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2014 Weed Control Guides available

This is Ag Outlook on 1420 KJCK, I'm Chuck Otte, Geary County, K-State Research and Extension Ag & Natural Resources Agent. In crop production, weeds are a fact of life. If anyone ever thought that Roundup Ready crop technology would solve that problem once and for all, they were delusional! While we may not spend as much on weed control as we once did, weed control is still a critical consideration in crops, pastures, heck even in lawns and gardens. One of our most popular publications, the Chemical Weed Control bulletin, is finally out with the brand new 2014 edition. If you go to the local elevator and have them spray your crops, you may have less of a need for this than someone who does their own spraying. But if you do any amount of weed control in fields or pastures, this is an excellent resource to have. It has extensive information on spray equipment management, relative costs of materials and pesticide application safety. Then it breaks down herbicide weed control options crop by crop so you know what's labeled for that crop and how it has performed in weed control tests. It goes into brush control in pastures, weed control in native pastures vs weed control in brome grass and fescue pastures. There are helpful tables throughout this publication. There are so many glyphosate products out there today it's tough to keep up and this bulletin has a two page table that tells you everything you need to know including which glyphosate products AREN'T labeled for RR crops. The best thing about this bulletin is that it is free. Stop by the Extension Office to pick up your copy today! This has been Ag Outlook on the Talk of JC, 1420 KJCK, I'm Chuck Otte.

Lease Termination Deadline is past

This is Ag Outlook on 1420 KJCK, I'm Chuck Otte, Geary County, K-State Research and Extension Ag & Natural Resources Agent. The deadline for terminating oral leases is past. Landlords can not legally terminate a lease now until next year. Landlords can serve notice, but it won't become effective until March 1, 2015 though. Likewise, tenants, technically you can't back out on a lease at this time. Tenants terminating a lease is a far less common issue and landlords can usually get a new tenant pretty quickly so we often don't talk about that very much. Here's the caveat in all of this. Landlords and tenants can still negotiate new terms for a lease. They can do that at any time and if they agree to the terms, that's all well and good. But if a landlord tries to greatly increase the rental rate, or change the terms of a crop share lease, and the tenant doesn't agree to them, then last year's terms will still hold. The lease termination requirement is just that, a lease termination requirement. It is for the protection of primarily tenants from being kicked off a piece of property with little or no warning. It was even more crucial in years gone by when the tenant often also lived in the farmstead on the property. This is far less common of a situation now days, especially in Kansas, but the law still needs to be abided. What I would also strongly recommend that you do is if you are renegotiating new lease terms, get it in writing. It isn't because you don't trust the other person, it's so both parties are protected in case something happens to the landlord or tenant. If the two of you agree and shake on a deal and one never makes it home, nobody else is going to know. Put it in writing and protect everyone! This has been Ag Outlook on the Talk of JC, 1420 KJCK, I'm Chuck Otte.

Problem Weeds in Roundup Ready Corn

This is Ag Outlook on 1420 KJCK, I'm Chuck Otte, Geary County, K-State Research and Extension Ag & Natural Resources Agent. As I mentioned a couple of days ago, Roundup Ready technology was never going to be the answer for ever for every weed. And sure enough, 20 years later we have issues. One of the more common weeds showing up in roundup ready crops are the pigweeds. There are several species here - waterhemp, Palmer Amaranth and others, but they are all pigweeds, they are all prolific seed producers. They can germinate anytime during the summer and become a problem and you really need to be utilizing some residual herbicides to augment your glyphosate spray program in corn. Fortunately there are many products that do have excellent activity on pigweeds including those that are glyphosate resistant or tolerant. Keep in mind that weeds are more easily controlled when they are smaller and I mean under 6 inches tall, preferably 2 to 4 inches tall. Products to consider for pre-emerge application in corn are Lumax EZ or Lexar EZ - different formulations of the same active ingredients, Zemax and Corvus or Balance Flexx. If going with Corvus or Balance Flexx consider tank mixing with atrazine for better performance. There are many chloroacetamide herbicides that are excellent and several newer formulations that also have pyroxasulfone with them that are going to be excellent on pigweeds. Keep in mind that the higher the application rates the longer residual control you will see. Several products can be used postemerge - some of these come premixed with glyphosate, others you may have to tank mix with glyphosate. More information is in the Chemical Weed Control bulletin. This has been Ag Outlook on the Talk of JC, 1420 KJCK, I'm

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