



Preparing for the 2019 Crop

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Sometimes drought, flooding, temperature, diseases, or insects force us to turn to Plan "B" or Plan "C" during the growing season. Many of you have experienced at least one of these challenges in 2018. In these cases our livelihoods depend on our crops being able to switch plans, too, and perform in a way they don't naturally perform. This is when both you and your crops need a little encouragement.

The 2018 crop is what it is; but you can start encouraging the 2019 crop right now! Just give Mother Nature a little push this fall and next year's crop will have a leg up on whatever lays ahead. One of the easiest and best nudges is to manage your crop residues so their bulk is reduced as quickly as possible.

When this year's plant died, the friendly bacteria which formerly resided inside the living plant started the decomposition process. Unless you've been farming biologically, there's a good chance the friendly bacteria are absent or in low supply. Therefore, we recommend inoculating the crop residue with a multi-species product.

Other residue management steps we recommend are:

- Sizing your residue (cutting or chopping) to increase surface area
- Getting the sized residue in contact with the soil by using the proper tillage for your farm

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