

Soy Beans: Late Crop Thrives With 4-3-3

One Virginia farmer put AGGRAND Natural Fertilizer 4-3-3 to a rigorous test last summer and was amazed by the results.



Dealer Allen Lawrence, Centreville, Va., planted 28 acres of soybeans at the end of last July. In a drought. “There had been no rain in 28 days,” Lawrence said. He wanted to find out the difference between planting with chemical fertilizer and AGGRAND 4-3-3 Natural Fertilizer. The acreage he planted had grass growing in it, he said, but he went ahead and planted the soybeans one inch deep.

“The grass seeded before the soybeans were up,” Lawrence said.

He had sprayed the field earlier with AGGRAND 4-3-3, from a 55-gallon barrel he had purchased in 2005. When he saw the grass seeding, he decided to spray a second time, he said.

“And the soybeans just popped up,” Lawrence said. “I’ll be, they came up. If I had used conventional fertilizer, I would have ended up plowing it under. I would have gotten nothing.”

All of the conditions – lack of moisture throughout the growing season and planting late – should have kept him from harvesting much on that land, he said.

Typically, Lawrence harvests about 10 to 15 bushels an acre – when his fields are planted on time and there’s favorable weather conditions and enough water.

He harvested 368 bushels of soybeans from the 28- acre plot. “There was no way I was supposed to get any beans out of there,” he said.

His neighbors were skeptical when he planted the soybeans, Lawrence said. They were amazed when they saw his results. “I told them, ‘that’s AGGRAND dude, I’m tellin’ ya.’”

As a Dealer, Lawrence said, he takes the products for granted because he assumed the AGGRAND 4-3-3 would still be effective two years after it had been purchased.

“I am definitely sold on it,” Lawrence said. “I still have about 28 gallons left and I’m planting early this year.”

He has talked to several others nearby who typically use conventional fertilizer, and a couple of them plan to use AGGRAND 4-3-3 Natural Fertilizer next spring.

“It’s unheard of,” Lawrence said. “Nobody goes off the conventional fertilizer. They trust it because they’ve been using it for so long.”

His great results with AGGRAND and the increasing costs of conventional fertilizers are factors in their decision, Lawrence said.

“The price of fertilizer has never been this high,” he said. “AGGRAND is actually cheaper. They’d save about \$10 an acre spraying with the AGGRAND.”

He plans to plant corn on the same land next season, he said.

“I definitely am looking forward to next year,” Lawrence said.