

Another calendar year almost coming to a close. The Fall weather has been quite pleasant for our area. Wheat planting is mostly done, with the exception of the crop that will be planted behind the soybean crop coming off. The wheat that is up looks very good, for the small amount of moisture we have received.

If you are one of our patrons that has a grain contract for payment after the first of the year, and you are also set up for direct deposit of grain checks, your grain contract check will be directly deposited into your account just as any grain check written during the year has been. We hope this will help to get your funds to you quicker than the normal check being sent to you. For those of you who do not have direct deposit set up for your grain checks, but would like to, please contact Rebecca Romero for the information needed to get signed up for this service.

September marked another equity payment to members. Checks were issued to 185 patrons for deferred equity in the amount of \$36,000. This keeps us on our plan of revolving equities every 15 years. We are also adding new members nearly every month. Over the past year we have added over 40 new members. We thank our patrons for their continued faith in their Cooperative.

You will see some change to our Glyphosate offerings this coming year. As we have been informed there will be a shortage of product from all suppliers, we have had to do some adjusting to our normal practice. We have been strictly a supplier of the Monsanto RoundUp products through our equipment. As Monsanto has put all accounts on allocation for the coming year, we will not be able to cover all of our normal needs with the

Monsanto RoundUp products. PowerMax and RT 3 are still available, but again we are on allocation. We feel our supplies will be adequate to cover the vast majority of our needs, and hopefully supplies will not be as tight as expected. Monsanto is working on a new RT 4 formulation which is expected to be available late next year.

With all that in mind, we will now be carrying the Touchdown CT 2 product at our Atlanta and Hackney locations to cover our needs for the season. This product has similar characteristics of the RoundUp products and can be used as both a burn down and an over the top application. It will be priced similar to Monsanto's RT 3 product which will be positioned at our Kellogg location. We will do everything we can to be sure we have product in place to meet your needs during the seasons.

On October 31st we said good bye to a longtime employee and friend. Mr. Bill Hull retired from his duties as location manager for our Burden location. We want to thank Bill for his many contributions and dedication to Valley Coop, Inc over the years. He will be missed. But with retirements come opportunities for advancement of others in the ranks. Mr. Nick Bowman has stepped up into the position of location manager for the Burden location. I am confident that Nick will continue to provide the quality service that the Burden area has come to expect.

Have a safe and Happy Holiday Season!!

Richard Kimbrel
General Manager

News from the South

At this point, fall harvest is just about all finished around the Hackney area. Unfortunately, we took in a whole lot of acres compared to the amount of bushels that made it into the elevator. Nonetheless, we made it through another fall crop without any injuries or serious equipment problems. Hopefully, mother nature will bring us some late moisture and keep the wheat crop in decent shape.

On a more positive note, we've recently made an equipment upgrade to better serve our member's needs for fertilizer and pesticide application. We traded our old Rogator 1274 rig for a really nice Case 4420 applicator. The yellow machine was starting to have more down time than running time, which gets frustrating for all of us. We've got the new machine prepped and ready to go so give us a call whenever the time is right. We look forward to doing business and thanks for the continued support of your cooperative. Have a safe and happy holiday season.

The Hackney Crew,
Todd, Stacie, Court, Tyler, Les, Dustin and Dave

Hello from Beautiful Downtown Winfield

Well, we made it through another fall harvest alive and well.

Bill Hull, the manager of our Burden location, retired October 31st. He will be missed by his fellow employees and by the customers. Bill always went the extra mile for anyone.

Now is the time to fertilize your lawn and take care of weeds that will come on this spring.

We have sold a lot of Ritchie waters this fall, although we don't have them in stock it usually only takes a few days to get them to us. Ritchie has had a run on waters recently so it might take longer than usual.

We are here for you!

Ron, Bob and Todd

News from Burden and New Salem

Hello from Burden and New Salem. We have had a busy couple of months with fall harvest and working on putting up some new safety equipment. Also we have some new changes around here. Bill has retired after 17 years with Valley Coop. We were sad to see him go but jealous of all the fishing he will get to do now. Nick has stepped up and become Manager and hired Alan Brogan. Our new silo has been completed and has been a great addition and made dumping trucks go a lot quicker with 2 pits and gave us another 100,000 bushels storage. Marc and James have been taking in grain and shipping grain out at New Salem.

Thank you all for your Patronage come by and see us. Have a safe and Happy Holidays from all of us in Burden and New Salem.

Nick, Alan, Marc, and James

Kellogg Comments

Another season has passed us by as if we were sitting still. I don't know about you but I wonder where time goes. We had somewhat of a harvest but nothing like we would have liked to have. Our soybean test plot here by the elevator did really well for this year's conditions. It was planted June 4th. It contained 13 different Dyna-Grow varieties ranging from a group 4.0 to a 4.8 maturity. The worst made 22.9 bushel per acre and the best produced 41.2 bushel per acre with an average of 35.6 bushel per acre across the entire field. We did happen to catch a rain shower in this area that a lot of people didn't get. It amazes me how the new varieties of beans, corn and milo hung on through such a dry summer, one wonders what they would have done with a one to two inch rain in July.

