

2006 State AAC meeting

Grain Round Table Discussions

- 13 stand alone SBR regional meetings last year
- Risk Management training
- Grain Sorghum - variety trials in Davies County and web links to other states with trials (Purdue, TN, MO)
- Rented ground fertility – still going on – fertilizer on 2 year basis
- Still doing work with soybean yield plateau – tillage affects this plateau (21 of 28 trials had limiting factors relating to fertility)
- Web-sites for SBR were kept up to date – hotline worked best – This will be continued
- Did populations trials on 15” rows; soybeans – 1000,000 full season and 160,000-180,000 on double crop beans; will continue to work on trial populations relating to SBR
- Looking at resistant varieties to SBR – need field trials and without SBR is difficult
- Warning system for SBR like blue mold is still at least 2 years away;
- **The department wanted to know where they were with SBR; Are they over-selling the issue. Dr. Hershman is recognized national for his work. The departments worked together to make sure the right message was given out.**

Nitrogen Issues

- Availability of Ammonium nitrate much less
- Imported urea may be the saving grace for N price from being higher than it is
- K are at a all time high due to Soybean production in other places like China, India, Pakistan
- P may be reduced from the past

Publications available

- New publication for a landowner primer with talking points
- SB flowering date pub for a guide for scouting
- SB yield Estimator publication
- Corn yield Estimator publication
- National Soybean Rust publication and web-site

Other Issue's brought to table

- Drying a storage primer for increasing energy cost
- Web-site being more user-friendly – in precision Ag
- Maximizing inputs
- Deck T stem borer information
- Consider buffer strips/conservation practices to help reduce production cost on marginal ground. Using precision agriculture to help make these decisions
- Drainage – All kinds
- Lease agreements – example of how to write contracts