

Another record setting wheat harvest. Would not have believed it back in the spring, but it happened. We received a little over 2.3 million bushels this year compared to just over 2.0 million last year. Quality fair, averaging around 60 pounds and around 10.5 to 11.3 protein. We are running hard moving the wheat to make room for the fall crops. With the rains coming in July this year we may just have a fall harvest that will amount to something. The past two years of record heat and drought have made life interesting in how to best position ourselves for the fall. At this time we are emptying the bins to be ready. We appreciate your business.

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 3 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, 2014, 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.

As fall harvest approaches we hope that the weather this season has helped to alleviate our aflatoxin problems we have experienced in the past few years. We will again be testing for aflatoxin and have a cut off point of 180 ppb in a sample. We are looking for outlets

for higher aflatoxin levels and will keep you informed as we are able to have that information available. Last year unfortunately we had to buy a load of milk that was too hot to go to the processors. It was determined that corn from one of our facilities was the cause of this problem. It also had an adverse effect on a cow that died and we had to buy the cow as well. There are consequences to the aflatoxin problem and we are not just trying to make more money from the producer by charging discounts on this grain. We also had around \$50,000 to \$70,000 in discounts from end users on loads of corn we shipped out. We take this problem very seriously and try to be as lenient as we can be, but there are consequences if the tainted product gets into the wrong channels. Please bear with us on this unfortunate reality.

Richard Kimbrel
General Manager

**Valley Coop, Inc. will be closed
Saturday August 31st and Monday
September 2ⁿ other than for harvest
activity in observance of Labor Day.**

Please have a safe holiday!



News from Lake Atlanta

The rains have been wonderful. A pleasant relief from last years heat and it is great for the crops. The weeds have taken advantage of it also and we have not been able to get on the fields yet. We hope to get a break soon.

Keep in mind that studies are showing that tissue samples on soybeans are coming back showing a 45% deficiency in manganese. This can be added with Roundup. There is still time to get this on your crop if we can get on the fields.

We have been shipping grain to make room for fall harvest. Wheat harvest was so good that we were full of wheat. Now we need to make room for the fall crops.

Recently we purchased a bin to hold seed wheat and we have been in the process of getting it ready to use. Contact Kirk if you are interested in bulk seed wheat or would like to have your seed wheat treated.

Don't forget Atlanta's annual Labor Day festivities. It is always a lot of work, but a fun day for those that attend. Car show, parade, games and races, kids water inflatables, music, Saturday BBQ, Sunday fun for all softball game, craft show, doll and quilt show, raffles and prizes, cake walk and lots of good food.



Come see us soon.

Darren, Jimmy, Mike, Andy, Terri, Katherine, Ric & Justin

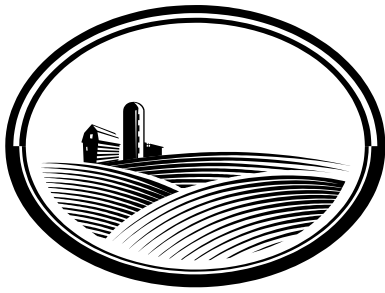
Hello From Beautiful Downtown Winfield

Prayers were answered. We got rain! Now let's let it dry up a little.

As you know, we are handling the County cost share program. Just get your certificate from the Cowley County Engineer's office. Then come by the Manning Street office and myself or Todd will take care of your chemical needs. It's not as hard as some people think.

With all this rain, your lawn will need some extra attention. If you have fungus or mold problems we have something that will help. Or just hope the rain stops for a while and let it take care of itself.

Ron, Bob and Todd



FIELDNOTES

Good day to all! It has been an amazing turn around the last 4 weeks to see water flowing again and green crops the middle of the summer. Kind of puts it in perspective of who is in charge.

Wanted to touch base today on the subject of broadleaf weed resistance and some programs that are working. We all know how hard it is to control mares tail and now we are dealing with resistance of water hemp, palmers and pigweeds. What are our options? Let's take a look at a few.

Wheat, most of you have this crop in your rotation. Any crop breaking up the summer annual broadleaf growing cycle will help to reduce summer broadleaf weeds. Canola, Oats or Barley are some other options along with cover crops. I have seen some pretty impressive weed control with cover crops, worth looking into. What if I have wheat in my rotation and still have issues with weed resistance in my summer row crop? When is that weed making seed? Late summer? Don't know?

With mares tail it routinely comes up from seed not only in the spring, but the fall as well. I suspect most of you are getting spring emerged mares tail in your pre's and post applications of row crops. If mares tail emerges in the fall and is allowed to over winter it is almost bullet proof to spring treatments, that includes burn downs, pre-emergences and post applications. I have heard of a few heavy rates of Liberty working in the spring. I would not back yourself into a corner and count on this working. What is your rescue option if it doesn't?

