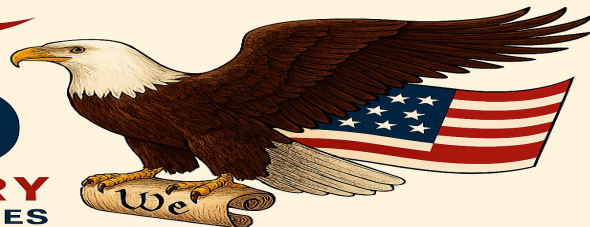




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Investing to Serve You Better

You may have noticed we did not publish a Spring newsletter in 2025—but rest assured, we weren't standing still. Over the last two years, CE-Crocker has been making significant investments across our locations to improve efficiency, reliability, and service for our growers.

At our Stafford facility, we've updated our liquid plant to speed up loading times and expanded capacity with additional storage tanks. We also added bulk chemical and bulk liquid micronutrient tanks, purchased a new loader for the dry fertilizer plant, and installed scale kiosks to improve inventory tracking for incoming fertilizer.

Our logistics and delivery capabilities have also grown. We purchased two new Brehmer four-hopper stainless steel triple-axle auger trailers, added another belt trailer, and updated our seed delivery road tractor and van trailer. In 2025, we also fabricated a new 10-wheel auger delivery truck featuring a four-bin Brehmer body to better serve our bulk delivery needs.



Equipment updates extended to our Pavilion location as well, where we added a Rogator high-clearance spin spreader and a GVM Prowler lime spreader—giving us more flexibility and timely application options.

Behind the scenes, we've invested in technology too. GPS tracking with dual-facing cameras has been added to our delivery fleet to improve safety and accountability. We've also expanded into emerging application technologies with the purchase of two application drones and the build-out of a dedicated drone tender truck.

CE-Crocker remains committed to reinvesting in our facilities, equipment, and people. These improvements reflect our ongoing focus on providing dependable, efficient service to support the success of our hard-working customers today and into the future.



Our Drone Business is Taking Off

Last year CEC purchased two commercial application drones, EAVision Model J100, each with a 11.9 gallon spray tank for fungicides, insecticides, and a foliar fertilizer and a 110 pound dry tank for dry fertilizer and seed, including cover crop seed.

After a very lengthy process we have obtained NYS DEC and FAA licensing as well as commercial insurance coverage. We are in the final stages of preparation to begin making our maiden flights.

What sets us apart from many other drone services is



that CEC can supply all the necessary products needed to apply to your field. One phone call to one company! Contact us if you would like to share with us what services would be beneficial for you once we are in flight!

For more information contact our onsite CCA, Agronomist and Certified Drone Pilot, Eric Nixon, in Stafford at 585-345-4141.



“Hindsight is 20-20, but you can’t plow a straight furrow looking back”



Pioneer Celebrates 100th Anniversary

2026 marks the 100th season of commercialized Pioneer® hybrid corn. Carolina Eastern-Crocker, LLC is proud to be part of this history for the past 23 years. Pioneer has established a legacy of firsts throughout their history, including offering local, professional crop management advice to farmers, establishing field demonstrations and test plots, and starting rigorous yield testing and data sharing.

During our twenty-three-year affiliation CEC has become one of Pioneer’s largest seed agencies in New York and New England. We have sold

approximately 750,000 acres of corn seed, 250,000 acres of soybean seed, and 41,000 acres of wheat seed as well as alfalfa, corn silage and haylage inoculants.


CEC salutes Pioneer’s century of success as we ourselves enter our 97th season proudly serving local farmers and 27th season since partnering with Carolina Eastern, Inc.

START. GROW. FINISH.


NEXTA™

WHY NEXTA™ SOLUTIONS?

We know yield potential is highest before seed goes into the ground. NEXTA products protect and preserve this yield potential season-long with our START. GROW. FINISH. approach. Maximum yields are a function of the interaction of genetics by environment by management. While farmers have realized numerous advances in genetics and management, mitigating environmental stress has been largely out of their control. Until now. Using NEXTA products, farmers can stress less and yield more.