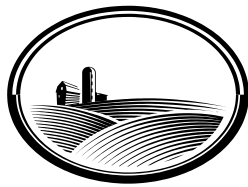
Feed business has been busy with cube making since August trying to stretch what grass and forages that you have available. Last winter we manufactured a 20% pellet made out of DDG (Distillers Dried Grain) and grain into a 3/8 pellet. This year we have increased its size to a 5/8 inch pellet with good success. It is still a 20% protein with 5% fat feed. We are still calling it a nugget because it still is a fraction smaller than the original 11/16 cube. Feed prices remain steady, with not much movement either way.

Now is a good time to be thinking about weed control in the winter wheat crop and also your spring crop land. Fall is an ideal time to get a jump on mares tail for the coming season. A combination of 2,4D and atrazine will work well for corn and milo ground. Atrazine needs to be applied before December 31 as long as the ground isn't frozen. Round Up, 2,4D and Valor are a good combo for bean ground.

Holidays will be here before we know it. Keep an eye on those feed bins and give us as much notice as possible to get everyone taken care of during the short weeks during the holidays. As always thanks for your business and Happy Holidays!

Donnie and the Kellogg Crew: Ingrid, Mark, Stan, Roger, Tony, Larry, Logan, and Zack





FIELDNOTES

Dow, Bayer, Syngenta, Monsanto, DuPont. You might think this is about some crop protection herbicide you have used. You would be right, but also wrong. These crop protection giants also have seed brands under their umbrella and have made multi-million dollar investments into traits they developed or paid royalties to use in their seed line up. Not that many years ago traits available could fit into one sentence and numbered less than 10. Today I can't even name all of them without looking it up. See if you can recognize these?

Here are a few examples of the traits available you can get on different row crops today. Look on the end of most seed bags or the tag. Most are abbreviated: These are just a few, some are combinations.

COTTON – LL, BG, RRF, B2RF

SOYBEAN – RR, R2Y, LL, STS

CORN – YGCB, RR2, VT3, HX, VIP, LL, VT2P, DT, SS, VT3P, 3000GT, RIB

See any you weren't sure about? So what technology is best for your farm? Nearly 16 years ago the Roundup Ready Soybean System changed the way we grow soybeans, today 9 out 10 growers use this system. These traits are here to stay and today growers choose a variety based on crop rotation, weed pressure, yield potential, plant date, type of tillage and the technology included in the seed.

With all the seed choices available today, which is the best one for your farm? Valley Coop has teamed together with DynaGro for the past several years to put in test plots and side by sides of corn, soybeans and milo. With this multiyear data we can place the right hybrid on your fields. If you have never tried DynaGro seed before, I invite you to take a look. With a visit to your farm and a few questions I can put together a plan of success. Give me a call or text at 620-229-0312 and I would be glad to meet with you.

In closing, I would like to thank the men and women of the armed services along with the Veterans that fought for and continue fighting for the freedoms we enjoy today. May we never forget their service to this great country!! Best wishes for a great Holiday Season.

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Holiday Closings:

Thanksgiving

November 22, 2012 Closed

Christmas

December 24, 2012 Close at Noon

December 25, 2012 Closed

New Year's

January 1, 2013 Closed



News from the North

We may be the most northern location, but as of early November we aren't cold. The Thanksgiving Turkey and Santa Claus may need their sunglasses and swim suits if things don't change. The weather has been unseasonably warm and harvest is about to finish. The yields left a lot to be desired but many are optimistic. Lots of wheat is being planted.

We have traded for a new Case liquid spray truck to replace our oldest truck. So far all of the new technology is working out well. It is exciting to have a shiny new truck to take to the field.

We are applying fertilizer and chemical to brome and wheat. Give us a call if we can help you with recommendations. Soil samples are also a good idea if you haven't done any for a while. Come by for sampling materials or bring your samples in for us to send off.

We have been building a cover for our dry fertilizer blender that will also provide us with some needed storage for some of our other supplies and products. We are fortunate to have employees that are multi-skilled so we have not had to hire outside contractors.

The tire business is still doing well as dry weather causes lots of flats up here in the flint rocks. Give us a call for pricing. We carry many kinds and sizes. We can also order and receive orders twice a week.

We appreciate your business and look forward to seeing you and helping you with all of your agriculture needs. We realize we are some distance from some of you but we are always glad to help you. This may not be the edge of the earth, but you can almost see it from here.

Have a great holiday season! We hope to see you soon.

Your Atlanta Service Team,
Darren, Katherine, Jimmy, Terri, Mike, Andy, Ric & Justin

HAVE YOU HEARD THIS ONE?



Q: Why do cows wear bells around their necks?

A: Because their horns don't work.



Apple Spice Cake

Recipe Submitted by Jimmy Ventle

4 Cups Diced Apples

2 Cups Sugar

1 Cup Oil

1 Tablespoon Cinnamon

1 teaspoon Vanilla

1/2 teaspoon Baking Soda

1/4 teaspoon Baking Powder

2 Eggs

2 Cups of flour

Chopped Nuts (optional)

Combine all ingredients except flour and nuts. Mix well. Mix in flour. Grease and flour a 9 X 13 cake pan. Pour cake batter into pan and top with nuts if desired. Bake at 350 degrees for 45 to 50 minutes.