

Another Wheat harvest has come and gone. Your coop had a good show on receipts this season. Even with the hail that came through the area, we showed a little better than average crop of 1.3 million bushel. The quality was a little less because of the unusual amount of rain we had during the June harvest timeframe. Harvest was extended well into July which is a little unusual for our area. In a nutshell it was a good harvest and we appreciate your patronage.



The two steel grain storage bins that blew down in Winfield on June 3rd are in the process of being rebuilt. In the process the City of Winfield will be re-doing our power supply to our facilities. This will remove basically all over head lines on our complex. It should make for a better look and functioning electrical system. We appreciate the city working with us to improve what we have. If all goes well we expect to have use of the grain bins during the late stages of this fall harvest.

Input prices are continuing to go higher. We do our best to keep prices down, but have to make adjustments as product flows out

of our facilities and have to be replaced with higher priced product. I would encourage all producers to take the time to have soil test done on your fields. This will assure you of knowing exactly what is needed for growing the crop you intend to plant. Over fertilizing in today's environment is very costly. But to skimp on fertilizer can be more costly yet. A good fertilizer program will always pay for itself. Check with our location people to come up with the best management practice for your operations. They will be happy to work with you.

Richard Kimbrel
General Manager

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

Please have a safe holiday!



Hello from Beautiful Downtown Winfield



If you have been in the Manning street location lately you might have noticed that old grouchy Ron is in a better mood. This is due to the fact that after twenty-nine years of being alone I am getting married this fall.

Enough about me, wheat harvest went off without a hitch. No breakdowns and everyone still has all their fingers and toes. Construction has started at the west mill. There will be construction workers milling around during milo, soybean and sunflower harvest so don't run them over.

Now that it has cooled off a little, it is time to do some work that the hot weather has made you put off. We have lots of Quick Crete in stock. As always, we have fertilizer for the lawns and fall is a good time to control weeds that will appear this next spring.

With the high price of steel it is as important as ever to buy the very best quality products. Here at YOUR Valley Coop we strive to only offer the best products. Come on down and check out our pet products. Everything from killing fleas and ticks on your pet to shampooing them.

Four energy analysts told Congress that the price of retail gasoline would fall by half to around \$2 a gallon within 30 days if a law is passed to limit speculation in the energy market. Just goes to show you everyone has a hand in causing the price to be what it is, not just the big oil companies. And certainly not the retailers!!

Ron, Bob, Gary and Grant



As the summer Olympics just recently took place, it reminds me of all the hard work that goes into growing a successful crop. Athletes set goals and have a plan to achieve them, just as producers do. As harvest starts the goals become a reality. How did you do? Does your yield goal need adjusted? Did you use the right genetics? Did the fertilizer rate used equal the yield goal? Should the crop have been sprayed sooner so it didn't compete. Good luck and have a safe fall harvest.

Now is the time to soil test for the upcoming wheat crop. With high fertilizer prices don't guess what your crop needs are. Wheat genetics have improved yield, if you would like certified seed contact us to book your supply. We should have these varieties on hand: Neosho, Overley, Santa Fe (Limited), Sturdy 2K, Jagalene & Cutter. Ask for other varieties that weren't listed. Wheat treated with Raxil must be ordered early. Last minute orders are subject to availability. Order only what you plan to plant, wheat seed is non-returnable.

This fall we plan to visit about the new DynaGro corn hybrids. Many of you have been using 57P69 and 57K14. Although these are good hybrids, after 3 years its time to look at the better genetics. As we kick the 2009 seed year off, start thinking of how many units of corn, milo, soybean and sunflowers you will be needing. There will be early order incentives based on early order, volume and cash discounts. This is the best option to lower your seed cost.

Many producers commented how frustrating it was to burndown a field 2 – 3 times before planting a crop this year. Fall applied products for corn and soybeans will keep your fields clean through the winter and many times eliminate a burndown prior to planting a row crop. Ask if this might work for you.