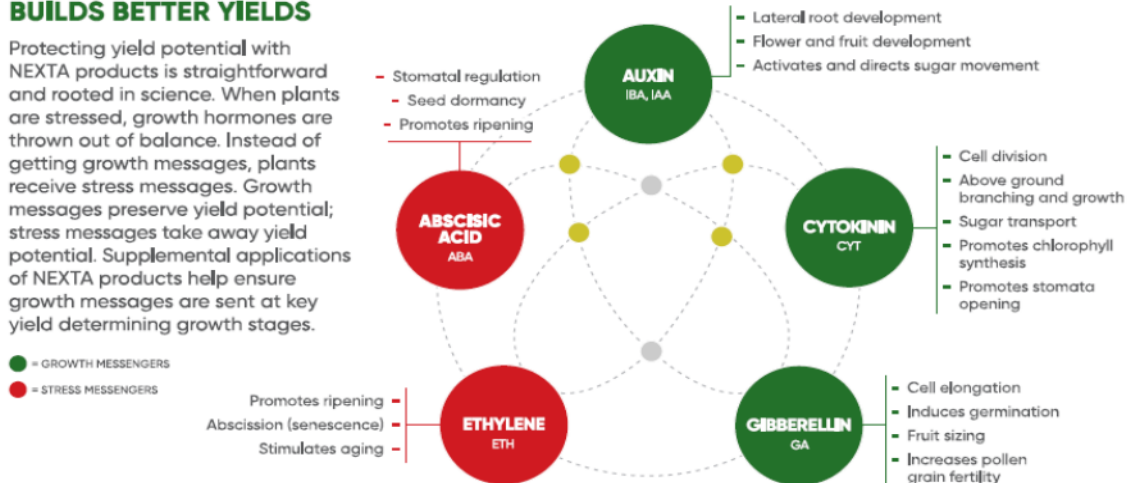
Treatments	Application	Use Rate	Field Trials Yield Advantage	Frequency of Positive Economic Return
NEXTA™ STAND	In Furrow	4 oz./A	6.7 bu/A	77%
NEXTA™ STAND	V3-V5	4 oz./A	8.6 bu/A	78%
NEXTA™ SWOLE + NEXTA™ SPARK	VT-R2	32 oz./A + 4-8 oz./A	9.7 bu/A	90%



Treatments	Application	Use Rate	Field Trials Yield Advantage	Frequency of Positive Economic Return
NEXTA™ SHIELD	In Furrow	8 oz./A	4.9 bu/A	88%
NEXTA™ SHIELD + NEXTA™ SPARK	V3-V5	8 oz./A + 8 oz./A	6.6 bu/A	81%
NEXTA™ SWOLE + NEXTA™ SPARK	R1-R3	32 oz./A + 4-8 oz./A	5.1 bu/A	90%

THE RIGHT BALANCE BUILDS BETTER YIELDS

Protecting yield potential with NEXTA products is straightforward and rooted in science. When plants are stressed, growth hormones are thrown out of balance. Instead of getting growth messages, plants receive stress messages. Growth messages preserve yield potential; stress messages take away yield potential. Supplemental applications of NEXTA products help ensure growth messages are sent at key yield determining growth stages.

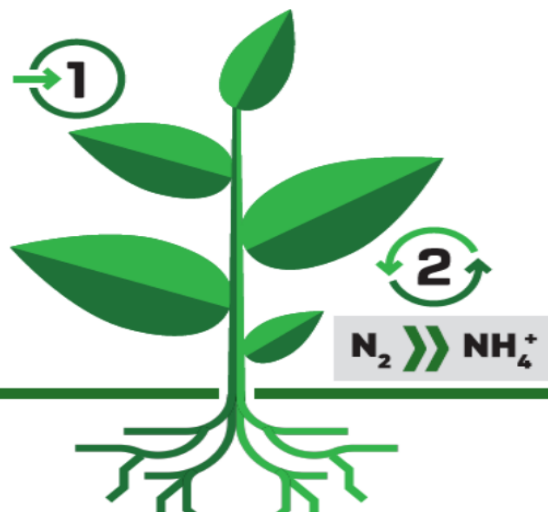


NEXTA™ SUPPLY

Converts atmospheric nitrogen (N₂) to plant-available ammonium (NH₄⁺).

- 1** Bacteria enter the plant through the stomata of the leaves, getting into the photosynthetic cells.
- 2** Converts N₂ from the air into plant-available ammonium NH₄⁺, providing nitrogen throughout the crop cycle in an effective and controlled way.

Corn application: 5 oz. NEXTA™ SUPPLY foliar @ V4-R3
 Soy application: 5 oz. NEXTA™ SUPPLY foliar @ V4-V8 or R1-R3



Increase Your Yields with PurYield 1

PurYield 1 is a polymer-coated urea that controls nitrogen release. The coating on this 45-0-0 product protects the nitrogen and allows it to gradually release as the soil temperature rises, ensuring nutrients are available to plants longer during the growing season. It delivers nutrients at a rate that's compatible with the uptake and capability of the plant. By doing so, it significantly reduces leaching and volatilization.

These benefits result in higher yields and possible quality improvements in specialty crops.

Temperatures will affect the longevity of the protection. See Chart.

We have inventoried both PurYield and ESN in previous years, often based on availability, but with the surprise announcement this winter that the manufacturer of ESN has discontinued making the product, we will be converting to all PurYield1, except a small quantity of carryover ESN that will be co-mingled.

Contact your CEC Sales Rep for more information.

PurYield 1 Temperature Conversion	
60°F (15°C)	72°F (22°C)
75-85 Days	50-60 Days
Longevity Estimates at Average Temperature (°F/°C)	



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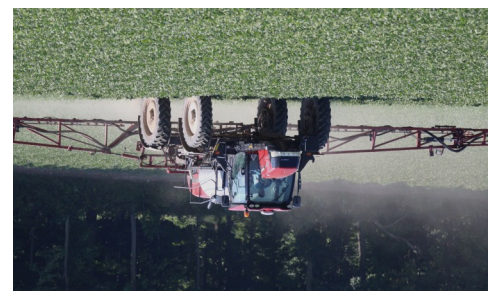
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