

Crop-Tech Consulting's 2023 Virtual Winter College

Farming: The Ultimate High Stakes Poker

Farming has always been a risky game, but with 2022 raising the ante, it became even more of a high stakes gamble. As the ante goes up, so does the payout. This year's event is about wagering smartly and going all-in when needed to end up with a winning hand.



Thursday,
January 5th



Starts: 8:00 AM Central

Managing Tar Spot When the Cards
Are Against You

Putting Together a Soybean Straight

Lunch Break

Is Sulfur an Ace in the Hole

When to Go All in on a Hybrid
and When to Fold

Can You Raise Your Bet With
Lower Bean Populations

Q & A

Ends: 4:00 PM Central

How to Manage Tar Spot When the Cards Are Against You

Tar Spot is a new player at the table, and we need to learn its strategy. Weather conditions are key for all diseases and the environment you are dealt will dictate how you play your hand. Don't let tar spot make you fold early.

Putting Together a Soybean Straight

To win the pot with a straight, you need your cards in order. From early planting to timely harvest, and everything in-between: variety, seed treatments, population, row spacing, herbicide timing, insect management, disease control, and a good growing season have to be in order. Any missing cards could turn your straight into a bluff.

Is Sulfur an Ace in the Hole?

Sulfur is an ace among the secondary nutrients. With reduced sulfur emissions, there are not as many sulfur cards getting dealt. A player in the game of high stakes Poker needs to understand the 4R's of Sulfur. How does the sulfur card play in soybeans? In the past it has been hard to get a consistent response to sulfur applications, but with changing environmental factors this requires a second look.

When to Go All in on a Hybrid and When to Fold

Don't play blind when it comes to managing hybrids. Some hybrids just need a strong start to bring in the bushels and others need hand holding all the way through black layer. Knowing what hybrids are in your hand makes the hold or fold decision easier. You may have to discard a hybrid if it doesn't fit your management style.

Can You Raise Your Bet With Lower Bean Populations?

Higher populations is a safe bet in terms of weed control and soybean yield. Is lowering the population with early planted beans with improved singulation and spacing really a gamble?



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