

**I**t is November and time to give thanks for all the wonderful opportunities we have as a “Free” nation to be able to celebrate with family and friends at this time of year. I am truly thankful for the group of employees and board of directors that I have to work with. It is a privilege to work alongside a group of dedicated individuals that strive to make a positive difference in our producer / owners way of life. There are fewer and fewer producers each year, or so the statistics will tell us. We must continue to do more, with less. A difficult job in any industry, yet we continually do so. Valley Coop is no different. We continue to expand facility capabilities and capacities to handle the ever increasing needs of our producers. The harvest and planting equipment continue to get larger and faster. Seed quality and yields continue to increase. We must keep pace with this changing environment. It takes a lot of earnings in order to continue to upgrade facilities and equipment to meet the needs. Valley Coop is committed to being there for the long haul. We very much appreciate your business and will do what is necessary to keep up with and hopefully exceed your needs into the future.

Fall harvest is now into the 3<sup>rd</sup> month. The corn crop was very good as we received 150% of last year’s crop and 193% of our 5 year average. Soybeans as of today 11-5-2014, we have received 101% of last year’s volume and 112% of our 5 year average. The milo crop is 73% of last year and 85% of our 5 year average as of today. I believe that both soybeans and milo are around 85% harvested as of this time. We have also taken in around 19,000 bushel of sunflowers, with another 25% or so left to harvest.

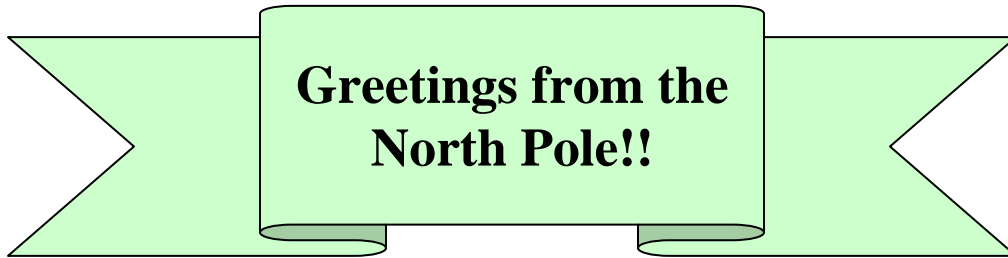
We look forward to getting started with the new leg work at both New Salem and Winfield facilities. We hope to have these projects started no later than December 1, 2014 and possibly

sooner if fall harvest finishes prior to that date. This project when completed will dramatically speed up our unloading capacities at these facilities and should make the facilities relevant for many years to come. The new truck warehouse and shop building in Atlanta is under construction and will hopefully be ready for occupancy prior to the first of the year.

With each year it seems that the government comes up with another set of rules and regulations that we must follow. The new Food / Feed Safety regulations are coming into effect. As with so many government programs, they release the law, but do not have all the I’s dotted and T’s crossed. We still do not have the final version of the regulations. It will require much more documentation on our part. It will spill over to documentation we will need from you, most likely on a yearly basis. Information such as what you hauled in your truck before you brought in that first load of wheat at harvest, etc. etc. We may have to have a form for you to sign verifying such information. I do realize this will not make many happy, but to be in compliance with the law, should an official come by to check our records, it will be necessary. Fines could be substantial, we just do not know all the end results yet. Please bear with us to meet the requirements necessary to stay in compliance.

Please enjoy the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays with your family and friends. We at Valley Coop wish you a very Happy Thanksgiving and a Merry Christmas. Looking forward to working with you in the New Year.

Richard Kimbrel  
General Manager



Harvest is winding down. Cube business is picking up. We are trying to keep a good supply of our 20% nuggets. Antifreeze & Diesel supplements are flying off of the shelf. We have a good supply of these items. Don't forget our tire service. We carry many tires & can get overnight delivery on any that aren't in stock.

Speaking of tires-stop by and see how our new tire shop and work shop is coming along. We are very pleased that our board has allowed for us to have a new building for tire service, maintenance shop (for our use) and equipment storage & parking. The equipment storage will allow us to keep custom application equipment ready to roll when you call.

We are looking forward to the delivery of a new dry fertilizer spinner truck. Call us for your top dress needs.

As always-we welcome you to stop by for coffee. We are happy to answer any questions you may have on your agriculture needs.

