

NEAL E. FEHRINGER
Certified Professional Agronomist, CCA

EXPERIENCE:

- 1981 to Present Owner/operator of Fehringer Agricultural Consulting, Inc. providing the following services:
 - Field inspections to evaluate crop development; monitoring for insects, diseases, and weeds; and determining soil moisture for irrigation scheduling.
 - Soil sampling for fertilizer and/or soil amendment recommendations.
 - Fertilizer and soil amendment recommendations for Energy Laboratories, Inc. for forage grasses, alfalfa hay & seed, sugar beets, corn, dry beans, small grain production, soybeans, lentils, canola, peas, chickpeas, turf grasses, gardens, and trees, since 1981. Seed variety and seeding rate & methods recommendations.
 - Irrigation scheduling and water use efficiency training for corporation pursuing sugar beet production in the former Soviet Union.
 - Sprayer, planter, and pivot calibrations.
 - Herbicide, fungicide, and insecticide recommendations.
 - Crop loss assessments.
 - Deposition and trial testimony as an expert.
 - Soil testing and recommendations for golf course development and maintenance.
 - Product research, development, and testing.
 - Certified Crop Advisor (C.C.A.) certification educator.
 - Certified for writing Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plans (CNMP) for NRCS.
 - Agronomist for Tongue River Information Program (TRIP) and Prairie Dog Creek Agronomic & Monitoring Protection Program (AMPP) research teams which monitored yields and salt & sodium in soils & crops in fields being irrigated with river water which contained sodium bicarbonate coalbed natural gas discharge water.
 - Site evaluation and report writing for application of wastewater effluent via pivots.
 - Soils & crops testing and soil amendment recommendation for coalbed natural gas production companies to maintain and/or reclaim soils irrigated with sodic/saline water that contains high levels of bicarbonates.
 - Farm input analyses for utility development.
 - Land partition referee and land partition implementation referee.
 - Hired by ExxonMobil to develop custom farming rates and meet with landowners to establish tillage plans in dealing with crude oil residue on cropland resulting from the 2011 Silvertip Pipeline spill into flooding Yellowstone River.
 - Hired by ExxonMobil to meet with farmland owners to develop tillage plans and sample crops to determine impact of material released from Joliet, IL refinery in 2012. Provided testimony to FDA and Illinois Attorney General Office personnel about test results, sampling locations, and protocol used.
 - Hired by Silvertip Pipeline Company to inspect fields disturbed by pipeline replacement, met with landowners, developed a reclamation plan, and figure compensation for reclamation work & crop loss.
 - Member of United States Wheat & Barley Scab Initiative (USWBSI) advisory committee.
 - Member of Region 3 - 4R specialty exam development committee for American Society of Agronomy.

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- 2008 to 2012 – Owner/operator of Fehringer Ag Strip Tillage, Inc. provided custom strip tillage to growers wanting to try strip tillage, without having to purchase equipment.
 - Developed ridging and ditching system for strip till unit for flood irrigated farming.
 - Strip till fields in southeast Montana and Wyoming.
 - Stressed reduction in soil erosion and number of trips across fields to improve soil health.
- 1979-81 Staff agronomist for First Continental Corporation, Billings, Montana. Duties and responsibilities included:
 - Inspected and soil sampled 135,000 dryland and irrigated acres at eleven farms. Made spraying, fertilizer, and seeding recommendations to the farm and general managers.
 - Managed two farms.
 - Evaluated properties for usage suitability and purchasing.
 - Supervised breaking of grassland and making of farm maps.
 - Calculated company's custom farming rates.
- Prior to 1979 Involved in all aspects of family farm in Colorado including crop & livestock management and machinery operation & repairs.

EDUCATION:

- Colorado State University Was graduated cum laude in 1979 with a B.S. in Agronomy.

HONORS & CERTIFICATIONS:

- Honored Agronomy Alumni, Soils and Crops Department, Colorado State University, 2012.
- Certified Professional Agronomist by American Society of Agronomy, 1998 to present.
- Montana Agricultural Experiment Station State Advisory Committee, 1996-1999.
- Certified Crop Advisor (CCA) by American Society of Agronomy, 1995 to present.
- Certified Nutrient Planner by Natural Resource & Conservation Service, 2004 to present.
- Southern Montana Agricultural Experiment Station Advisory Committee, 1990-1999.
- Outstanding Soils Senior at Colorado State University, 1978-1979.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS:

- American Society of Agronomy, since 1979.
- Soil and Water Conservation Society