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It's time to grab your **WALKING STICK***

Hello all.

Combines are being prepped for the upcoming soybean harvest. **But, as you know**, summer is still here, and there's still plenty of time to **TAKE A WALK** in a soybean field observing how the plants are developing.



Plant observation is key to learning the language of the plant – and it's now or never to effectively observe the **FILL STAGE**. Not only will you get an indication of final yield – but your walk will likely highlight some items you'll want to consider for next year. Take your camera with you, make notes to confirm your thoughts, and share with your grower. There is no better way to solidify your relationship with your customer.



Many of you have been on point with your grower, and have managed a variety of seed and/or foliar treatments. As you know, the comparative differences provide a great reason to stay in touch with your grower throughout the season, and, most important you're able to address your grower's "why" questions.

Think of it as a team effort, (you and your grower) ...
working together to understand the language of the plant.



Fields with seed treatments which also received post emergence applications are most interesting to look at. Wow, what a way to learn. Across the board, we've seen consistent benefits coming from applications selected from the Stoller Tool Box.

For example Bioforge ST, as a seed treatment, enhances nodulation - checkout the roots to the left.

In the Penn State soybean trial (click for [VIDEO](#) or the [APPLICATIONS](#)) we observed major differences in plant framing, internode length and as shown in the right - a difference in root structure from an early season V2-V4 application of **X-Tra Power** compared to check.



Recently there's been a lot of interest in the addition of **Urea Mate** to the above treatments of X-Tra Power or Stimulate.

When these product combinations are applied a greater supply of photoassimilates are available to meet the **site specific nutritional** needs of the plant. (Click for [VIDEO](#))

As a final note of interest, we compare **X-Tra Power** with **Stimulate** when the base treatments of Bio-Forge and Urea Mate are equal. (Click for [VIDEO](#))

Site specific nutritional support is the focus here, a benefit that was very evident in the recent field tours in Hershey, PA, conducted by Dean Collamer with Growmark FS, and at Penn State University conducted by Dr. Orzolek.



*what Agronomists call their **SHOVEL**.



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