



September OPERATIONS REPORT

| CONTROLLED SOLIDS — URBAN SPREADING |
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| <u>Vulcan</u> |
| 493.45 |

| CLASS B FARMLAND SPREADING |
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| <u>LASMA</u> |
| 7,483.40 |

FARMER/RESIDENT CONTACTS

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

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| Ron Hamann | 80 |
| Matt Kellogg | 100 |
| Ed Mundt | 110 |



ODOR MINIMIZATION

For the landowner notifications. In August, Synagro sent out approximately 150 letters notifying adjacent landowners of biosolids applications in their area. Synagro team members knocked on 30 doors within a ¼ mile of permitted fields to educate residents about the benefits of biosolids application to farmland. One dust/odor complaint was received by a resident in the Sun River Terrace area. Personnel from MWRDGC and IEPA met with officials from the community and the resident. It was determined that MWRDGC Biosolids were not the basis for the complaint. Synagro will consider alternate management and notification procedures to insure cohesiveness in the communities that we apply MWRDGC material. Synagro does not exceed 24 hours field storage and incorporates in 6 hours or less after application.



EWING — Matt Dungy’s corn dried out quickly this season, but the ground hasn’t always cooperated.

He started combining in Southeast Illinois on Sept. 15. “I should have been in there a little earlier because corn dried down really fast,” said Dungy, who farms about 5,500 acres in Franklin County with his dad, cousin and brother-in-law. “(The ground) is on the borderline of being too wet.”

Yields are trending opposite of normal, with hilly ground giving up more bushels than level ground. “Flats are about 125 bushels per acre and hills are about 170. It’s usually the other way around,” Dungy said. “Flats usually make 170 to 180.

He blamed denitrification from the water sitting on the flat lands.

“We probably should have flown on another 100 pounds of nitrogen later,” he said. Early in the soybean harvest, he was getting 55 to 60 bu./acre. Quality looks good so far.

The same can’t be said for wheat. Dungy grows wheat on about 500 acres. Like many growers in Illinois, yields were good but quality was off.

“It was fair,” he said. “We got in there pretty quick and got our double crop planted. Some of our neighbors were getting a dollar knocked off of their wheat. It was hard to get rid of it in places.”

Dungy hopes to complete harvest by the first of November.

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