Thanks for letting us serve you.

Darren

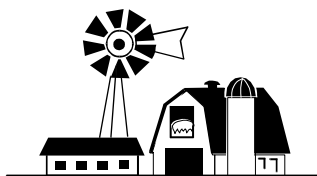
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It's almost fall and where has the summer gone? It seems like it was just yesterday we dumped the last load of wheat. Oh, wait a minute we did! Anyhow thanks to all who brought us wheat. It was nice to have a good harvest again. With fall harvest just around the corner I ask everyone to be extra careful on the roads coming and going to Kellogg. With the intersection being closed at CC#3 and Hwy 160 there are a lot of people detouring around on the township roads and to say the least they don't understand the country code for driving on dirt roads and right of way, so look twice at the intersections and watch out for the idiots!

We are currently booking range cubes for your winter feeding needs. While the price is not as good as it was a year ago it is a lot better than I thought it might be. Is it the best price for the season? I wish we knew, but I think it's still smart to book at least some of your feed so you can average out your feed cost. Give me a call and let's talk. Thanks to all for your continued support and have a safe fall.

The Kellogg Crew,
Donnie, Ingrid, Mark, Stan, Roger, Tony,
Larry and Logan

KANSAS WHEAT COMISSION OKs INCREASE IN ASSESSMENT

Courtesy of Kansas Cooperative Council

The Kansas Wheat Commission announced approval of a one-half cent increase in the per bushel assessment on wheat effective the beginning of January 2009. As of January 1 next year, wheat producers will be assessed 1.5 cent (15 mills) per bushel at the first point of sale. The new rate is expected to bring in \$1.2 to \$1.4 million in new money to be used primarily for wheat research and development.

The KWC was granted additional authority to seek a rate increase by the 2008 Kansas legislature. After much discussion among wheat producers, the decision was made by KWC to go forward with an increase.

In a news release this week, the KWC also announced they were voluntarily allowing a comment period until September 7, 2008 for producers to respond to the rate hike. Comments may be phoned to 1-866-75-WHEAT, emailed to kswheat@kswheat.com or mailed USPS to the Kansas Wheat Office at 217 Southwind Place, Manhattan, KS 66503.



**Congratulations to all the 4-H and FFA
exhibitors at the Cowley County fair!**

News from Burden and New Salem

First thing I want to do is to congratulate all the kids who were at the fair again this year for their outstanding job. I also want to thank all those who work behind the scenes to make the fair a success, especially to the parents for their great amount of dedication.

On the home front it's business as usual. Wheat harvest has gone by and we are getting ready for what looks to be a good fall harvest. As usual, I don't have much to say, so thank you for your patronage and we will see you at harvest time. Have a safe one.

Bill, Nick, Bobby and Marc



Guacamole Salad

Recipe submitted by Rebecca Strickert

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| 1 pint grape tomatoes, halved | ¼ cup freshly squeezed lime juice (2 limes) |
| 1 yellow bell pepper, seeded and ½-inch diced | ¼ cup olive oil |
| 1 (15-ounce) can black beans, rinsed and drained | 1 teaspoon kosher salt |
| ½ cup small diced red onion | ½ teaspoon freshly ground black pepper |
| 2 T. minced jalapeno peppers, seeded (2 peppers) | ½ teaspoon minced garlic |
| ½ teaspoon freshly grated lime zest | ¼ teaspoon ground cayenne pepper |
| 2 ripe Hass avocados, seeded, peeled & ½-inch diced | |

Place the tomatoes, yellow pepper, black beans, red onion, jalapeno peppers, and lime zest in a large bowl. Whisk together the lime juice, olive oil, salt, black pepper, garlic and cayenne pepper and pour over the vegetables. Toss well.

Just before you are ready to serve the salad, fold the avocados into the salad. Serve at room temperature. (This also makes a great dip. I especially like it with lime flavored tortilla chips.)