

Pilot Grove Cooperative Elevator, Inc.
September 2014 Newsletter

UPCOMING EVENTS: Sponsored by the Pilot Grove Cooperative Elevator, Inc.

Pilot Grove Cooperative Field Day, September 4, 2014, Thursday @ 6:00pm, at Irene Felten's Farm. Come and see what is new for 2015 for Corn and Soybeans, and enjoy a rib-eye steak dinner. Hope to see you there. Learn what Stine, Syngenta, and Agri-Gold seed companies have to offer.

Fish Day-September 19, 2014, Friday, pick up fish from 9-10am. Fish available to order are catfish, hybrid bluegill, bluegill, bass, grass carp, crappie, redear, and minnows. Call the Cooperative @ 834-5412 for fish prices, last day to order is Wednesday, September 17, 2014.

OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS: Sponsored by community and organizations.

Missouri River Valley Steam Engine Show, September 4-7, 2014. \$10.00 admission price good for all four days, Sunday only admission price is \$5.00. Held at the Brady show grounds, Wooldridge exit & I-70.

Jake Helmig Memorial ATV Ride, Saturday, September 6, 2014. Held at 3171 Society Lane, Otterville. Proceeds will be donated to local charities.

Annual Fish Fry, Sunday, September 7, 2014. Sponsored by the Clifton City Volunteer Fire Department. All you can eat, serving from 3-7 pm.

Annual FFA BBQ, Sunday, September 21, 2014. Held at the Pilot Grove Public School, serving from 4-8pm. Meal tickets purchased in advance will be entered in a raffle drawing.

Please try and make some of these fund raisers and very worthwhile events.

SEED NEWS At the present time, 2015 seed pricing has not been established. However, there are seed programs in place to save extra money all season long. With Syngenta, you can save 2% all season long by an 80% commitment, and with a partial payment, you can earn an extra 2% discount, which lasts all season long. You do not have to specify specific hybrids or soybean numbers, just commit to 80% purchase of last year, and pay \$5.00 per bean unit, and \$25.00 per unit of corn. This program ends by September 26, 2014, so think fast. Give Ryan or Larry a call for more information.

HARVEST NOTES This harvest is going to be a whopper. The definition for whopper is something large or remarkable, which really states what this harvest is going to be. This may well be the best corn crop that anyone can recall, one in that the corn started off with perfect stands, and received moisture almost every time it was needed. In preparing for the larger than normal harvest, the Pilot Grove Cooperative has erected some emergency temporary storage. This grain storage is along the MFA Petro card, on the North edge of Pilot Grove, on Arthur Schuster's ground. This emergency storage can hold +/- half a million bushels of corn. This ground storage concept is not a new concept by any means, and has been implemented for years around the country. It is new to the Pilot Grove Coop. This is the solution that we have devised to cope with the large influx of grain. Only dry corn will be stored in the ground piles. There are two structures to store corn on the ground.

Grain pricing for the month end: Cash corn @ \$3.35, soybeans @ \$11.62 and wheat @\$5.14. New crop corn is \$3.25, and soybeans @\$9.64. The Cooperative is currently moving the wheat for fall crop storage. If you currently have wheat in storage and do not want to sell the wheat, then the Cooperative may be sending you a letter to put your wheat on deferred pricing contract, so we can ready our grain facility for fall. With the amount of fall crop that is out there, along with the world wheat supplies, it does not look too bright for a big jump in the wheat price. Storage and interest costs are ongoing for anyone storing wheat. If you think wheat is going to get better, you can always get 90% of your cash money out of the crop, and purchase a wheat option to stay in the market. Give Earl a call for details.

LIME SPREADING Travis and Justin Fenical are ready and waiting to take care of your fall lime spreading needs. Now would be the perfect time to spread those pastures that often get forgot about. Give Travis or Justin a call today @ (660) 537-2254, or (660) 621-0411, consecutively. Go ahead and schedule some fall lime spreading after you harvest the crop. Let them know now that you are thinking about having some lime spread this fall. They are already putting together their fall schedule.

FEED NEWS September brings the Cooperative to another mineral promotion. It is the same as the spring promotion; whereas, buy 9 bags and get the tenth bag free. In order to make it fair to all our cattle producers, we mark down the price 10%, so everyone gets the same valued discount.

Fall is also the start of weaning season for spring calves. We suggest using Kent's Arrival Maxx product to start calves off on the right foot. Feeding ten pounds (10#) a day of weaning ration gets calves going. This feed is medicated with both deccox and aureomycin, thus giving you the best of both worlds. With the price of calves today, it really pays to wean and put on those few extra pounds.

With a conversion rate as high as 4:1 on creep feed, your return on investment is tremendous when creep feeding calves. Looking at the math, a 500 pound calf can eat 350 pounds of Kent creep @ \$280.00 per ton. That is \$49.00 of feed cost, even at a 5:1 ratio, the calf will gain 65 extra pounds, worth \$2.50 per pound, that equates to \$162.50 extra dollars minus feed costs, which equals \$113.50 per calf. (ROI) Who would not take that all day! Creep feeding calves this year is a no-brainer, so give the Cooperative a call, and let us answer any questions you may have.

With fall just around the corner, it will soon be time to consider switching to Kent's ADE or Anaplas mineral. The next sixty (60) days are traditionally the time of year when Anaplasmosis issues develop. Another promotion going on now is the \$3.00 off on Kent Energilass tubs. Energilass tubs are a 250# low-moisture, no deposit tub with several different protein and fortification levels available. Also, there is a \$30 ton/discount of Exact Beef during the months of September and October. Exact Beef is a controlled intake product that can be mixed with corn at different levels to control intakes on all classes of calves and cows being fed through a self-feeder. With the strong calf prices and lower corn prices, the cost of gain is very economical this year, and a great way to increase the profit from your beef calves.

To help with the cash flow, Kent feeds still offers the 0% interest feeder finance contracts. These contracts can be used throughout the livestock growing period, or set up for the amount of time you need to finance your feeding operation. Give Robbi a call today for details.

REMEMBER, THINK SAFETY FIRST. Before you decide to make that stupid decision that you know you shouldn't, don't. Don't risk making any foolish decision, to save a few extra seconds or minutes that will cause an injury, or accident that you'll be reminded of for a lifetime.

