

7 Hottest Tips

For Healthy & Profitable Farming

Tip #6

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The 6th Hottest Tip For Healthy and Profitable Farming

PROBLEM

Being isolated, farmers find it very hard to get sound groundbreaking information. A lot of the information that is utilized is outdated and no longer applicable.

WHAT WE DID

How does a farmer know what works in his area as far as execution, product quantities and product qualities go? With that knowledge in mind, how does a farmer apply that to his farm with his gear opposed to a farm utilizing this knowledge with different gear? What a farmer should do is find a coach because they have already been through the school of hard knocks.

What we have to make sure you do is to get out in the paddock and look at the ground, dig in the soil, evaluate what you have and what you don't have. When you do those kinds of things you will learn, you will see changes. Go to field days and field days that really mean something, not just the same old chemical industry, Oh we got the latest greatest herbicide, or fungicide, or insecticide, big deal: it's the same today as it was 30 years ago. Or we got the latest, greatest piece of iron, Ah great. But the bottom line is: it's the same as it was 30 years ago.

Those things are all about spending your money. Instead, you need to go to field days that are about increasing your return on the farm.

RESULT

The bottom line is that we put together a plan, a complete program, because it takes a complete program to get replicated, predictable results. Magic bullets come and go: you might get a result, might not get a result. However, if you stick to a program, in 3 to 5 years, you will have results! Whether you're in a drought or whether you're in a flood, well... I consider if you're in a flood it's under a meter of water for 3 years you're probably not going to get too much results unless you're growing rice.

The reality about it is that we have farmers in the middle of a drought still getting economic, returnable crops when everybody, literally everybody else in the area, is getting nothing! Are they getting bumper crops? No! However, they are getting economic returns so they can pay their bills or pay towards their bills.

You also begin addressing carbon sequestration issues, about addressing soil compaction, soil erosion, insects, diseases and weeds at their causal perspective, not just covering up their symptoms.

This goes as well as addressing family health issues because everyone, either you personally, your spouse, your family, your friends, they have some sort of health problem.

We've got to address those kinds of things in agriculture. YOU are at risk, you the farmer you are greatest at risk, because you're getting exposed to the nasty chemicals. So in addition to you producing better food with the program that we talk about, as a physician, I'm interested also in your health and how we are going to prevent problems. We prevent that through biological farming. Because we can get better yields without the pesticides in that system.

HOT TIP

One of the things you really need to do is get yourself a coach. If you're going to be a professional farmer, get yourself a coach just like professional athletes, professional musicians, get a coach!!