

Another Wheat harvest has come and gone. Not the crop the last 2 have been, but 76% of the 5 year average. Fall crops are looking to be better than average at this point. Ample rains throughout most of the summer have us looking for a good fall crop production. Unfortunately the new leg at Winfield will not be in service prior to fall harvest as planned. One of the drag conveyors was not able to be built and shipped in time to complete the process before harvest would have started. This is a disappointment, but we will be ready for the crop just as we have been in the past. Both the New Salem and Winfield legs will be ready for Wheat harvest 2015.

Other exciting news is that the board of directors has voted to build a shop and equipment warehouse in Atlanta. This building will replace the small tire shop and storage we have today and give us much better working conditions for repairs of our own vehicles as well as better function for the tire shop. The warehouse will allow us to keep our equipment inside out of the elements at times they are not in use. This facility will serve the Atlanta area well for the next generation. Keeping your facilities and equipment in good condition is and always will be the management's goal and direction.

We offer a CFA loan program for our patrons. This is a finance program for seed, fertilizer and chemicals. Interest rates have stayed steady for the past 4 years that we have used the program. We will again be offering crop input financing of 3.5% interest on seed purchases and 5.5% on

fertilizer and chemical purchases. There is a \$125.00 application fee which is added to the loan at the beginning of the contract period. All loans are due and payable by December 15, 2015, and can be paid prior to that with no penalties. If you have interest in this program please contact myself, Kirk Kennedy or Rebecca Romero for details. A simple 2 page application form will need to be filled out to start the process. We usually have a response from CFA within 48 hours.

Contracting fuel for next year's use. Seems like it is a long way away at this point, but fuel can be contracted for about the same price for next summer as the price is today. Contact Tim Bergkamp (316-217-6190) cell or (316-542-9911) office today for details. Tim can also discuss any bulk oil needs you may have.

Richard Kimbrel
General Manager

**Valley Coop, Inc. will be closed
Saturday August 30th and Monday
September 1st other than for
harvest activity in observance of
Labor Day.**

Please have a safe holiday!



News from the South

This has got to be the mildest summer I have experienced in this part of the country so far. With the moisture and mild temperatures the last few months we fully expect to see some outstanding fall crops in the area. The dryland corn looks extremely good and starting to turn in the last couple of weeks. Full season beans and milo also look very promising and the double crop fields are off to a healthy start as well. We have finished up on shipping the wheat crop and have as much available space as we can and look forward to filling up on fall crops. At this point I don't anticipate any aflatoxin issues again this season, I certainly hope not, anyway. Harvest seems to move a lot smoother when we don't have to wait on as many test results for corn we receive and I doubt anyone who reads this newsletter would disagree.

Currently, we are in the process of installing a new seed cleaner here at Hackney and should have it operational in time for fall planting. This newer type machine will be more efficient and should yield a really nice kernel at the end of the cleaning process. I would like to encourage everyone to call ahead as soon as possible so we can get everything scheduled in a timely manner. Hope everybody has a safe and bountiful fall harvest and look forward to seeing you on the scales!

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

Hello from Beautiful Downtown Winfield

What a beautiful summer so far. Everyone is about to wear out their lawnmowers, but it is nice to have good rains.

The changes we had planned for the Winfield elevator have been put on hold till after fall harvest. We are ready for fall harvest. Looking forward to filling all our bins up.

With all the rain this summer I am sure everyone has plenty of insects around their house and lawn. We have been selling a product called Cyonara which is a very good spray. It is available in a hose end spray bottle or you can mix it in your pump up sprayer.



Come by and see us.

Ron, Todd and Alex

News from the North

What a year it has been. The rains have been good for the fall crops, but slowed down the wheat harvest. It looks like it could be a good fall harvest.

The pig weed has also enjoyed the moisture. Now is the time to be considering a plan for pre-emerge chemical for those weeds. The pig weed has been out of control and is becoming resistant to glyphosate. A pre-emerge program will help prevent problems for the next year.

We are now offering two new products:

Factor—An inhibitor of UAN and Urea. Use where above ground nitrogen loss occurs: pre-plant, side-dress or surface applications. Volatility protection up to 14 days.

P.Max—A phosphate fertilizer additive that increases phosphate efficiency, micronutrient availability, and plant uptake.

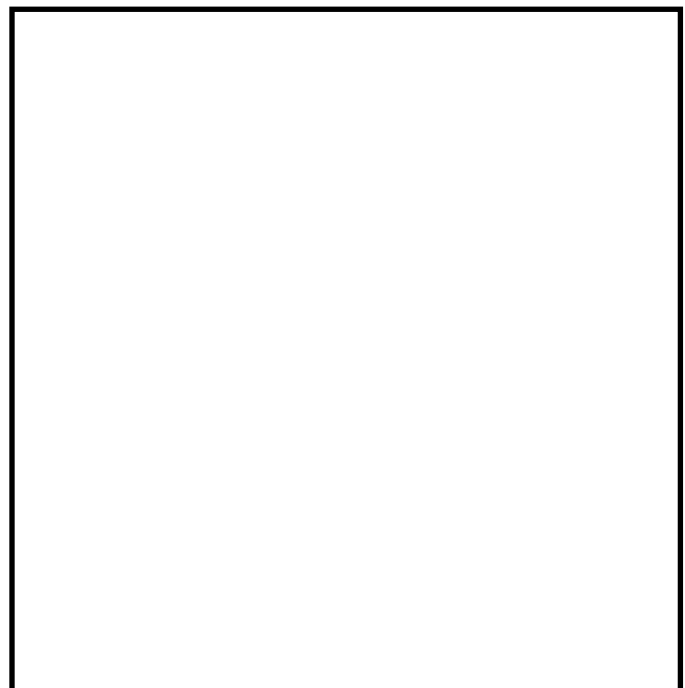
Both products can be added to liquid or dry fertilizers. If you have interest please give us a call. We will be happy to answer your questions.

