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“Lew U” in Review *Soybeans*

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Back in November our “Lew U” class covered seed treatments and seed selection considerations. I know for a lot of customers treated seed may not have been in their plan but with most the cornbelt heading into winter with an abundance of soil moisture it was definitely the right direction to go. Even now, with a couple great weeks of weather under our belt and the recent rains, you might be thinking do I still need to plant treated soybeans. And my answer to you? YES! Why?

Here’s your first quiz question in our “Lew U” review:

What are the six main benefits to treated seed that have been documented over the years?

If you know the answer email me at lrobinson@lewishybrids.com.

These benefits are the reasons why you should still plant treated soybeans. Seed treatments help you protect your investment and give your soybean crop the best chance it has for increased early vigor, early root and shoot growth

and stand strength. No matter what the weather conditions those along with the other major six benefits are important to a successful soybean crop.

In our January “class” of Lewis Hybrids University we discussed increasing soybean yields and just how do we do it. I think this is still a very valid question and concern on the minds of farmers. **“How can I get my soybean yields to increase?”** I have had a lot of success in getting increases in my corn yields but I don’t seem able to increase my soybean yields?” Let’s review...

What has driven corn yield increases? Some would say new traits, new germplasm, adoption of fungicides, better cultural practices (new tillage tools, fertility, etc.), or possibly more aggressive management of the crop. *All of these have helped grow our corn yields over the years and we have to learn from that in order to increase our soybean yields too.*

Here’s your second quiz question in our “Lew U” review:

What were the four main topics I discussed that farmers will have to address if we want to increase our soybean yields?

If you remember (or know how to look up our archived class newsletters to find the answers) email me at lrobinson@lewishybrids.com.

I believe we have to become more responsive to our soybean system. This may mean to adopt treated seed, Genuity RR2Y soybeans, decrease our planting populations or use foliar fungicides.

I want to know what your soybean yield goals are and what challenges you face on your farm so we can help you achieve more with your soybean crop. Feel free to email or call me with your questions anytime.

Every field, one field at a time, is truly what is important to us and if we can raise the bar on soybean production on your farm and in turn increase your profitability— that is a great day.

Thank you!

Check it out...

Go to our “Lew U & Agronomic Updates” page at www.lewishybrids.com to review over 27 different subject matters; this resource has something on it for everyone. Check it out for many profit tips and research findings now and throughout the summer.

