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1. How many acres of corn and soybeans did you plant in 2022 on your operation?

	Acres
a. Corn:	101
b. Soybeans:	102

2. ²⁰¹ Did you have any acres of corn in 2022 that were planted to soybeans in 2021?

¹ Yes ³ No (**Go to question 4**)

3. **Corn on soybean acres.** What was the AVERAGE nitrogen rate (units per acre) that was applied across all acres of corn **planted in 2022**, that were planted to soybeans in 2021? Please include any nitrogen from phosphorus sources such as MAP/DAP/MEZ, sulfur sources such as thiosulfate and ammonium sulfate, and nitrogen in the starter in addition to the main source of nitrogen such as UAN solutions, urea, or anhydrous ammonia.

Total units (actual nitrogen) applied per acre (average per acre) ²⁰²

4. ²⁰³ Did you have any acres of corn in 2022 that were planted to corn in 2021?

¹ Yes ³ No (**Go to question 6**)

Total units (actual nitrogen) applied per acre (average per acre)
204

5. **Corn on corn acres.** What was the AVERAGE nitrogen rate (units per acre) that was applied across all acres of corn **planted in 2022**, that were **also** planted to **corn** in 2021? Please include any nitrogen from phosphorus sources such as MAP/DAP/MEZ, sulfur sources such as thiosulfate and ammonium sulfate, and nitrogen in the stater in addition to the main source of nitrogen such as UAN solutions, urea, or anhydrous ammonia?.....

6. Which of the following precision agriculture tools do you use on the farm? **(Check all that apply).**

- a. ²⁰⁵ Auto Steer
- b. ²⁰⁶ Precision planting
- c. ²⁰⁷ Variable rate fertilizer applications
- d. ²⁰⁸ Precision spraying, such as auto boom shutoff
- e. ²⁰⁹ Nitrogen applications based on zone management
- f. ²¹⁰ Nitrogen applications based on aerial imagery
- g. ²¹¹ Nitrogen applications based on in field variables such as in season soil tests
- h. ²¹² Nitrogen applications based on other in season variables not mentioned above

7. ²¹³ How many acres of cover crops were planted in or grown after your corn or soybean fields were harvested in 2022?

Acres
²¹⁴
²¹⁵

- a. Cover crop on corn acres:
- b. Cover crop on soybean acres:

If you did not grow corn in 2022, go to question 16

8. ²¹⁶ With the higher price of fertilizer, did you reduce your N rate on your corn acres?

- ¹ Yes
- ³ No
- ⁵ Don't Know

9. ²¹⁷ Was manure used on any of your corn acres in 2022?

- ¹ Yes
- ³ No

²¹⁸ **If yes**, was the manure tested **within the last five years** before application in 2022?

- ¹ Yes
- ³ No

10. **Which** of the following factors determine the nitrogen rate calculation in the **University of Minnesota** nitrogen guidelines. - list factors?

- a. ²¹⁹ Soil organic matter
- b. ²²⁰ Price of nitrogen
- c. ²²¹ Yield goal
- d. ²²² Previous crop
- e. ²²³ Variable rate
- f. ²²⁴ Price of corn
- g. ²²⁵ Cation exchange capacity (CEC)
- f. ²²⁶ Don't know

11. The Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) has a vulnerable groundwater area map on its website that shows areas where fall nitrogen fertilizer applications are restricted:

a. How many corn acres do you have in a vulnerable groundwater area or a drinking water supply management area as defined by the MDA vulnerable groundwater area map?..... 233 Don't Know OR

Acres
234

b. 227 When was the last time you reviewed the MDA's Fall Nitrogen Fertilizer Restrictions map on the MDA website?

- 1 Date: _____
- 3 Don't Know
- 7 Never

12. 228 Do you use a nitrogen inhibitor on any of your corn acres?

- 1 Yes
- 3 No
- 5 Don't Know

13. 229 Do you sidedress any nitrogen on your corn acres, including top dress or irrigation?

- 1 Yes
- 3 No
- 5 Don't Know

14. 230 Do you use a slow release product such as ESN, Super U or other such product?

