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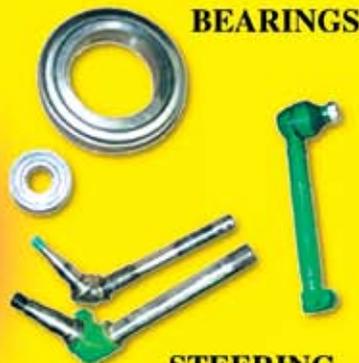
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Potato growers face many obstacles during the growing season. Bio S.I. Technology produces microbial products that are used to help combat many of those obstacles. Disease suppres-

sion, nutrient availability, stubble digestion, and pest management are key areas these products can help with.



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to help reduce their effect on crops. We must start working with our soils to promote microbial life so that the soils will be able to produce healthy vigorous crops that make a profit.

Microbes are the key to helping remove the plant stubble from the previous crop. They digest this material and recycle the nutrients that you have already paid for and make them available to your next crop. They convert all this material into humus which is what holds water and nutrients in the soil. They provide the only way to rebuild the humus (carbon) in your fields. Pests are another area that microbes can help with. The microbes

North Dakota Seed Potatoes Willem Schrage, ND State Seed Department

The 2013 spring was late and cool in North Dakota, but weather warmed up during the growing season. The applied seed potato acres were 17,815, which was up 200 acres from 2011, but 1,700 acres down from 2012. North Dakota is a large supplier for the red market. The soils in the North Dakota provide favorable conditions for potatoes with a bright red skin. The largest seed potato acreage is occupied by Norland with 5,198 acres. This is similar to the last two years. Norland is an early NDSU variety, well adapted to the Mid-West that yields well and gives smooth tubers. The Red Norland strain has gained a bit more in popularity because of its consistency in red color.

The variety with the largest decline in acreage is Russet Burbank with still over 900 acre, but down over 1200 acres from 2012. The largest seed potato varieties in North Dakota after Norland with over 1000 acres are Dakota Pearl,



North Dakota Seed Potato Inspectors in a low generation seed potato field in North Dakota.

still popular red variety Red LaSoda is the last one with more than 1000 acres.

Relative new comers are Agata, a yellow flesh, Teton Russet for processing and the North Dakota clone ND8555-8R, a promising bright red clone of the NDSU breeding program.

As always much depends on the weather the rest of the summer, but potatoes in North Dakota are catching up after the late start. People are looking forward to a good marketing season. Satisfied customers are the strongest marketing success. North Dakota soils do produce well performing seed. The uniform emergence and growth supply good yields. The North Dakota State Seed Department provides experienced inspectors to the industry.

A large number of varieties is certified every year in North Dakota. The list of varieties can be found at www.ndseed.com, where a list of growers is also available. The mailing address is North Dakota State Seed Department, PO Box 5257, Fargo, ND 58105. The phone number is 701 231 5400. ☞

a successful chipping variety from the NDSU breeding program, Bannock Russet, a processing variety that growers seem to have learned how to grow with the largest increase, the processing varieties, Ranger Russet and Umatilla Russet. Ranger increased and Umatilla decreased in acreage since 2012. The

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help the plant get the nutrients they need to be healthy and to increase the sugar content of the sap in the plant. Many sucking insects can't metabolize this increased sugar and will move on to the next field reducing the need for pesticides in some cases.

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proved.

Another area that microbes are a tremendous benefit is in the nutrient arena. They process or metabolize



nutrients and make them available to your crop. They help release nutrients that are tied up in the soil in forms

unavailable to the plant. This activity helps the plant utilize nutrients they would not normally get in a timely fashion for growth and production.

Many growers have soil issues that plague the crop stand like crusting, poor water penetration, and hard compacted soil. Microbes help reduce crusting, open the soil so water can go into the soil versus running off, and also help to aerate the soil making it softer and easier to work. As the microbes rebuild the humus fraction of the soil you will see a reduction in irrigation needs and this is becoming a critical issue all over the country.

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Three generations of Brownell's have been planting trees and winter rye to prevent erosion. We currently use

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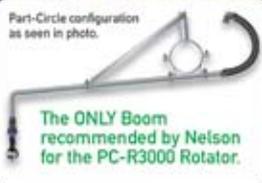


Patrick, Debbie, Bridget, Elaina, Anna and Brian Brownell

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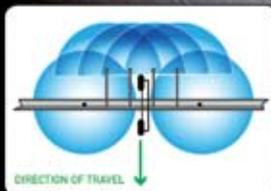
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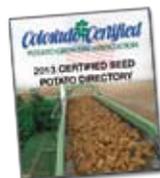
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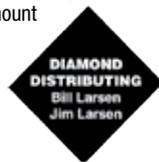
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The award, named for the Roman goddess of grain, is awarded to grain cooperatives that achieve excellence by meeting at least three out of the four following criteria: EBITDA (earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation, and amortization)/per storage capacity, return on invested capital, bushel retention, and GROWMARK's capital guideline ratio.

Qualifying for the Ceres award, in alphabetical order, are:

DeLand Farmers Cooperative Grain Co., Deland, Ill. Dale Allen is the manager and James Reed is the president.

East Lincoln Farmers' Grain Company, Lincoln, Ill. Paul Seaman is the manager and John Adams is the president.

GRAINLAND Cooperative, Eureka, Ill. Jeff Brooks is the manager and Tom Kennell is the president.

Kasbeer Farmers Elevator Co. Cooperative, Kasbeer, Ill. Joe Louis is the manager and Kenneth Bohm is the president.

Minier Cooperative Grain Company, Minier, Ill. Keith Swigart is the manager and Duane Haning is the president.

Prairie Central Cooperative, Inc., Mark Heil is the manager and John Wahls is the president.

Roanoke Farmers Association, Roanoke, Ill. Terry Blin is the manager and Fred Vogel is the president.

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Stinger set to introduce the next generation of bale stackers in 2014.

With higher fuel costs and lack of labor, hay and forage producers are looking for ways to still meet the needs of their operation as well as lower their costs. Stinger bale stackers, known for their rugged design, speed, and versatility are one way to lower overall cost per bale of handling large bales.

After 21 years of producing large bale wagons, Stinger is on the threshold of the release of their next generation of bale stackers - on track for mid-2014.

"We see the need for a new and improved stacker for the hay and forage industry, especially for the Ag residue market which is growing out of America's need for feed, fuel, and fiber," Justin Matlack, who handles sales and marketing for Stinger told us. "With the growth of the 3x4x8 large square baler market, the industry has been lacking a

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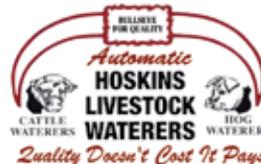
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