



The Right Question

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As you contemplate Farming 2018, have you asked yourself: ***Where can I cut expenses?***

The question for 2018 (and for every year) really needs to be: ***Where should I put my focus?***

And the answer is: ***Focus on Efficiency!*** Efficiency for this year (short term) and for the future (long term).

What are the issues to address for **Long Term Efficiency**?

- Drainage is #1
- Soil pH
- Compaction – buy a soil penetrometer or dig a hole
- Take soil tests – and stick to a 2, 3, or 4-year testing cycle
- Build organic matter (OM) and carbon in your soil – adding humus is a great way
- Accelerate nutrient cycling in your soil – a strong residue management program and wise tillage are invaluable

What about **Short Term Efficiency**? What should I do this year to be more efficient and profitable?

- Pull soil tests if you don't have current ones
- Use AgriEnergy's **Residue**[®] program. There's still time to make an impact and accelerate nutrient cycling.
- Focus on the soil environment with AgriEnergy's **SP-1**[™]. The soil environment makes everything else more efficient!
- Provide the plant with beneficial bacteria and mycorrhizal fungi by treating your seed with **Myco Seed Treat**[®].
- Consider split-applying your nitrogen – some at planting and some at sidedress time. Use the Pre Sidedress Nitrogen Test to confirm rates.
- Consider banding your fertility. Banding is 1.5 times as efficient as broadcasting, and cuts fertility expense by at least one-third.
- Take the savings from reduced broadcast inputs and apply it towards row support and sidedress. Feed the crop – not the weeds!
- Foliar to correct plant deficiencies efficiently at critical times

Your **AgriEnergy Resources** representative is ready to help you be more efficient. Call our home office at **815-872-1190** to get connected with a representative in your area.