

# Vital Crop Production Information Is Just A Click Away



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The past two years have presented numerous challenges to crop producers throughout the Midwest. As we approach the beginning of the 2010 cropping season, some of the challenges of last year are still carrying over unresolved. Fertilizer that normally would have been applied last fall is still sitting in the dealer's storage facilities. Fall deep tillage that might have broken up soil compaction caused by working soils too wet last spring, could not be done because soils were still too wet following harvest. Deep ruts left by combines and grain carts are still filled with water, and they will need to be dealt with before any other field work can even be considered.

Where can growers go to find timely informa-

tion to help them make well informed management decisions to deal with these and other crop management issues?

One excellent source of information is the Illinois Pest Management & Crop Development Bulletin, a weekly web-based newsletter written by University of Illinois Extension specialists. Each week's bulletin contains timely, research-based information on current problems being faced by growers throughout the state.

In addition to information on insect, weed and disease management, topics may include tillage, fertility research, crop seeding rates and dates, and environmental effects on crop health and development. Access to the bulletin is free to anyone with internet access. Subscribers who provide the email address will receive weekly email reminders as soon as a new bulletin is published. All of this is available at <http://ipm.illinois.edu/bulletin/>

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