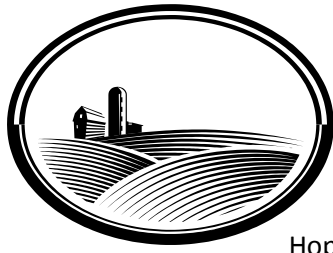
We are really excited about the board's decision to allow us to build a new building to house the tire shop. It will have a work area for tire repairs and storage for tires. More important will be room to get our big trucks inside to do maintenance. There will also be room to keep them inside out of the weather which should increase the life of the truck as well as prevent deterioration from the elements. Construction will be starting soon.

We also would like to welcome our new employee Paul Wonser. Paul comes to us with applicator experience and we are glad to have him on our team.

Come by to see us. We are happy to meet your needs. Feed, tires, chemical, fertilizer and application, vet supplies, automotive supplies, oil, hydraulic hoses, cardtrol fuels and much more. A friendly cup of coffee, a sandwich or a snack. We are a full service COOP.

VALLEY COOP-ATLANTA BRANCH—Darren, Jimmy, Andy, Terri, Katherine, Paul, Ric, Justin and Lyle





FIELDNOTES

Good Day!!

Hope this writing finds you with a great row crop to harvest and getting ready to sew wheat in the coming weeks. Corn and milo are looking great with soybeans needing a few more rains to finish strong.

Have seen a few later plantings of milo and beans that appear to lack some fertility. Consider a foliar N application of KQ XRN, a 72% slow release N that won't burn the plant. Also those beans that are on better soil and have higher yield may not have enough N to achieve their true potential. Hackney has this product in bulk, they can measure out what you need or we can fill a 265 gal tote and move to a location close to you. Works great on corn, wheat, milo and soybeans, ½ to 1 gal per acre and can be tank mixed with Glyphosate or Liberty on beans. Not sure if it's for you? Give me a call for a side by side challenge.

Something new for dry fertilizer is a phosphate additive called P-Max that reduces phosphate and micronutrient fixation in the soil allowing for maximum uptake of phosphorus by the plant. P-Max is used on DAP or 18-46-0, Factor is the Urea or 46-0-0 product that is a urease inhibitor to protect the Nitrogen that you put on. Nitrogen volatilization losses can be a significant factor when applying Urea or UAN (28%). Both of these products can be used on dry blends or by themselves. Get the full benefit of the fertilizer products you put down!! Liquid version for 10-34-0 and UAN 28% as well, give me a call for details.

Certified seed wheat is getting tighter by the day, some varieties are limited, many newer ones are sold out. Will have bulk Everest as supplies last, some W B Cedar as well at Atlanta. Any other varieties I can try to find something for you. Don't wait till October to order seed wheat, give me a call. We will again have the portable USC seed treater for seed wheat this fall. You can bring your truck to Atlanta if buying seed wheat from us, I can come to your farm with the treater or I can treat tote bags and ship to your location for pickup. Would appreciate a call if you are planning on pulling bulk certified wheat out of Atlanta's bin, just helps me make sure and have enough on hand.

In closing just a reminder as fall harvest begins, make sure if you have any new landlord / tenant splits to bring those into your location so it can be updated. It is much easier now before harvest starts to make corrections rather than telling your Landlord what his / her share is and realizing the splits aren't right. Have a great fall harvest!!

Kirk

HAVE YOU HEARD THIS ONE?



Q: What do you get from a pampered cow?

A: Spoiled milk.



Cheesy Ground Beef Rice Casserole

Recipe Submitted by Stacie Charvat

1 lb ground beef (lowest fat possible)
2 onions diced
2 teaspoons garlic powder
salt, pepper, oregano
1 small can tomato sauce

1 cup chicken broth
1 cup frozen peas
1 cup cooked rice
2 cups shredded cheese-divided
1 cup sour cream (I use fat free)

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Spray a skillet with cooking spray and turn on high heat. Roast the onions for a few minutes. Add ground beef and garlic powder. Brown the ground beef completely. Turn heat to medium. Spice with salt, pepper and oregano how you like it. Add rice, peas, tomato sauce, 1 cup cheese and broth. Let simmer for 3 minutes. Transfer everything into a casserole dish and bake for 15 minutes. Meanwhile, combine the rest of the cheese with the sour cream. Spread the cheese/sour cream mixture on top of casserole and bake for another 15 minutes.