



By: Anita Speers

Happy New Year!

January is a month that people associate with new beginnings; it marks the new start to a calendar year and it gives rise for new opportunities and a fresh start. Many people take this month to rest and relax, while others take this quieter month as time to hit the books - many agronomic courses are offered during this time of the year, along with various meetings hosted by retailers, chemical suppliers and other industry organizations. January is also tied to making new year's resolutions, which often times only last for a few days... or weeks! However, I pose this new year's resolution to you: download at least one new agriculture-related app onto your phone or tablet in 2019. In this month's edition of the Lakeside Newsletter, I give you my personal review on 4 apps that can be found on my devices.

Storm Radar



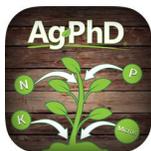
Once you open this app, the main page is a full screen live radar listing any kind of precipitation that may be headed your way. It also gives a quick temperature reading, chance of precipitation and wind speed.

Bean Cam



This is one app I have not yet had the opportunity to use simply because it's been the most recent addition to my iPhone. I heard about this app while attending the 2019 Southwest Ag Conference. This app aids in the decision making process of whether or not you should replant your soybean crop. With a few quick stand counts, the app will calculate yield percentage at the current populations and suggest if a replant is warranted.

Ag PhD Fertilizer Removal



2018 was a year that saw record soybean yields. But with record yields comes record nutrient removal. This app uses crop removal rates from the International Plant Nutrition Institute (IPNI), which allows you to see crop removal rates for various crop yields. It can be used as a great starting point to see what your crop needs to meet its full potential.

Pest Manager



I find myself using this app for a quick in-field reference. On this app, you have the ability to look up different pests (insects, weeds and diseases) at different stages of development. I also like this app for its pesticide information section. While using the app, you can select what pest your targeting, the crop you are applying the product in and the type of production system you're using. It's like carrying a Publication 75 on your phone or tablet!



UPCOMING EVENTS AT LAKESIDE

Be sure to mark your calendars for the new few months with these key events happening around the industry - you might even see a few familiar faces at them!

January 16th, 2019 to February 27th, 2019

Grower Safety Pesticide Course - please call the office for more information on specific dates

January 23-24th, 2019

Chatham Kent Farm Show

February 20-21st, 2019

Ontario Fruit & Vegetable Convention