- 1 Yes
- 3 No
- 5 Don't Know

15. 231 How important are yields in determining your nitrogen rate on corn? 1 very important. 5 not important [Select one]

- 1 2 3 4 5

Herbicide Best Management Practices (BMP) Adoption Survey 2022

16. On your 2022 corn and/or soybean acres, did you (choose one from the list for each crop) If only one crop, check only in that column.

	Corn	Soybeans
a. Apply herbicides yourself.....	301 <input type="checkbox"/>	302 <input type="checkbox"/>
b. Have herbicides custom applied?.....	303 <input type="checkbox"/>	304 <input type="checkbox"/>
c. Apply some myself and some custom applied.....	305 <input type="checkbox"/>	306 <input type="checkbox"/>
d. Don't use herbicides	307 <input type="checkbox"/>	308 <input type="checkbox"/>

CONCLUDE interview if you did not use any herbicides on corn or soybeans in 2022.

For all the following questions, check the box if you did that practice **and** you planted that crop in 2022.

17. Who scouted your corn and/or soybean fields for weeds in 2022? **(Check all that apply.)** If only one crop check only in that column.

	Corn	Soybeans
a. Myself, family members, or an employee.....	309 <input type="checkbox"/>	310 <input type="checkbox"/>
b. Dealer/coop.....	311 <input type="checkbox"/>	312 <input type="checkbox"/>
c. Crop consultant.....	313 <input type="checkbox"/>	314 <input type="checkbox"/>
d. None of my fields were scouted.....	315 <input type="checkbox"/>	316 <input type="checkbox"/>

(two questions dropped and removed here)

18. What type of tillage did you use before planting on the majority of your corn and soybean fields in 2022 (Fall of 2021 and Spring of 2022)? **[Check one for each crop. If only one crop check only in that column.]**

	Corn	Soybeans
a. Conventional < 15% residue.....	331 <input type="checkbox"/>	332 <input type="checkbox"/>
b. Reduced Tillage 15% - 30% residue.....	333 <input type="checkbox"/>	334 <input type="checkbox"/>
c. Conservation Tillage > 30% residue.....	335 <input type="checkbox"/>	336 <input type="checkbox"/>
d. Strip Tillage.....	337 <input type="checkbox"/>	338 <input type="checkbox"/>
e. No Till.....	339 <input type="checkbox"/>	340 <input type="checkbox"/>

(one question dropped and removed here)

If no corn acres, go to question 20

19. On your corn acres applied with herbicides, did you use more than one mode of action (group). **This could be from two or more products with different modes of action or a premix with two or more different modes of action?**

342 All corn acres

343 Some corn acres

344 None of my corn acres

345 Don't Know

(New Questions Added)

20. Do you have surface water, such as a river, stream (intermittent or continuous), lake, or pond, in the field or within 50 feet of the outside border of any of your corn or soybean fields?

346 Yes [Go to next question]

347 No [Go to question 23]

21. Do you have non-crop vegetative buffers, such as grass or other permanent vegetation, next to the surface water?

348 Yes - All [Go to next question]

349 Yes - Some [Go to next question]

350 No [Go to question 23]

22. How many feet is the average width of the non-crop vegetative buffer next to the surface water?

351 _____ ft

23. Do you have a well or sinkhole in the field or within 50 feet outside the border of any of your corn or soybean

fields?

352 Yes – All [Go to next question]

353 Yes – Some [Go to next question]

354 No [Go to question 26]

24. Do you maintain a setback (no herbicide application) or non-crop vegetative buffer for the areas around the well or sinkhole?

355 Yes – All [Go to next question]

356 Yes – Some [Go to next question]

357 No [Go to question 28]

25. How many feet is the average width of the setback or non-crop vegetative buffer to the well or sinkhole?

358 _____ ft

26. Do you mix or load herbicides in any of your corn or soybean fields?

359 Yes

360 No

361 Don't Know

Atrazine Use in Corn

27. ⁴⁰¹ Was atrazine applied on any of your corn acres in 2022, premixes included?

