



NOVEMBER OPERATIONS REPORT

CONTROLLED SOLIDS — URBAN SPREADING	
<u>Calumet East</u>	354.70
<u>Vulcan</u>	965.87
CLASS B FARMLAND SPREADING	
<u>Calumet</u>	2,986.15
<u>Lasma</u>	5494.26

FARMER/RESIDENT CONTACTS

Synagro has worked with existing MWRDGC farmers to expand acres to the MWRDGC program:

Graham Gletty	110
Bruce Mathias	80
Jim Hamann	150



ODOR MINIMIZATION

For the landowner notifications. In November, Synagro sent out approximately 25 letters notifying adjacent landowners of biosolids applications in their area. Synagro team members knocked on 13 doors within a ¼ mile of permitted fields to educate residents about the benefits of biosolids application to farmland. No complaints were received and to minimize odor complaints, Synagro does not exceed 24 hours field storage and incorporates in 6 hours or less after application.



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Northwest Illinois land sale brings \$55 million

By [Daniel Grant](#) and [Jim Taylor](#)

One of the larger farmland sales of the year fetched \$55.3 million for 8,638 acres in western Illinois.

The land, from [Wilder Farms](#) holding, included about 4,869 acres in Mercer County and more than 3,769 acres in Fulton county. Predominantly levee-assessed river-bottom land, it auctioned for an average price of just over \$6,400 per acre. All of the acres except about 460 are tillable.

The auction offered the land in 46 tracts and attracted 64 registered bidders. Nonetheless, a single investor walked away with the entire offering as the auction came down to a battle of two entirety bidders.

"The operators were in the room, but the investors won out," said R.D. Schrader, president of Schrader Real Estate and Auction Co., which operated the sale. "It's evident that major investors continue to regard Midwestern farmland as a sound long-term investment."

Schrader believes the auction was a good test of the market for that type of land and brought a better price than expected.

"We're continuing to see good demand for cropland as operators and investors alike look ahead to the 2017 crop year," he added.

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