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## Pocket Guide to Crop Development Now Available

If you have ever been confused when asked about what growth stage your crop is in, you are not alone. Agronomists use specific crop growth staging terms to ensure that communication is clear and accurate. The challenge in the past has been that this information has been difficult to locate in one concise reference.

A new publication from University of Illinois Extension makes that information much more accessible. The *Pocket Guide to Crop Development*, circular 1389, is now available. It clearly depicts illustrated growth timelines for corn, sorghum, soybeans and wheat. An added benefit to this 12-page color pocket guide is that it is printed on tear-proof, waterproof paper.

So now when you see a recommendation to fertilize wheat at GS 5 or to apply a herbicide to corn before V-6, you will be able to make the application properly. The guide also contains information on calculating plant populations and estimating yields.

At \$2 per copy for the “Pocket Guide to Crop Development,” you may wish to purchase one for the pick-up truck dash “library” and the tractor cab. The guide can be ordered at your local U of I Extension office or by calling 1-800-345-6087.

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