

# Quaker Lane Enterprises



## A Note from our Local Stone Agronomist, Kevin Rothzen

### High Yield Corn- Prerequisites

The ultimate goal for high yield management is to try to figure out and attack the yield limiting factors in your fields. Every field is different and starting out at a different place on the spectrum. One field might have a yield limiting factor of drainage. While another field might be limited due to weed spectrum of the field. Your plan as a grower should be to figure what those factors are and make a plan to minimize them as much as possible. Once you figure out what the most limiting factor is, make a plan to reduce it as much as possible. I would caution you from trying to attack too many things at once. One of the goals of thinking this way is to try to learn as you do this. You might figure out that sulfur might be more limiting than you originally thought or maybe your potassium is way off. If you don't track and figure out how much each factor truly limits yield, then how do you know what to do on more or your acres?

**Prerequisites for high yield corn:  
Soil Sampling, Herbicide Programs, Field  
Drainage, and Hybrid Selection.**

**Soil Sampling:** Make a plan to get all of your acres sampled once every 2-4 years. Once you get your fields sampled it's important to know what the test results mean. Soil PH is important in the proper range as well. Soil PH not only impacts the crop and how it grows, but can also impact how well your herbicide program will work.

**Herbicide Programs:** Poor weed control can hurt yields drastically throughout the growing season. Weeds compete with crops for light, water, and nutrients.

**Field Drainage:** You guys know your fields best and know if you need to improve your field drainage. If you have water sitting on an area for more than a day or two, then you need to address field drainage

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**Hybrid Selection; Factors to consider while thinking about hybrid selection:**

- **Yield and yield consistency:** Select hybrids that are adapted and work well in your area.
- **Know your area** and the pests that are present disease ratings for your hybrid
- **Balance your portfolio;** be sure to spread out the risk a little.
- **Harvest Drydown:** This is important info to review to help make a plan in the fall on what hybrids to start with.
- **Cost:** In the current environment of costs, farmers do need to make an economical decision sometimes as well. Have a good idea of the price point your farm needs to be at to be successful. Balance your hybrid lineup to help meet those goals.

## Upcoming Community Events



### ROWVA FFA Toy Show

**When:** March 5th, 2023. 9am-2pm

**Where:** ROWVA High School

346 E Rova Dr, Oneida, IL 61467

Food will be served by the ROWVA FFA Alumni in the Ag Room. Pedal Tractor Pulls will be held in the High School Hallway. Toy show will be in the gym.

### 62nd Annual Working Farm Show

**When:** September 15, 16, 17th, 2023. Gates open 7am-5pm

**Where:** 13451 IL Hwy 92 Geneseo, IL 61254

Thresherman's Dinner & Ag Vendors, Pie Auction, Train Rides, Working Sawmill, Blacksmith Shop, Gardening, Demonstrations, Great Food, Displays by Collectors of all Ages!

**For more information please visit their website:**

[www.ae-ta.com](http://www.ae-ta.com)



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## Meet our new Associate Dealer, Matt Perham

Matt was born on a farm on the Marshall-Peoria, IL, county line. He later moved to Dunlap, IL where he graduated high school. After graduation he moved to the state of Wyoming where he worked on and ultimately ended up managing a cattle ranch. In 2002 he moved back to Illinois to live on a farm in Chillicothe, and began to rodeo professionally. In 2016 upon the realization he was getting older and slower, he quit rodeo and managed a farm in Brimfield, IL. In 2022 he went on his own with a cattle, hay, corn and bean operation and joined the QLE team. He has been married to Jennifer for 25 years and they have a 7 year old boy, named Dollar.



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Joe hard at work in the QLE Magnolia Warehouse unloading and moving boxes of seed.

