

November brings on the chill in the air and the fall colors. It also marks the time of fall harvest. We had extremely good prospects for a bumper fall crop up until late August and into September as rains seemed to dry up during that timeframe. Still we are having a good fall crop with good quality and fair yields. A few space constraints in areas and terminals full of wheat makes for some tense times as we try to get the last of the harvest in. While we are exceeding our 5 year average receipts for fall crops, we are not quite going to hit last year's volumes it appears.

By now I am certain that most everyone has heard that Valley Coop, Inc. and Two Rivers Coop are in consolidation discussions. The boards have seen preliminary financial projections and related efficiencies that should be gained by having a combined company to serve our members needs in the most efficient and up to date ways. Serving the members needs for storage, grain handling capabilities, agronomic benefits and feed and livestock needs that can be accomplished through this consolidation should benefit members for years to come. Technology and larger equipment on the farm continue to drive our focus on being able to accommodate the faster harvesting and planting capabilities. There will be informational meetings for our members in the near future where we will show you the benefits of a combined company. With Valley Coop members owning approximately 1/3 of the Two Rivers Coop equity and the same can be said of Two Rivers Coop members owning approximately 1/3 of the Valley Coop equity. The overlap in territory and services also as you can see, overlaps in ownership as well. With both companies having ownership in the CoMark group of companies as well, it is just a very good fit.

There will be a new company name, but dealing with the same trusted employee group, with the intentions of bringing you better service and efficiencies over the long run. We certainly hope that you will take time from your busy schedules to join us at an informational meeting and then come back to the vote meeting and support the respective board's decision that this is the best way to strengthen your cooperative into the future as a combined company to continue to serve the members best interest for long term stability.

Richard Kimbrel
General Manager

Manning Farm Supply Store to close.

Valley Coop. Inc. Manning Farm Supply Store will be closing on Saturday December 19th, 2015. We have appreciated your business over the years and look forward to working with you at our other locations throughout Cowley County for your feed and livestock needs. Please come by and take advantage of closeout sales during this time.

Valley Coop Board and Management



News from the South

At this point we are just shy of having another fall harvest finished up and in the books. We had a very fortunate soybean crop this year and a pretty fair milo crop considering all the aphids we fought late this summer. With good yields and a large amount of acres this season we had a tremendous bean crop as a whole. Double crop milo is still rolling in at this point with some decent yields and good quality test weights. With the current forecast I would hope to be completely done by Thanksgiving, although the wheat crop could sure use some moisture.

Sometime between now and early spring would be a good time to come in and talk with us about our pre-emergent options for next year's fall crops. Unfortunately, there are a handful of weeds in this area that have won the battle against glyphosate. We have several different options in terms of chemical control and even seed. Feel free to stop by and have some peanuts and coffee so we can discuss how to get the best control for your farm. As always thanks for the continued support of your cooperative. Happy Holidays!

Hackney Crew: Todd, Stacie, Chance, Frank R., Frank K. and Ronnie Dean

Hello From Beautiful Downtown Winfield

In September of 1995 we opened the Manning farm and ranch store. We will be closing December 19th at noon.

For the last twenty years I have had the pleasure of working with the public. I have seen some of my old friends pass on over the years. I miss all of them and will miss all of my customers we have had here.

I will be retiring from Valley Coop the 24th of December. I started working for Winfield Farmers Coop in June of 1990. Good days and some bad days, but I have learned lots and have a lifetime of memories. God bless all the fellow employees I have had the good fortune to have worked with.

Remember you don't know what you have till it is gone.

Ronald J Kramer

As you know we are closing down the store in December. We will offer a 5% to 10% discount on most items. Come by and save some money.

Thank you for your business!!

Ron, Todd and Chad



OFFICE CHATTER

We will be mailing out Domestic Production Activities Deduction (DPAD) letters the third week in November - the envelopes will be stamped "Important Tax Return Document Enclosed." The DPAD **credit** is based on your March 31, 2015 Patronage business with Valley Co-op, Inc. This amount will also be printed on your Substitute 1099 that will be mailed out in January 2016.

The Substitute 1099's will include Patronage and/or Investment Interest, along with the Production Activities Deduction (DPAD). Please consult with your tax advisor for further information on the DPAD and how it applies to your farming operation. **There will also be an amount listed on the Substitute 1099 designated as "Per Unit Retain." We will mail out a letter along with the Substitute 1099 explaining the Per Unit Retain reporting requirements. Amounts under \$10.00 will not be reported as per IRS guidelines. CoMark Grain Marketing (CGM) will mail the Deferred Grain Interest Substitute 1099's.

Please verify your social security number when you receive the 1099's and contact me at the Main Office -620-221-4343 or 1-800-221 4346 if there are corrections to be made! For those patrons that received an Equity Retirement payment in September --- this payment will NOT be reported on a 1099 as a 1099 PAT was issued to each patron in the year that the equity was earned.

Rebecca and I wish you a safe and Happy Holiday season!

Holiday Closings:

Thanksgiving

November 26, 2015 Closed

Christmas

December 25, 2015 Closed

December 26, 2015 Closed

New Year's

January 1, 2015 Closed

January 2, 2015 Closed



Greetings from the North

Fall has arrived and with it, cooler temperatures and colorful leaves. Harvest is rolling along pretty smooth. We are having to ship out grain almost as fast as it comes in. Hopefully that means it was a bountiful harvest for everyone.

Fall fertilizing is going steady, as growers are getting their wheat crop started. We are taking orders for fall burndowns and recommending a good dose of Dicamba be added to the spray mix. This is the time to get a jump on the fall marestail. Also be thinking about your crop rotations a season ahead, then we can recommend the right chemical program to control tough pigweeds.

This is also a good time to evaluate your tires for the upcoming winter. We can get what you need, usually the next day. Then have them professionally installed in our new tire shop.

If you haven't been up here lately—stop in and see the new addition. As always the coffee pot is on, so come in and have a cup.

Atlanta Crew: Darren, Katherine, Jimmy, Terri, Andy, Paul, Mike, Justin, Ric, Lyle

News from Burden and New Salem

Sure has been some great weather for fall harvest this year. I have been hearing some really good averages on all crops this fall which has given us some challenges on making sure we have been able to keep up on bin room. We finally have gotten some much needed rain for the wheat crop. On the other hand we need to get a lot more to help out the ponds going into the winter.

This year we participated in Trick or Treat Main Street here in Burden. We had an awesome turnout. We had 100-200 kids come by and many came back just to walk through and see the decorations again and show their friends and parents.

Thank you for your Patronage,

Nick, Bobby, Brandon and Aaron

HAVE YOU HEARD THIS ONE?



Q: What's a scarecrow's favorite fruit?

A: Straw-berries



Crack Dip

Recipe Submitted by Stacie Crittenden

2 cans Mexicorn, drained
1 cup real mayonnaise
1 cup real sour cream
Tortilla chips for serving

1 can green chilies, diced
1/3 cup of jalapenos (the jar kind), chopped
8 oz. package of shredded Mexican blend cheese
Tops of 3 bunches of green onions, sliced

Combine all of the dip contents together and place in the fridge. I suggest making it 12 hours ahead, or even the day before. The flavors just keep getting better and better!
Serve with tortilla chips!