How can you tell the difference between fall seeded and spring seeded mares tail? Scout your fields for emergence in the winter. In the spring pull up the plants and look at the roots, they should be longer and more established. If late winter/early spring burn downs aren't working, what is left to try? Fall applied chemistry to control summer annual broadleaves is not new, it has been promoted for some time and there are a number of products that have a great fit for this treatment. It does take some planning, as those that are currently using this program can attest. Read labels of fall applied products to know what crop options can be grown after application; many have a waiting period of varied amount of time that must pass before a certain crop can be planted. Note: the earlier you plan on what crop to plant next spring, best choice can be made of which fall applied chemistry to use this fall.

In the coming months as row crops are harvested and the fields grow idle, when we least notice and are sitting around the Thanksgiving table with our families it is happening. Mares tail is emerging from seed and beginning the journey of making life miserable for next year's row crop. Spring applications of burn downs and in crop post app's are not working to control this weed. I commend those that are using fall treatments with a spring pre-emergence treatment as well. Is this getting 100% clean up? No, but it's much better than spring treatments alone. Wishing all a great fall harvest!

Kirk

News from Hackney

Wow! Things are really wet for the middle of August. I would not have ever expected to write a newsletter this time of year and be hoping for things to dry out just a little bit. We've lost track of the total amount of precipitation for the month but I'm confident it must be record setting. Our sprayer board is full and has been for the last month. We know the weeds are getting bigger and more mature but just not much we can do about it unless the board approves an airplane and finds someone unstable enough to fly it. All in all, I'd much rather see these conditions than what we saw last year at this time.

On another note, we are trying to get the last of our wheat crop moved in order to make room for fall harvest. Don't know exactly what to expect from the dryland corn but pretty optimistic about beans and milo in the area. The last two years have been disappointing but I think we should have some really nice yields depending on what Mother Nature decides to bring us in the next month or so. Until then, hope everyone stays safe and feel free to call with any questions or concerns.

Todd, Stacie, Dustin, Les, Dave, Court, and Chance

News from Burden and New Salem

Hello everybody from soggy Burden and New Salem.

After being dry for so long who would have thought we would be having the 2nd wettest August ever. It sure is nice to see all the ponds full and the rivers and creeks running for a change.

We are in the process of getting the last of the wheat shipped out, so we will be ready for the fall crops. They sure do look good after the rains. We also got a different cube bin here in Burden. It is a 30 ton single compartment. It's 6 ton bigger than the last one so we should have an easier time keeping up with your needs.

Hope you all have a wonderful and safe harvest.

Come by and see us. Thank you for your patronage.

Nick, Alan, Marc, Phillip

HAVE YOU HEARD THIS ONE?



Q: What do you call cattle with a sense of humor?

A: Laughing stock.

Kellogg Comments

Is it August or April? With the recent rainfall it looks more like April than August. Here at Kellogg we have dumped 13 inches of rain out of the rain gauge between July 20th and August 1st. It is sure nice to know that it can still rain in Kansas. But with the rain comes lots of weeds. Hopefully they will still be actively growing when it dries up to spray. Many will be taller than six inches. Most chemical rates that the label gives for control with the product states that the weed or plant that we are trying to control need to be no larger than six to eight inches. Please keep this in mind when turning in your spray orders so we know what we are going up against. With the delay of application due to the weather, a lot of weeds are a foot or bigger and those fields are going to be hard to get a good kill on. Keep this in mind when scouting your fields and remember the smaller the weeds the better.



The feedmill expansion is rolling right along here at Kellogg. They have completed enlarging the electric room and adding a larger electric service. Fifty percent of the additional wiring is done and all the new equipment has been delivered. The construction crew has arrived and are starting to move things around to make room for the new pellet mill and bins. With all of this going on there will be days we will be shut down from making feed. Please keep this in mind and order your feed a little ahead of time for the next couple of months. Completion date is October.

We have been shipping wheat out on rail, making room for fall harvest. The quality of the wheat has been excellent! Hats off to you, the producer, for taking time to set your machine and doing a great job of growing good clean wheat.

We are currently booking range cubes for your winter needs. Call me for a quote. Right now they are considerably less money than a year ago.

As always thanks for your business.

Donnie and the Kellogg Crew: Ingrid, Mark, Roger, Tony, Larry, Logan, Ryan and Derek



Mexican Pizza

Recipe Submitted by Stacie Charvat

1/2 lb ground beef or ground turkey	1/4 to 1/2 cup salsa
1/2 Tablespoon taco seasoning	1/4 to 1/2 cup shredded cheddar cheese
1/4 to 1/2 cup refried beans	2 four-inch flour tortillas

Your choice of toppings, example: tomatoes, green onions, olives

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Brown ground beef in skillet. Add in taco seasoning. Drain if needed. Spray baking sheet with non-stick cooking spray. Lay one tortilla on sheet. Spread with beans, then, with meat. Cover with second tortilla. Bake for 10 minutes. Remove from oven. Spread top tortilla with salsa, then, top with cheese and desired toppings. Bake an additional 5-10 minutes or until cheese is melted completely. Cool slightly before cutting.