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### **Newsletter fall 2009**

Hope everyone is close to being done for this harvest season and everyone arrived safely. We at Back to Your Roots have been very busy as well. Here's what we have been up to and what is coming up for the winter months.

Summer was spent on the road watching the crops grow and learning how to garden. We started working in several large gardens in the province and are very impressed with the results. Our biggest achievement was **Corn with a Brix of 18+**, 10-20 lb turnips and overall increase in test weights for most produce. We had **Steve Westin** out for a Western Canada crop tour, starting in Alberta and ending in Manitoba. Later in the season, **Glen Rabenburg** from GSR Calcium was able to tour one of the gardens and help our sales staff with his experience and knowledge. Watch the web site and/or talk to any of our sales reps about our gardening line and our turf products.

**Dormant sales are in full swing.** Remember that the start of our program is best with the fall applications of the Dormant Mix GSR Calcium. Many soils (actually most) are low in available calcium and show symptoms ranging from lumps and clumps, hardpan, increased salts, cracks, gapes, and increased weed pressures, insect pressure and leaf disease. Starting with the fall application ensures the addition of available calcium in the soil and the start of the work that Calcium naturally does. Please call the office if you are in needing product for this fall. I know it looks a bit chilly out there, but fall is the best time to start the program.

**Merlin Week 2009** is in its final planning stages. Please see the attached insert for more details and registration information. We are thrilled to have Steve Westin return to teach about the theories of Dr. Reams in relation to soil health and to human wellness. We are equally thrilled to have Dr. Elaine Ingham of the Soil Foodweb Labs – Sustainable Studies Institute in Corvallis, Oregon. She will be discussing the biology that lives in the soil and how to take care of it. Come out and join us in Manitou for a day or for the whole workshop. It should be a great opportunity for networking and for gaining new information.

We will be hosting several soil testing workshops this winter. I planned to do some this summer, but I ran out of days. We will be setting up short meeting in various locations to help demonstrate the use of the refractometers, conductivity meters, the Lamotte test kits, tissue testing, and reviews of the results according to Reams' theories and research. Let us know if you or your group would be interested in attending a meeting.

We are going to be posting some of our **summer test results** on the web site over the next couple weeks. Please check out the results at [www.back-to-your-roots.com](http://www.back-to-your-roots.com).

We are pleased to announce some **new pricing** that will be coming into effect for fall.

**Essential Phos will now be available at \$4.00 per pound.** That works out to \$8.80 per kg. Average application rates vary from 1kg to 3 kg depending on the crop and the soil conditions. Check out the High Brix Manufacturing web site for more information. [www.highbrixmanufacturing.com](http://www.highbrixmanufacturing.com)

**Calcium has decreased in cost from 130.00 per bag to 125.00.** We are offering a quantity discount for box quantities (70) or better is 110.00 per bag. Shipping is included in this price.

**We have several resource books for sale.** "Biological Ionization as applied to Farming and Soil Management" and "The Intelligent Farmer". Both books are by Sandi Beddoe, another colleague of Dr. Reams. "Weeds and Why They Grow" by Jay McCaman is also another book that demonstrates why weeds grow where they do and other tips for farming.

**Lamotte Soil Test Kits** can be ordered for anyone interested in testing your own soil at home. Tissue kits are also available. Having one on hand makes test results easier and more cost efficient. Please call for more details.

### **Tradeshows**

We will be at the Humboldt show on November 7 and 8th, 2009 and the Farm Progress show in Saskatoon, January 11<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>, 2010. Drop by for a visit, or check out our display.

Have a great fall!

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