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Happy Holidays!

With 2018 soon coming to a close, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you - the readers - who have taken an interest in the Lakeside Newsletter. I hope that you have found each newsletter to be an easy read, filled with agronomic knowledge that you can apply on your farm operation. Christmas will be here before you know it and I'd like to wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and safe holiday season. Let's take a look back at 2018:



2018

February

March

With the winter months soon coming to a close, spring was soon to be around the corner. March was filled with planning for 2018's crop protection program on farms across Middlesex, Lambton and Kent counties. Time was taken this month to review historical chemical programs, product rates, aligning chemical programs with weeds found on farm and fertilizer needs for the spring.



April

May

June

August

November

As a Canadian, you learn the four seasons rather quickly: Summer, Fall, Winter and... wait, what was the fourth season again? Oh right, Spring! The planting season certainly showed up late to the game this year. Corn planting started around mid to late April, only to be finished up in late May. Soybeans seem to follow in a similar pattern; late May to late June kept planters in the field getting soybeans into the ground.



A dry July had many producers worried about what it meant for their corn crop. On the other hand, soybeans LOVED all the rain that hit across the countryside this past August. Around Forest, July rainfall totaled 0.23 inches and August rainfall was a whopping 7.08 inches.



November 20th, 2018 marked a new chapter in Lakeside's business with the opening of Lakeside's Melbourne location. With the sale of Cargill to La Coop Federee, Lakeside had the opportunity to purchase the site in Melbourne. Be sure to stop in and meet the team at the new office. Joining the sales team at Lakeside are Dave Vergeer and Eric Johnson.

January

A new year means new opportunities! Lakeside hosted their annual grower meeting at the Warwick Fire Hall that focused on corn production from BASF, financial options for your farm business from FCC and application techniques for Dicamba from Jason DeVeau.

Stay tuned for the 2019 Lakeside Grower meeting that will be taking place on January 30th, 2019 (more details to follow). This meeting will focus on soybeans.



July

Despite little to no rain to be had during the month of grain fill, wheat yields seem to be labelled as average by most producers. In the wheat market, prices rose over \$6.50 for 2019 crop - wowza!

For the past three years, Lakeside has set up a Western Bean Cutworm (WBC) trap network of its own during July and August. This year, there were 11 traps across Lambton county. In past years, trap counts typically followed a pattern with the later part of July having higher counts due to peak flight of WBC. 2018 trap counts did not follow this pattern; trap counts remained low, with the highest count being 254. This was seen across the province and many producers found themselves removing a WBC spray from their chemical program.

September

October

The August rain was certainly reflected in the soybean harvest of 2018. Yields of 60 to 80 bu/ac beans were recorded. That being said, these big yields also removed big nutrient levels. Be sure to check that your fertilizer rates meet crop removal nutrient levels [AT BARE MINIMUM](#)

December

The harvest of 2018 has proven to be a challenging one that will be remembered for many years to come. With some fields still filled with soybeans and others with corn, many hope to see this harvest year come to an end.

During this stressful time, remember to take care of not only your physical health, but your mental health as well.