



JUNE OPERATIONS REPORT

CONTROLLED SOLIDS — URBAN SPREADING

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FARMER/RESIDENT CONTACTS

Synagro has worked with existing MWRDGC farmers to expand acres to the MWRDGC program:

Jim Hamann	329
Darren Stauffenberg	390
Mike Smith	35
Gene Radmacher	50



ODOR MINIMIZATION

For the landowner notifications. In June, Synagro sent out approximately 100 letters notifying adjacent landowners of biosolids applications in their area. Synagro team members knocked on 45 doors within a ¼ mile of permitted fields to educate residents about the benefits of biosolids application to farmland. No complaints were received and to minimize odor complaints, Synagro does not exceed 24 hours field storage and incorporates in 6 hours or less after application.



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USDA, state ag officials assessing crop losses

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USDA and Illinois agriculture officials said Monday morning they intend to seek a USDA disaster declaration in counties where flooding and excess rain devastated crops. State and county USDA officials joined Illinois Agriculture Director Philip Nelson and leaders of state ag organizations addressed farmers and the news media on John and Janice Lubben’s farm near Watseka.

Gov. Bruce Rauner wrote U.S. Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack requesting a secretarial disaster declaration, said Scherrie Giamanco, Illinois state executive director of the Farm Service Agency (FSA). County FSA offices are collecting county data to be used for a disaster declaration. Giamanco set a Wednesday deadline for the reports and had received 29 by early Monday.

Edwin Brown, Kankakee County FSA executive director, told FarmWeekNow his county totaled a 36 percent loss of the corn crop and a 38 percent loss of soybeans.

In neighboring Iroquois County, Tammy Hubert, county FSA executive director, reported an overall average loss of 32 percent of corn and 27 percent of soybeans. Hubert added those totals are subject to change if the county continues to receive rain. Between May 1 and July 15, the northwest part of Iroquois County received about 23 inches of rain, she noted.

To be eligible for a secretarial disaster designation, a county must report a minimum of 30 percent loss of at least one crop.

Nelson assured farmers gathered on the Lubbens’ farm agencies are working together on the disaster and urged farmers to keep good records. “If you have a problem, don’t be afraid to call,” the ag director said.

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