1 Yes - Go to question 29.

3 No - Go to question 33.

5 Don't Know - Go to next question.

7 No corn acres in 2022 - Go to question 38.

28. Were any of the following atrazine products applied to your corn fields? [Check the box if the product was applied]

a. ⁴⁰² Acuron

b. ⁴⁰³ Callisto Xtra

c. ⁴⁰⁴ Atrazine 4L or 90DF

d. ⁴⁰⁵ Keystone LA NXT

e. ⁴⁰⁶ Harness Xtra

f. ⁴⁰⁷ Aatrex

g. ⁴⁰⁸ Breakfree NXT ATZ

h. ⁴⁰⁹ Cadence ATZ or LA NXT

i. ⁴¹⁰ Lumax E

j. ⁴¹¹ Volley NXT

If you have selected one or more of these atrazine products, then go to then next question. If not, skip to question 33.

29. ⁴¹² When did you apply atrazine on the majority of your corn acres? [Only check one]

- 1 Crop preplant or preemergence
- 2 Crop post emergence - Go to question to 31
- 3 Split application (both pre and post on the same field)

30. ⁴¹³ Was atrazine incorporated through tillage?

- 1 All corn acres
- 3 Some corn acres
- 4 None
- 5 Don't Know

31. ⁴¹⁴ Did you apply one pound or less per acre of the active ingredient (atrazine) on the majority your corn acres in the 2022 crop year?

- 1 Yes
- 3 No
- 5 Don't Know

32. Which of the following factors were considered when choosing the rate of atrazine on your corn fields in 2022 besides cost? (Select all that apply)

- k. ⁴¹⁵ Soil Texture
- l. ⁴¹⁶ Soil Organic Matter
- m. ⁴¹⁷ Weed Species
- n. ⁴¹⁸ Weed Pressure
- o. ⁴¹⁹ Effectiveness
- p. ⁴²⁰ Other
- q. ⁴²¹ Don't Know

Acetochlor Use in Corn

33. ⁵⁰¹ Was acetochlor applied on any of your corn acres in 2022, premixes included?

- 1 Yes - Go to question 35
- 3 No - Go to question 38
- 5 Don't Know - Go to next question

34. Were any of the following acetochlor products applied to your corn fields? [Check the box if the product was applied.]

- a. ⁵⁰² Resicore
- b. ⁵⁰³ Tripleflex
- c. ⁵⁰⁴ Surestart
- d. ⁵⁰⁵ Harness
- e. ⁵⁰⁶ Staunch
- f. ⁵⁰⁷ Surpass
- g. ⁵⁰⁸ Volley or Volley NXT
- h. ⁵⁰⁹ Keystone

i. Warrant

If you have selected one or more of these acetochlor products, then **go to then next question**. If not, **skip to question 38**

35. When did you apply acetochlor on the majority of your corn acres? [Only check one]

- 1 Crop preplant or preemergence
- 2 Crop post emergence - **Go to question 37**
- 3 Split application(both pre and post on the same field)

36. Was acetochlor incorporated through tillage?

- 1 All corn acres
- 3 Some corn acres
- 4 None
- 5 Don't Know

37. Which of the following factors were considered when choosing the rate of acetochlor on your corn fields in 2022 besides cost? (**Select all that apply**)

- a. Soil Texture
- b. Soil Organic Matter
- c. Weed Species
- d. Weed Pressure
- e. Effectiveness
- f. Other
- g. Don't Know

Acetochlor Use in Soybeans

38. Was Warrant or Warrant Ultra applied to your soybean fields?

- 1 Yes - **Go to next question**
- 3 No - **Conclude survey**
- 5 Don't Know - **Conclude survey**

39. When did you apply acetochlor on the majority of your soybean acres? [Only choose one]

- 1 Crop preplant or preemergence
- 2 Crop post emergence - **Go to question to 41**
- 3 Split application (both pre and post on the same field)

40. Was acetochlor incorporated through tillage?

- 1 All soybean acres
- 2 Some soybean acres
- 3 None
- 5 Don't Know

41. Which of the following factors were considered when choosing the rate of acetochlor on your soybean fields in 2022 besides cost? (**Select all that apply**)

- r. 604 Soil Texture
- s. 605 Soil Organic Matter
- t. 606 Weed Species
- u. 607 Weed Pressure
- v. 608 Effectiveness
- w. 609 Other
- x. 610 Don't Know

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