

A vibrant field of sunflowers with bright yellow petals and brown centers, set against a clear blue sky. The sunflowers are in various stages of bloom, with some fully open and others still budding. The leaves are large and green, providing a lush background for the flowers.

Nufarm Spring Sunflower Boot Camp – Preparations for Spring 2026

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Production Practices – Field Selection and Timing

- **Field Selection – 3–5 year rotation**
 - Ideally, we like to follow Corn or any small grain
 - If you must follow a Broadleaf such as soybeans be aware of any disease issues that you had with the prior crop (such as white mold in soybeans)
- **Ideal rotation – 4 years**
 - Sunflower, Wheat, Soybeans and Corn
- **Less than Ideal – 3 years**
 - Sunflower, Soybeans and wheat



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- **Be mindful of your physical location and avoid (for blackbird control)**
 - Cattails
 - Wetlands
 - Roosting areas



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- When working with growers make sure that you review last years herbicide applications, sunflowers are sensitive carry over from several grass crop chemistries here are a few examples–
 - Stinger
 - Atrazine (high rates)
 - Laudis
 - Triple Flex



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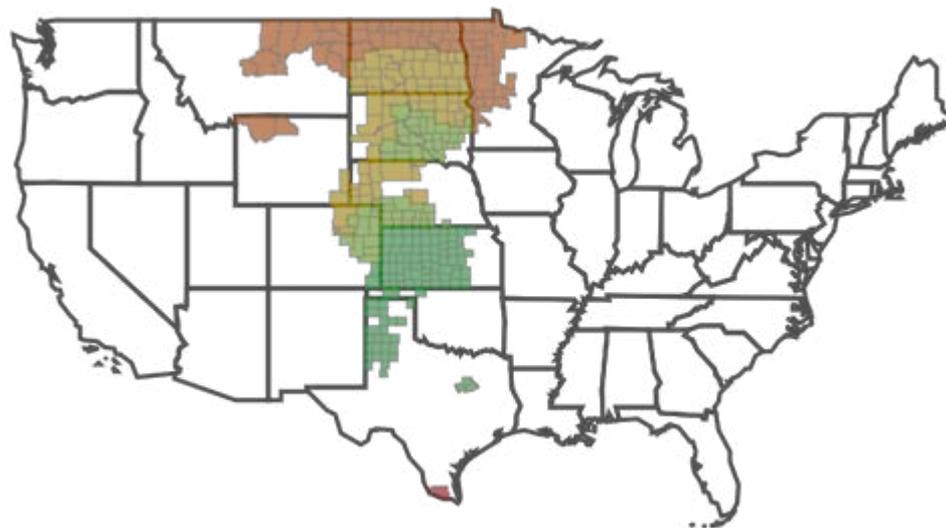
- **Plant Early –Mid May to early June**
- **Minimum soil temp for planting 45°F, but 50°F is optimal**



Production Practices – Field Selection and Timing

Insurance dates for planting sunflower

- Orange – June 10th
- Yellow - June 15th
- Light Green - June 20th
- Dark Green - June 25th



Production Practices – Seed Bed Preparation / Planting Depth

- Good seed to soil contact is critical
- Minimum-till works very well with good trash whippers and proper furrow closing system
- Consistent seed depth assures uniform emergence – 1 7/8” to 2 1/2”- (better stalk and roots)

Production Practices – Planting Populations Oilseed

- **Planting Rates Oilseeds**
 - **Rows:**
 - **Dryland – 21,500 – 22,500**
 - **Irrigated – 23,000 – 24,000**

 - Solid Seeding 24,000 -25,000**
(check your Germs 90 or better germ)

- **Lower pop in drier soils, higher under irrigation**

**Seed Spacing and
Stand
Establishment are
the foundation to
growing a
OUTSTANDING
sunflower crop!!**

THANK YOU

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