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News and Notes from the Home Place



"I like farming with Uncle Don." (grandson Alex)

I hope this early fall season finds you, your family and your occupations going well. If you happen to be retired, I hope life is good.

After such a hot summer, this cooler weather is a welcome relief. I actually like going outside again. I was actually amused by the weather pattern that brought us our latest and much needed rain. A tropical storm originating in the gulf had my hopes up, but that storm headed too far east up the coast, missing our area once again. It was a hurricane out in the Atlantic that pushed the stormy weather east to west and finally brought us our first really nice rain in a rather unconventional manner. It will be interesting to see what actually comes into the combine hopper after all of the weather extremes we've had this year.

Have you noticed corn plants falling over in the nearby fields? The adverse effects of the rainy weather during spring planting this year left the root system of the corn plants inadequate causing their "brace" roots to be underdeveloped. We have seen a lot of damage in our area already. Because of this condition, we will have to give priority to the upcoming corn harvest. I have been comparing the different corn hybrids, and I must say our Agrigold varieties are standing better than most at this time. I hope there are many pleasant surprises out in the fields this fall.

May God bless all of us in our efforts. We enjoy working with each of you and look forward to seeing you soon,

Andy Wyss

Delegation From China Visited WFE

The Indiana Soybean Alliance in coordination with the US Soybean Export Council, the American Soybean Association, the United Soybean Board and the US Foreign Ag Service hosted a delega-

tion of Chinese soybean industry representatives to Wyss Farms Enterprises, GP as part of a 10-day multi-state Midwest Crop Tour. The team of merchants visited the family farm in Fort Wayne,

IN late afternoon on Monday, Sept. 19th, where they were provided presentations about WFE's farming operation, technology in seed production and grain marketing. (See related story on Pg 2)

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Andy Attends Conservation Field Day

On September 14, Andy attended a field day sponsored by the St. Mary's River Watershed Project to study the concept of planting various cover crops and their applications. On display were several types of equipment from local manufacturers set to demonstrate their capabilities and varying farming conservation techniques. This type of tillage practice especially benefits highly erodible soils, improving their quality.



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The spring was so wet this year that a flock of geese found a temporary home in the middle of the corn field west of the house on the Yoder Road.

Cover Crops to Enhance Fertility

Wyss Farms will modify the planter to sow some “cover crops” this year. Cover crops control erosion and build organic matter in the soil. “We feel that this concept can prove beneficial so we are taking steps to educate ourselves on how to best utilize this concept in our operation. We will be learning and expanding as we grow,” stated Andy. WFE intends to plant a combination of oats and radishes but with the late harvest, will most likely plant wheat this year.

Did You Know?

As you sit down to watch your favorite sports teams this year, know that soybean farmers play an integral part in the game. That’s because soy-based turf backing can be found on many sports fields across the country incorporated into Astro Turf! Ask Andy Belles with Astro Turf in Georgia. Soy backing uses less petrochemicals and offers performance advantages. Just another example of the many uses for soybeans found across the country!

Source-www.unitedsoybean.org

WFE Attends International Conference in China Chinese Delegation to Return Visit to Midwest America

Don and his wife, Cori had an exciting summer. As a member of both the Indiana Soybean Board and the Soybean Export Council, Don had the opportunity to travel to China in June with other council members to study and learn about the needs of our biggest soybean customer—CHINA! Ports were visited, processing plants were toured, and many meetings were held. The highlight of the trip was the chance to be involved in the Agricultural Biotechnology and Food Security Conference in Beijing, China. The focus of this global gathering was world trade in the food industry. According to Don, “The big objective of the conference was to promote balanced and informative understanding of the beneficial impact of biotechnology in securing the food needs of China and increase the awareness of genetically modified soybeans.”

The group from the United States returned home after their ten-day visit having learned much about what farmers in America can do to better serve their customer and expand this nation’s food exports. A testimony to the success of their efforts was recently realized when a large delegation of Chinese business leaders expressed interest in reciprocating the exchange in common agricultural interests by planning a ten-day tour of five Midwest states this September. One of their planned stops included Wyss Farms Enterprises! “Isn’t it great that agriculture can hold such an important role in our American economy, and that we can be a major part of our worldwide business successes,” said Andy.

“We are looking forward to hosting our international guests and showing them a real Midwest American family farm experience, said Andy’s wife Pat, in anticipation of the event. “I am so excited that all four of our children will be here with us helping out in one role or another as they always do. We couldn’t be prouder!”

For more information on soy products, visit the online Soy Products Guide at www.soynewuses.org

New Shop Building to Service Need

Wyss Farms recently added a new shop building to service their machinery. The outer shell is now enclosed, and the family intends to do the finish work inside over the winter months. “It should serve our needs for many years to come,” Andy is happy to say. In fact, the new shop building was the venue for their Chinese guests!



WFE team and their Chinese partners in global agriculture



A long awaited dream becomes reality.

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