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GAIN FLEXIBILITY *and a wider application window*



Kurt McIntyre is operations manager for MorAgra Family Farms, a large, diversified farming enterprise based in Poplar Grove, Illinois with operations in Illinois, Wisconsin and Texas.

Over the past couple of seasons, MorAgra has shifted away from their traditional NH₃ sidedress application to gain flexibility and a wider application window with 360 Y-DROP. Kurt says, “We had a wet year in 2015 and had a hard time finishing our NH₃ sidedress pass and also were worried about lost nitrogen due to leaching. We purchased our first Y-DROP system for a sprayer that year to apply late UAN to be sure we had enough to finish the season. We had been putting down a third of our N as pre-plant UAN and then came back with two-thirds anhydrous as an early sidedress.”

In addition to the ability to adjust nitrogen to match the demands of the growing season, Kurt finds 360 Y-DROP adds new capability to their fertility and plant-health program. He says, “We grow conventional corn. The product placement with Y-DROP Sidedress has allowed us to add a micronutrient package and also an insecticide package that has benefited us with later season control.”

MorAgra has also been able to reduce application costs. Kurt adds, “Y-DROP has allowed us to run one less sprayer pass across the field. Before Y-DROP, we used to make one separate pass just for insecticide. They have also lowered our maintenance costs because there aren’t any ground engaging shanks or coulters. With less maintenance there is also less downtime.”

He summarizes, “My experiences have been great. I like the timing and placement. It has been a great fit for our cropping system. And I recommend them to others.”

