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What's Happening at Ag Valley

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If you have driven through Edison anytime during the last six weeks, you surely have noticed a flurry of activity going on around the Ag Valley Coop facilities. We have been moving wheat into Edison to be shipped out on trains and moving corn out of Edison into the feedlot market to the south. Equipment for the new bin is starting to arrive. The leg and the new bunker systems are being delivered. The dirt work for the new bunkers is being done on the east side of the highway. Dry fertilizer is going out to the fields. Edison has been a busy place!

Harvest started last week, and we continue to work diligently to make sure that Edison will be ready to handle your crop. Please keep in contact with Tim, Fran or Mark as you begin harvest and let them know if we can help you in any way.

The two conveyors needed to fill the new bunkers east of the highway arrived last Friday and were assembled over the weekend. The south bunker will be ready to receive corn by the time you receive this newsletter. Work continues on the north bunker, and we will be able to start filling the west end of it while they finish up the east end. The new leg and conveyors have been delivered and the millwrights have started stacking the leg and tower this week. The new leg and conveyor going to the center fill circle bunker is scheduled to be operational by October 15th. The new bin will be delivered around that time, as well, and they will immediately go to work putting it together. There is a lot of work to be done before we can say we are "back to normal", but we are in a good position today to be able to take care of your needs at harvest.

The dry fertilizer plant in Edison is up and running at full strength again. We have been busy spreading some dry. Now is the time to be talking to your Ag Valley Coop agronomist about your fall dry fertilizer needs. If you have been following the fertilizer markets, you know that they are extremely volatile right now. The hurricanes that continue to threaten the gulf regions and the southeastern United States and the short supply coming from the domestic plants are adding to the uncertainty. We will continue to watch for opportunities in the marketplace so please keep in contact with your agronomist as you determine your fertilizer needs for this fall and for next spring.

The Ag Valley Coop trade territory was blessed with some good rains this past weekend. It has been a long, hot September and we are thankful for the rain. This rain will be especially helpful for everyone trying to get wheat drilled. As things dry out and you are able to get back to the field, please remember that Ag Valley Coop is here to help you this fall. If there is anything we can do, please let us know. We know that we are on your farm by invitation only and we have to continue to work to earn your business. I hope that you will give us that opportunity as you go through the fall season.

Thank you!