

YOUR WEEKLY UPDATE



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How many days for the harvest for stover is required?

To harvest the entire 55,000 ac. we estimate 45 days total of harvesting is needed. With approx. 1/3 of the Co-Op's acreage expected to be from Wheat, we expect to complete the Wheat portion in approx. 15 days with the remaining 30 days needed to harvest the corn stover. With 3 harvest windows available to us for harvesting corn stover (immediately following corn harvest, mid-winter on the frozen ground and in the spring) these 30 days of harvest will be spread out over as many as 7 months.

What if we have a late fall harvest?

As stated above, we have 3 windows of opportunity to harvest corn stover and we will work with each member trying to harvest corn stover during each of these periods to harvest what is desired. Alternatively we can take wheat straw the following year to ensure the agreed upon acreage is met.

How many acres will each harvest team be able to complete in an average day?

As each harvest team consists of 2 chopper/windrowers, 2 balers and 1 stacker and each team is expected to work approx. 12 hours/day (with approx. 10 hours spent harvesting) it is estimated that each baler will cover about 200 acres/day or each team will cover about 400 acres/day.