

Bulk Fuel Storage Reminders



One important thing to remind your customers to do during planting prep is to have them remember to clean out dirt and other debris that has accumulated in their fuel tanks. Debris can be pumped into equipment where it will cause build-up that leads to less-than-optimal performance and eventually can require expensive repairs. To reduce the risk, best practices call for fully cleaning out fuel tanks at least once per year and switching out filters each quarter.

Equally as important as getting rid of debris in tanks is keeping water out of the fuel supply. Fuel contaminated with water can cause decreased acceleration, loss of horsepower and, in some cases, engine damage that spells costly downtime. Water in the fuel also allows for microbial growth to form inside tanks that attack the fuel. Frosty springtime mornings add to risk with increased condensation.

Equipment today comes with water drain valves. As you help others prepare for a busy growing season, remind them to use those valves to remove water from machinery, in addition to removing water from storage tanks regularly.

There is one extra-easy way to minimize water in equipment during the season, when they're done working at the end of the day, remind them to take time to fill up the fuel tank. Condensation happens overnight — especially in spring weather — and reducing airspace by filling up tanks every day will reduce that risk.

For more information, please contact your local Pro Cooperative location.