

Weeds: The headache you can count on!

From the desk of Ben Tipton

Weeds are a constant problem for farmers. The only variables weeds offer are “when” and “how many” will germinate.

Due to chemical resistance, controlling weeds in crops has become a challenge for growers everywhere. For emerging broadleaf control you will need to scout and properly identify the weeds in your field. Do you have palmer amaranth, waterhemp, marehail or giant ragweed? These weeds all share a common thread – they grow quickly and establish multiple growing points in just a few days.

To control these problem weeds, producers must destroy all growing points. Spraying early (weed height 2” or less) allows the producer to kill these weeds before they establish additional growing points.

Using several modes of action ‘pre-plant’ is best. Adding a residual to your burn down allows for better time management in your post emergent applications and prevents weeds from germinating, saving precious nutrients and moisture for your crop.

Metribuzin (Sencor) and Atrazine are cost effective burn down products that offer a little residual control when tank mixed with 2,4-D and Dicamba. Flumioxzins (Valor SX) and Chloroacetamides (Dual, Outlook, etc.) offer better residual control in corn, soybeans, cotton, sorghum and wheat. Please check the label or ask your Wickman Chemical sales representative about planting restrictions and crop rotation intervals.

Spend a little more on your “pre” to save big buck\$ on your “post”!

Happy Planting!

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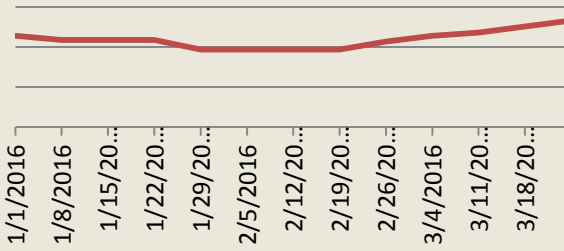
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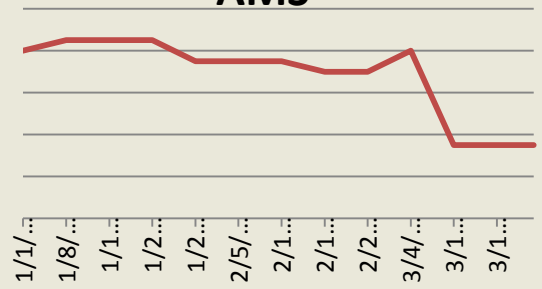
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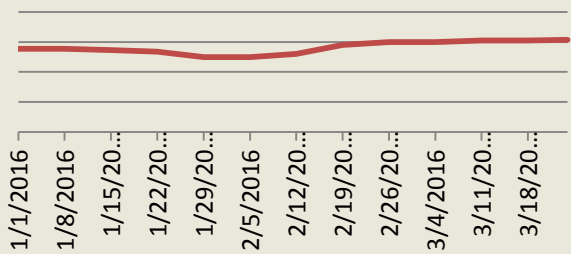
Strong demand, overbooked freight carriers and limited tons are driving nearby prices through the roof. Pay the price and take what you can get now if you need anhydrous ammonia. Wait to purchase tons for future crops until the manufacturers have met and exceeded current demand.

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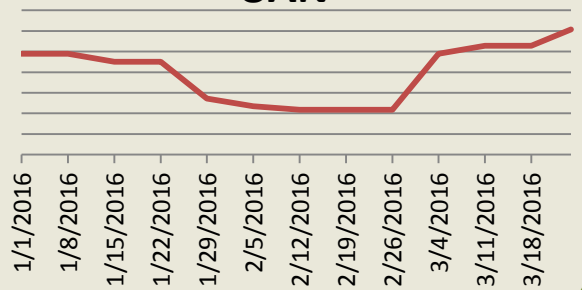
Seasonal demand has tightened domestic inventories; surprisingly, prices are still low. Buy spring 2016 tons as needed; defer future purchases for now.

Urea



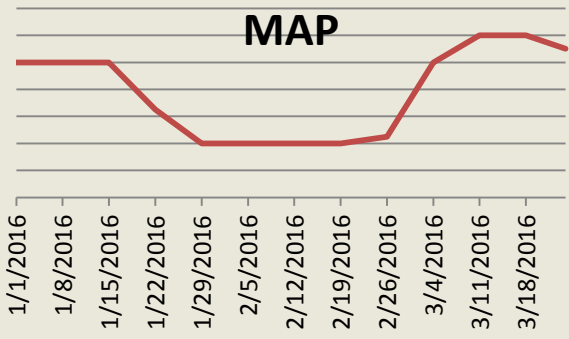
Strong seasonal demand for urea has firmed prices. Deferred prices should be softer due to scheduled imports. Buy your spring urea now; wait to cover future needs.

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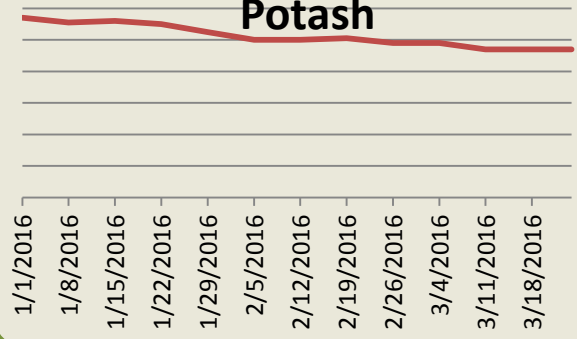
UAN 32 markets have risen due to seasonal demand. Cover your spring needs now; wait to purchase future needs.

MAP



MAP and DAP applications have peaked out in the Midwest, but retail prices will not reflect decreased demand for at least another 60 days. Cover your spring needs now; defer on future purchases until summer.

Potash



Seasonal demand and freight issues have firmed up potash prices for now. Potash is still a bargain. Cover your spring needs now; defer future purchases until the summer months.