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## Soybean Planting Date, Seeding Rate and Seed Treatment

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When I am asked a direct question from a farmer or a crop consultant my response is always as follows...Do you want the short answer or the long answer as I can say the same thing in 5 minutes or 5 hours. Their response to me is almost always the same..."Just the Facts Jack". In this blog I will attempt to answer three very agronomically important and challenging questions in a very succinct manner. However, as we all know brevity can be a gift or a curse depending upon the context of the question. With that being said here we go!

Three main questions

1. When should I start planting soybeans?
2. What is the optimal soybean seeding rate?
3. When do I use a soybean seed treatment?

To answer these questions follow this link: <https://coolbean.info/2021/04/11/just-facts-jack-soybean-planting-date-seeding-rate-seed-treatment-recommendations/>

## WI DATCP Pest Bulletin Changes for 2021

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Spring has arrived and our busy field season is officially underway. The past year has brought considerable change to the Pest Survey Program at DATCP. We have used this period of transition as an opportunity to reevaluate many aspects of our work, including how we collect and report our important survey data. One outcome of lengthy discussions is that we will no longer offer the **Wisconsin Pest Bulletin** in its traditional form.

We have made upgrades to our field data collection capabilities and are introducing new efficiencies to the program this season. We've also determined that the time has come to transform our weekly publication into a more streamlined and accessible format.

Beginning today, our pest monitoring data will be available on the DATCP Pest Survey page: [DATCP Home Wisconsin Pest Surveys](#).

Please use this landing page to link to our pest monitoring network results for apple orchard pests, black light traps, black cutworm, corn earworm, true armyworm and western bean cutworm. Current growing degree day accumulations are also available by clicking [Degree Days](#) in the right sidebar.

In addition, we are excited to announce that we have partnered with **EDDMapS** and **AgPestMonitor** to bring you our counts via their platform, which features time series maps of our black cutworm, true armyworm, corn earworm and western bean cutworm trap catch data: [Insects – Corn ipmPIPE](#). We will continue to update our pest monitoring network pages each Thursday throughout the growing season. You can expect to receive a weekly notification when the latest counts are posted. Although the Wisconsin Pest Bulletin will no longer be offered, please be assured that our field surveys remain as strong and timely as ever, and that our significant work continues. It's only our reporting format that has changed.

## **ARLINGTON AGRONOMY/SOILS FIELD DAY TO BE HELD ON AUGUST 25**

The Departments of Agronomy and Soil Science in collaboration with the Arlington Ag Research Station are planning to hold the annual [Agronomy/Soils Field Day on August 25, 2021](#). There will be numerous changes to event logistics to meet public health guidance related to COVID-19. Look for more information about the program and registration requirements in June.

## **2020 WI Custom Rate Guide**

To learn what you should charge or pay for WI custom rates see the newest Custom Rate Guide. These usually are published every 3 to 4 years.

The 2020 Wisconsin Custom Rate Guide was compiled by the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS), Wisconsin Field Office, in cooperation with the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection, the University of Wisconsin-Extension, and the College of Agricultural & Life Sciences, University of Wisconsin-Madison.

This summary is the result of a mail and phone survey which collected rates paid by farmers for custom work performed in 2020. The figures are based on reports by custom operators and farmers who performed custom work and/or rent out equipment. There were 494 reports compiled.

Follow this link for the most current data we have:

[https://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics\\_by\\_State/Wisconsin/Publications/WI-CRate20.pdf](https://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/Wisconsin/Publications/WI-CRate20.pdf)

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