

## **HEC Scouting Report 9/2/10**

- **Crops**
  - The corn is looking excellent and is either denting or fully dented.
  - Most of the soybeans are at least at R5 (full pod) stage and some are R6 (full seed) stage. There are also some fields that have begun to turn. If you have questions regarding soybean staging, please contact your local HEC agronomist.
  - The sugar beets are looking as good as ever and we may have a record crop. Fields should still be scouted for Cercospora due to conditions that have been favorable for infection. If you do choose to spray, be aware of the pre-harvest intervals of the different fungicides and if you have questions we would be happy to answer them. We have also begun spraying Headline and American Crystal is recommending a late August or early September application.
- **Weeds**
  - If you have any weed escapes, those areas should be monitored closely in the future for glyphosate resistance.
- **Insects**
  - There are still some aphids in soybean fields, but as stated earlier, most soybeans are at R5 or R6 stage. Once the soybeans have reached R6 stage, the yields cannot be affected by aphids. Also, aphid numbers have remained low in most places and we have only found isolated areas where numbers have reached threshold levels (250/plant). If you have questions about this or anything else agronomy related, please contact your local HEC agronomist.
- **Soil Sampling**
  - If you have not already signed up to have your fields sampled we are still offering a 10% discount on fields sampled that have not been worked.