

## Post Spraying

From the desk of Garrett Wilson

The post spraying season has arrived. There is a check list I like to run through when making my post trip decisions. Scouting whole fields will be the first step. Take note of your crop maturity, problem weeds, and their size. Let your chemical salesperson help you create a solution.

A two pass system has been found to be most economical and successful. A pre-burn down product with residual offers more options than treating a germinated plant. A successful 'pre' can be followed with a cheaper post trip, offering more timing flexibility. Eliminating the 'pre' leaves fields with bigger weeds and a narrower window of application. Because Mother Nature can throw a curveball, this plan of attack may find you spending more money for safened products. For example, using Bicep II Magnum followed by Armezon will cost approximately \$25/acre; a one pass with Halex GT and Status or Diflexx will cost up to \$40/acre.

Now is a great time to evaluate your fields-make notes and take pictures. Let Wickman Chemical help you find solutions for weed control.



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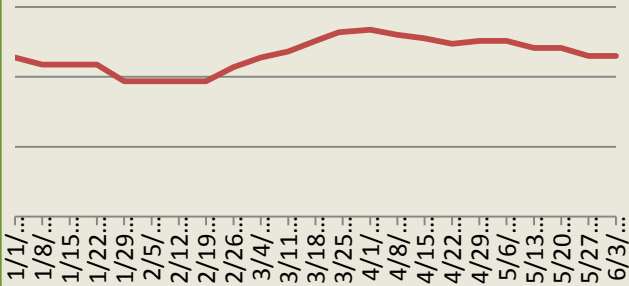
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# Fertilizer Trends and Recommendations

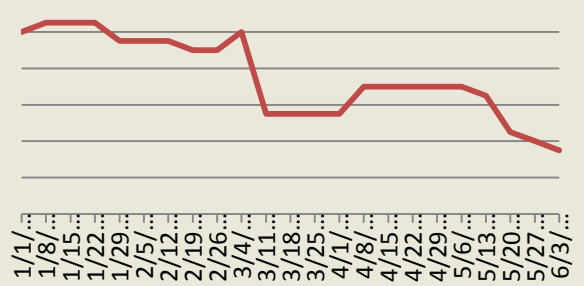
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## Anh. Ammonia



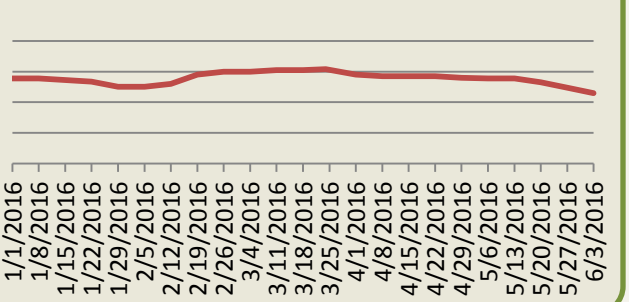
There is very little movement in the anhydrous ammonia markets. Manufacturers need time to catch their breath and build inventory. Wait for seasonal breaks as commercial storage facilities reach capacity and need to move product. Keep those price ratios in mind. Urea and UAN can be strong competitors for N.H.3 when priced at seasonal lows. Currently, wholesale Urea is worth about \$.27 per pound of nitrogen, while wholesale anhydrous is at \$.29.

## AMS



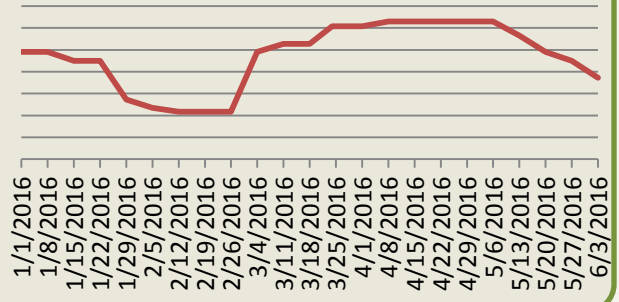
AMS has moved lower again. Cover your current needs on an “as needed” basis. Cover your 2017 needs late this summer or early fall before spreading for new crop begins.

## Urea



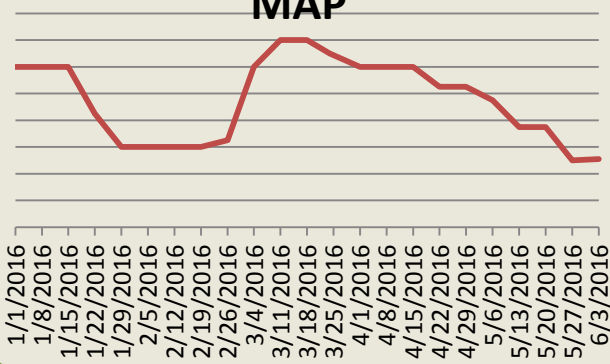
Like UAN, Urea prices are weak at best. Cover your current needs on an “as needed” basis. Buy ahead on late fall/early winter lows for your 2017 crop.

## UAN



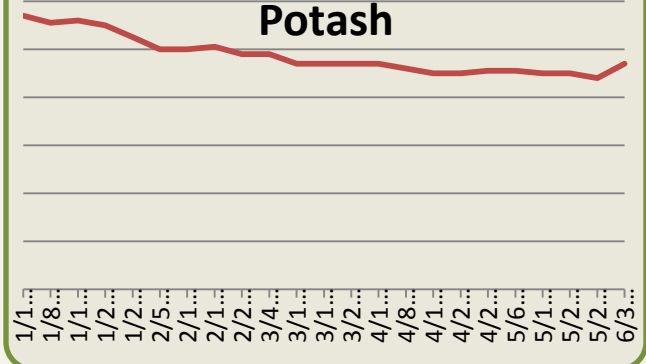
Nitrogen prices continue to decline. Cover your current needs on a hand-to-mouth basis. Buy ahead on late summer or fall lows.

## MAP



MAP has slipped \$10 lower since last report. Summer fill will begin in earnest this month. Our current recommendation is neutral – you could buy now based on high currency valuations (strong dollar) and increasing commodity prices. Or you could wait and see. I have covered my 2017 MAP needs for Wickman Farms.

## Potash



Potash may have reached its low. One domestic producer is shutting down operations and Canadian producers are cutting back production. Keep in mind that we are currently pricing Potash to producers at \$190/ton cheaper than 18 months ago. I have covered my 2017 and 2018 needs for Wickman Farms.