

# GAPS

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# NEWS

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## REMEMBER SIDE-BY-SIDE COMPARISONS

We all have good intentions when we plant but when it comes time to harvest we are often distracted. Don't make the mistake of forgetting to do your side-by-side comparisons. Be sure to measure your exact yield and utilize that data to compare results.



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## Order Your Wheat Seed and Treatment

It is time to order your winter wheat seed and treatment. We have three recommendations for this year listed below.

To place your order, please contact GAPS sales representative Ed Nickels at (989) 763-2279.



### GAPS Recommended Red Winter Wheat

**AgriPro Coker Branson** — broad adaptation equaling better yields in more environments; adapted to all soil types; medium early maturity; excellent disease resistance; very good standability; and excellent response to high management.



**Agri MAXX 413** — a bearded medium to early maturity red wheat. It has wide geographic placement and responds to high management. It has a top rated disease package. It has yielded 113% of mean: + 9.7 bu./acre, and over 100 bu/acre in 21% of trials. A very early variety well suited for double crop.



**MCIA Red Dragon** — a widely adapted red wheat line having outstanding grain and straw yield with good lodging scores. It has a solid disease package. It is non-bearded and has medium to early maturity.

## Fall Meter Calibration Special; \$30 Per Meter Through Nov.

Your routine maintenance schedule should include calibrating your meters.

This service from the GAPS precision agriculture staff will improve the spacing accuracy of your planter by eliminating skips and doubles. It will lead to an increase in ear counts, reduction of barren stalks and increase in yields.

GAPS is currently offering a special price of \$30 per meter for its calibration service from now through November. To schedule the service, or for additional information, please contact our precision agriculture sales representative Michael Boettger at [mboettger@gaps-seed.com](mailto:mboettger@gaps-seed.com) or (517) 712-7690.



# 360 Y-Drop Technology Observations



GAPS outfitted two of our high clearance spreaders with the new 360 Y-DROP system this year and our staff has made some interesting observations in the field.

While the results won't be conclusive until harvest, we encourage you to ask us about what our early observations have been.

Please contact precision agriculture sales manager Michael Boettger at (517) 712-7690.



## GAPS Recommended 2016 DEKALB Hybrids

DEKALB has developed some exciting new hybrids for 2016 and GAPS recommends you trying at least one of these three on your farm.

### DKC45-65 GENSS **95 day** DKC45-66 GENVT2P

- Hybrid that packages high yield potential and stable performance under stress and low yield environments; excellent drought and stress tolerance
- Strong roots and stalks; good late season standability

### DKC48-56 GENSS **98 Day** DKC48-57 GENVT2P

- Widely adapted product that can deliver a new level of top-end yield potential as well as a new overall field appearance
- Good drought and heat tolerance
- Semi-flex ear will flex in girth but can respond to higher populations in more productive environments

### DKC53-68 GENSS **103 Day** DKC53-69 GENVT2P

- Widely adaptable and versatile hybrid with good agronomics and stress tolerance
- Excellent emergence and seedling growth; excellent roots and strong stalks
- Good ear flex allows for variable planting populations but will respond to higher populations in more productive environments



Order your seed by November 15 for the best pricing. For additional information, contact seed manager Phil Schneider at (989) 289-3303.



**GAPS crop protection manager Ed Nickels goes into a row of corn to demonstrate his point regarding Y-drop technology.**



**GAPS agronomy specialist Alyssa Chaffin discusses soil sampling with one of the attendees.**

# GAPS Knowledge Day at the WinField Answer Plot in Portland, Mich.

Helping growers make the best informed decisions was the goal of the GAPS Knowledge Day on August 5 at the WinField Answer Plot in Portland.

A handful of experts from GAPS partners were on hand to discuss agronomics and products in the center of WinField's testing center. Topics included hybrid and variety selection, herbicide technology, water conditioners and adjuvants, forages, ag technology and wheat management.

Around 50 growers attended the event and three of them won \$100 Cabela's gift cards as door prizes. The lucky recipients were Mark L. Lott, Jerry Bozung and Don Somers.

We thank all of the growers who attended our event and our partners who presented and shared their knowledge.



**Steve Gower, a technical agronomist from DEKALB/Asgrow, answers questions regarding hybrid and variety selection.**



**A large group gathers to hear Bart Marshall from Monsanto speak about the latest herbicide technology.**



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A video recap of the day's events can be found at: <https://goo.gl/TUcgnL>

## Get to Know ...

### MICHAEL BOETTGER

#### Precision Agriculture Sales Manager

**Residence:** St. Johns

**Years at GAPS:** Three

**Responsibilities:** Educating growers about the technological software and hardware that



will help increase yield and simplify their operation.

**Welcome Back to Agriculture:** Prior to joining the GAPS team, Michael spent 10 years managing a lumber treatment plant. He started to not enjoy the corporate environment and wanted to get back into agriculture after growing up on a family cash crop farm.

**Hobbies:** Spending time with family, fishing, hunting

**Family:** Wife - Stephanie; Daughters - Katelyn, Lauren and Madeline

## Start Thinking About Your Fall Fertilizer Application

It is time to start thinking about planning your fall fertilizer application and burn down. Our Fowler facility is stocked with the dry fertilizer you demand and we will create a custom blend to fit your needs.

We deliver right to you or our custom application services team can also provide the timely application of the product as well.

The GAPS Agronomy Center in Fowler is located at 1250 N. Edgewood Drive.

For additional information, contact the Agronomy Center office at (989) 593-3009 or contact warehouse manager Bob Pung directly at (517) 896-4253.



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