



GROVER'S 2018 GUIDE

APRIL

Be Ready: April is the Optimum Time to Plant Soybeans

The highest soybean yields in the Mid-south generally result from April planting. Planting in mid-April versus mid-May can result in 10 more bushels per acre without costing the grower another penny. Numerous research trials and yield contest winners have shown this time and again. Growers need to shoot for planting in April when soil temperatures and weather forecasts allow. The wet spring in the Mid-south may have growers concerned about flooded fields drying up to allow timely planting and getting their beans off to a good start. Many growers took advantage of the dry fall by disking and bedding fields, leaving little to do except apply burndown herbicides before seeding their soybeans. It generally rains more, temperatures are cooler and fields can take longer to dry when planting early. Therefore, planting windows in April are less than in May and later, so it is important to take steps to ensure planting can take place without delays. Here are a few points worth considering:

1) Burndown options

Planting in weed-free, clean fields is a must to avoid weed issues later on. Make sure you choose and follow the label for burndown herbicides for soybeans to get off to a good start. It is important to comply with restrictions on herbicide application and plant-back to prevent death and stunting from herbicide injury. Because of the wet spring conditions, in many cases burndown applications have not been applied, so herbicide options may have to change to ensure timely planting.

2) Get your soybean varieties in house

If at all possible have seed of selected soybean varieties in your shop or shed so planting can begin without having to order or pick up seed at your local dealer. Not having seed when it is time to plant can mean a loss of hours and days when planting conditions may be optimum. Organizing delivery of your

seed is essential to plant timely and provides the best planting opportunity when field conditions are optimum. Check with your Progeny Sales Representative or local seed dealer to make sure you have your seed on hand when planting windows are open.

3) Know your disease and nematode situation

Make sure you choose a variety with adequate resistance against disease and nematode species for various field conditions. Choose a variety that is a chloride excluder if salt issues are an issue in your fields. Your Progeny Sales Representatives are available to provide solid advice to provide varietal information for best performance under disease, nematode and salt issues.

4) Plant when conditions are right

Do not be tempted to plant when fields are too wet resulting in rutting and soil compaction that is costly to best productivity.

At Progeny, we strive to give you all the tools and information you need to make your growing season the best it can be. Give your Progeny Sales Representative a call today to discuss what the best soybean varieties are for your farm. **Plant Progeny, Harvest the Potential.**



- Dr. Grover Shannon

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