

FRANK'S FARM



“What’s Going On”

Since my last quarterly newsletter, we have completed the fall harvest. We are finally getting the rain we much needed this past summer. Grain prices have fallen dramatically since the fall of the stock market and oil prices. The corn crop was above average this year, but the soybean crop was below average since we didn't have much rain when the soybeans needed it. We have cleaned and waxed all equipment and put it away for the winter. Fannie and I have been busy attending educational workshops and learning about Maryland Department of Agriculture - PMT (Phosphorus Management Tool).

Crop conditions

Our wheat crop is looking good so far. The crop had very even emergence this fall while getting some good growth before it got cold. We planted the maximum amount of acres of cover crop, which is part of the Maryland Department of Agriculture Cover Crop program.

Weather update

Lots of rain so far this winter! The water table is adequate. Lets hope for sufficient moisture for our 2015 crops.



Commodity prices (as of 12/29/14)

Cash Wheat July 15 \$5.43

Cash Corn Dec 15 \$4.30

Cash Soybeans Nov 15 \$9.40

Call the QAC Extension office daily for prices
410 758 0166 ext 18

Technology update

We are working on printing our yield maps for each field. We had a great deal of deer damage on most of our farms. We are working with Quality Deer Management to develop a plan to manage deer.

Upcoming events

Ag Leasing & Right to Farm Workshop
Grain Marketing/Ag Focus every other Tues.
Agronomy Day - Feb 27th, QAC 4-H Park
See other dates in the Extension Ag Newsletter

<http://www.extension.umd.edu/queen-annes-county/agriculture>

Conclusion

This was an historic year as far as the yields on my farms. I am working on crop budgets for 2015 cropping year. Cost of diesel fuel has decreased, but no other inputs have decreased and commodity prices have fallen. HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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