Atlanta Branch,

Darren, Jimmy, Andy, Paul, Terri, Katherine, Ric, Justin & Lyle

## **Holiday Closings:**

### **Thanksgiving**

November 27, 2014    Closed

### **Christmas**

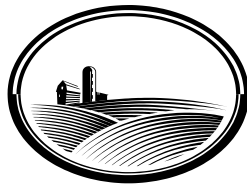
December 24, 2014    Close at Noon

December 25, 2014    Closed

### **New Year's.**

January 1, 2015        Closed





## FIELDNOTES

Good Day! Hope this writing finds you caught up on work and ready for the upcoming holidays. With the colder temps, winter has arrived and I'm sure snowflakes aren't far behind even though it is early November. I would like to touch on several items today, first there is a great opportunity to contract Cenex farm diesel for next year's use. There is a 1000 gal minimum in 1000 gal increments to lock in a price with no prepay. Example: if you contract 5000 gal farm diesel, choose April to Nov 2015 to take. Only billed when you take a delivery, have till Nov to pull balance. No advantage for prepay--keep money freed up for other inputs. Bulk Cenex oil is available for farm delivery, several producers utilize this option. Advantages: always on hand, not paying for packaging, know what costs are. Also Cenex has a great warranty program on ag equipment. Give me a call for details.

Seed prepays have been ongoing since October. As we get closer to the end of the year let me know if you need to prepay now or push into 2015 business. I have plot data available on DynaGro & Stine varieties; let me know if you would to see this data.

Broadleaf weed resistance in RR soybeans. If this was not an issue for you this past year, congratulations! You either have no broadleaf weed pressure or you have been using some type of pre-emerge control. This problem is not going to go away. If you expect Glyphosate to control all weeds and grass you most likely will end up with disappointing results. Options?? Rotation with other crops, pre-emerges, different traits; Liberty Link, in coming years 24D & Dicamba resistance. Make a plan now on those tough acres. Stine has a great Liberty Link lineup on soybeans.

Wishing you all happy holidays!!

Kirk Kennedy

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## HAVE YOU HEARD THIS ONE?



Q: What day do potatoes hate the most?

A: Fry-day!

# News from the South

The fall harvest is finally starting to wind down as we get to the tail end of these row crops, and weather permitting we should hopefully be done by Thanksgiving this year. There has been some really outstanding Beans and Milo in the area this season in terms of both yield and quality. There were a large number of double crop acres which has made for an exceptionally large Bean crop this harvest. At this particular location we have handled upwards of 320,000 bushels of Beans alone up to this point. Our sorghum crop has been coming in fairly steady but with the recent freezing temperatures should be dry enough to harvest the remainder of the crop in the next couple of weeks. Be sure to stop in for a hot cup of coffee and a handful of peanuts. Until then, I hope everyone has a safe and bountiful harvest. Happy Holidays!

Hackney; Todd, Les, Stacie, Frank, Court, Chance, Nate, and Ronnie Dean

## Hello From Frozen Burden and New Salem

Wow, it got cold out there fast but I guess it's that time of year.

Well we are finally starting to slow down with fall harvest. Once we get finished up work will begin at New Salem. We are are going to put in a bigger leg and do some work on the receiving pit so we can handle grain much faster. Also all the electrical will be updated. We will have everything ready for wheat harvest next year.

We want to thank everybody for their patronage and hope everybody has a Happy and Safe Holidays.

Nick, Alan, John, Brandon



# Hello from Beautiful/ Downtown Winfield

Construction will begin on our Winfield elevator the first of December. We are looking forward to the upgrade. We should be able to have you in and out in a short time so you can be back to the field.

As I write this it's nice and warm, but the weather man is calling for the temperatures to start falling. The high tomorrow is 38. We complain about the heat last summer, but we forget how cold we were last winter.

We welcome a new employee to the Winfield branch, Chad Mercer.

As always, we welcome you to come on by and see us. If we don't have what you want we will try our very best to get it for you.

Ron, Todd and Chad



## Molasses Butterball Cookies

Recipe Submitted by Ingrid Elam

1 Cup Butter  
1/4 Cup Molasses  
2 Cups Flour

2 Cups Chopped Walnuts  
Powdered Sugar

In mixer bowl, beat butter on medium speed for 30 seconds. Add molasses. Beat until fluffy. Add flour to butter mixture. Beat at low speed until well blended. Stir in walnuts. Shape into 1 inch balls. Place on ungreased cookie sheet. Bake at 325 degrees for 20 minutes. Cool on wire rack. When cool, gently roll them in powdered sugar to coat. Makes 4 dozen cookies.