a-day. (Alvin Peachey).
- Fertilizing for high quality and high yielding forages.
- Maintaining hay stand density.
- Critical points of influence (John Kempf).
- Hopefully have lots of time for Q&A!

Announcements on field day take precedence over all advertising.

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Our mission is to educate, encourage, and empower farmers to produce healthy crops by supporting them with the products and information needed to make regenerative agriculture successful.



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Updated every Monday @ 7AM

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CONFERENCE CALL

4th Tuesday of Month @ 8AM

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