

Grower Files

Craig Rozenboom, *Bussey, Iowa*



One-stop approach brings success

Craig Rozenboom takes full advantage of all the benefits of working with Agriland FS Inc. Rozenboom, who farms in Bussey, Iowa, with his father, Robert, buys all of his soybean seed, chemicals and anhydrous from Agriland.

"We truly are a one-stop shop," says his crop specialist, Dustin Ellis.

Rozenboom started using FS HiSOY® soybean seed about four years ago. "One reason why I tried it was because my other brands were getting high in price," he says. "I've been well satisfied with the yields."

Bussey, located east of Des Moines, has good, rich, black soil that is pretty consistent. Rozenboom's yield goal and average for soybeans is 45 to 50 bushels per acre. Those good results have kept him with the beans.

Ellis says the FS HiSOY beans can yield from 55 to 60 bushels per acre when conditions are ideal. "FS soybeans have phenomenal high-yield potential," he says. "About all the beans we have are cyst nematode beans. It's nice to have that protection."

Rozenboom says the biggest pest problem for him is aphids. He likes the advice and expertise he gets from Ellis on controlling the problem.

He also likes the way the seeds look in the early stages. "They emerge out of the ground real good," he says. "We had a lot of water this year, but they pulled out and look good."

Ellis agrees, "They come out real even and real quick. In no-till situations, you plant them and want them to come out quickly. The faster they come out of the ground, the faster they are taking advantage of the sunlight."

Sunlight was something that was in short supply this growing season. The area has seen about 45 inches of rain this year, compared to 28 to 30 inches of rainfall in a normal year. "The beans look very good this year considering what we've been through. That goes back to disease tolerance. They are good on sudden death syndrome that occurs from too much water," says Ellis.

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