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Well the wheat harvest is wrapping up. Pretty much everything that I heard was good news from the wheat crop. Quite a few questions were being asked before harvest. Does it pay to spray for head scab, what variety should I plant, or should I plant a later or earlier day variety? These questions were answered this year, but you need to be careful before putting all your eggs into one basket. This year one of the main factors involving wheat harvest was planting date. In many of the strips that we harvested this year putting a fungicide on to protect the head overwhelmingly paid for itself. We saw some significant yield gains and have plot data to really show our point. Added test weight and yield was a couple of positives we saw, plus there were very few cases of vomitoxin this year. Now the questions need to be asked about varieties. The Cooperative Elevator Company offers a wide range of wheat seed to plant. Several different maturities are offered within these varieties. In the next few months, farmers are going to be making a decision on what variety that are going to plant this fall. Make sure that you get with your agronomist to go over some of the wheat data from the plots to better help you make your decisions for this fall. There is also a file on the agronomy page that will have some of the wheat plots in it, so you can print them off for your convenience.

Thanks for reading,

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