

2022 Summary

2022 was a rollercoaster of a year. Mother nature challenged us to the limits. We were blessed with a great start of the year and good conditions. The crops began beautifully, but poor moisture during the growing season, along with record high May temperatures, really increased heat units and advanced maturity of our corn and cotton crops, resulting in stressed yield levels. We were able to harvest crops without storms and are thankful for the bushels and pounds we gathered. While definitely a challenging year, important lessons were banked and our knowledge and understanding of crop cycles continues to better prepare us for the years to come. At CLH Family Farms, we remain focused on the cutting edge of crop production, as well as land utilization and improvement. We took advantage of a dry October and November and increased our land improvement plan by leveling another 15% of our acres. At CLH Family Farms, we strive for continual enhancement of land conditions and building strong relationships with our land owner partners. We currently have a second crop of soybeans and corn almost ready to be harvested. November and December rains were welcomed, to finish the fall crop well, and collect moisture for 2023. We are confident and excited to see what 2023 has in store for us.



CLH Family Farm Research & Development:

Our operation has been testing different tillage practices for many years. We look forward to increasing efficiency without sacrificing yield. We learned many lessons in 2022. Our strip till program continues to improve seed bed preparation for planting. 2022 challenged us on this, due to a wet fall and a dry spring. With new equipment designs and some engineering in the shop, we are looking forward to continued success in 2023. We also have been testing row configurations for corn. We have been studying 19" row spacing vs 38" row spacing for 2 years. 2021 crop data gave us good increased yields by spacing the plants out on 19" rows. 2022 data was inconclusive. Seed bed preparation may have been the difference. Some of our preparation practices were impacted by dry conditions during the growing season and early mistakes resulted. We continue studying yield map data and working on our strategies to improve overall efficiency.

