

# Burrus Buzz

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## Corn Pollination

Many corn fields are pollinating and will soon enter into the grain fill period. High amounts of nitrogen are required at this time. Wet conditions and damaged root systems may result in insufficient nitrogen uptake for proper grain fill in some fields. When this occurs, lower leaves turn yellow and eventually die. The plants cannibalize the lower stalk for nitrates to support grain development. Inadequate nitrogen can result in lower test weights. Fortunately, many Burrus® and Power Plus® hybrids have very heavy test weights. These types of hybrids should exhibit better test weights in lower nitrogen environments than starchy, lighter test weight hybrids. This is just another reason to plant Burrus and Power Plus.

## July Brings Detasseling

Detasseling is in full swing. Over 500 youngsters are employed at the Burrus facility to get the tassels removed in a timely manner. Moderate temperatures have allowed for pleasant working and ideal pollination conditions. Although we expect good production from most seed fields, a few seed fields are showing the results of too much rain, like many commercial fields. It's important to get orders in early and review the current *GO Sheet* before ordering.

