

**K**ansas Cooperatives celebrate October as "Coop Month". There are literally hundreds of different types of Cooperatives across the nation. From Credit Unions to Rural Electric cooperatives to the Sunkist growers and the grain cooperatives as we know them. This year's theme was "Cooperatives Pounding out Hunger". With that theme in mind your cooperative made a \$1,000 donation to the Winfield Community Food Pantry. This organization covers all of Cowley County and helps to make life a little better for those less fortunate than us. We also partnered with our CoBank banking partner which made a matching donation to the Food Pantry on our behalf. We do appreciate the efforts and support our cooperative business partners show to our communities. We would urge you as a partner who helps to feed the world to also make contributions to this worthy and needed agency in our community.

Fall harvest is moving along well. All 3 fall crops are showing receipts greater than the past 2 years and will hopefully approach or exceed our 5 year averages. Quality has been good for all crops. Wheat planting also seems to have gone very well. Moisture happened at the right time and crop conditions look favorable at this time for another great crop. A long way to harvest, but it is off to a great start.

Valley Coop board of directors approved the payment of the revolving

fund credits for the year 1995 of approximately \$35,000.00. This continues our commitment to keep equity dollars in members hands and not just on paper. Putting the equity to good use in upgrading and maintaining facilities is crucial to the long term future growth and stability of Valley Coop. Returning members equity is also an important philosophy of the board of directors and we will strive to continue the profitability needed in order to do both.

Richard Kimbrel  
General Manager

## **Holiday Closings:**

### **Thanksgiving**

November 28, 2013    Closed

### **Christmas**

December 24, 2013    Close at Noon

December 25, 2013    Closed

### **New Year's.**

January 1, 2014    Closed



## News from the South

Hope everyone is getting along well with fall harvest. This area has been very fortunate compared to the last two years in terms of yield and quality. There have been some really outstanding yields on some full season beans as well as some nice yields on milo around the area. Of course, the double-crop stuff has been variable in terms of yield but overall quality has been pretty remarkable. Sorghum quality has also been very impressive this year with most of the milo coming in at 58-60 lb. test weights which is a lot better for us to work with in the feed mill than what we had to deal with last year. As long as the weather permits I'm hopeful we should be done by Thanksgiving. I hope everyone has a safe and bountiful harvest. Happy Holidays!

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

## Hello from Beautiful Downtown Winfield

We are getting closer everyday to having this harvest wrapped up. It is always nice to have the rain, but it is a two fold deal—good for the wheat, but hold off for the fall crops.

Everything here is going good. Lots of PVM tubs going out. They are an easy way for your cattle to get protein.

As always, fall is the time to rid your yard of those weeds. Come on down and let us take care of you.

Ron, Bob and Todd

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## HAVE YOU HEARD THIS ONE?



A Texas farmer went on vacation to Australia. He met an Australian farmer, who proudly showed off his wheat field.

“That’s nothing,” the Texan said. “Back home, we have wheat fields twice as big as this.”

The Australian farmer pointed out his cattle.

“They’re nothing,” the Texan replied. “Back home, we have longhorns twice as big as these.”

Just then, half a dozen kangaroos bounced across the road.

“Whoa!” the startled Texan exclaimed.

“What?” the Australian farmer coolly replied. “Don’t you have grasshoppers in Texas?”

**Atlanta Notes**

Not much new going on here at this time. We are waiting on harvest to finish up, as is everyone else. The moisture is much needed for spring crops and water for livestock, but it sure slows things down as we try to get done with the fall harvest of corn, soybeans and milo.

We have been servicing equipment and doing maintenance on equipment. We are updating one of our tender trucks. Replacing the chassis but using the bed that we already have.

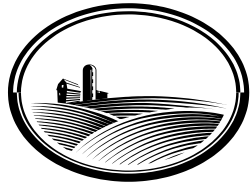
Remember we still offer our good 20% nuggets and 14% All Stock in bulk bins. A great savings over purchasing them already sacked. We also offer a good selection of veterinary supplies as well as automotive needs. We have a big selection of oils-hydraulic oil, engine oil, transmission fluid, 2 cycle oil and bar and chain oil. We also make hydraulic hoses. Don't forget the fencing supplies. Posts, gates, panels and barb wire plus electric fence wire and insulators. Try us for your tire needs. If we don't have it in stock we can usually have it in a couple of days.

Something else to think about is fall burndown to help control your marestail problem along with Finess for weed control on wheat. Give us a call or come by. We would be glad to discuss it with you.

We may be the only store in town but we try not to act like it. Come in for a friendly cup of coffee or hot chocolate and visit with your neighbors while we meet your shopping needs.

The Atlanta Crew, Darren, Katherine, Jimmy, Terri, Andy, Troy, Justin and Ric





## FIELDNOTES

Good day! Hope this finds everyone in good spirits and ready for the upcoming holidays.

First a reminder for those that had Valley Coop treat your wheat. If you used insecticide you need to wait 45 days after the plant date before grazing. Give me a call at 620-229-0312 if you have any questions.

This fall Valley Coop became a Stine Seed Dealer. They have a well-known soybean lineup along with many great corn varieties. They will also have a Stine Roundup Ready Soybean in bulk this coming season. It is a R2Y/STS and can work as a full season or double crop after wheat. We are taking orders now. Call to reserve how many units you will need. For those using the DynaGro lineup, no changes. We still will have the same quality lineup you have come to expect. Give me a call to reserve your favorite variety and for any cash discounts.

A big "Thank You" to those growers purchasing bulk seed wheat out of the Atlanta location. Because of your support we were able to double the amount of seed wheat sold in previous years. Everest continues to be used on many acres with several growers taking a look at Cedar and the new K-State release 1863.

Have you looked at your wheat crop to see if cheat, rye or downy brome are competing? Now is a great time to scout fields and schedule your local branch to spray those grasses and winter broadleaves competing for moisture and fertility. Call your local branch to get acres booked before the rush.

Don't forget those row crop fields that had glyphosate resistant broadleaves. With recent moisture any plants that made seed will have some germination taking place. With fall tillage you can destroy many of these newly germinated broadleaves—no till is another matter. Plan a fall application to control these now. They will be much harder to control if you wait till spring.

Wishing you and your family the best this coming holiday season.

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## Hello from Burden and New Salem

It has been a wet one so far this harvest. It sure is making the harvest activity and the wheat planting slow going. Harvest has been better than anticipated. I have heard some really good averages on corn and beans so far.

On another note the rain has been nice. It has been a while since we have gone into a winter with plenty of grass, hay, and water. It also helps that the price of nuggets are down from last year.

We hope you are safe for the rest of harvest.

Happy holidays,  
Nick, Alan, Marc

# Kellogg

It has been an interesting fall. With harvest lasting for 70 days at this point, with more to come and still trying to complete the feed mill expansion before feed season really kicks in, it has been a busy one. Hopefully by the time you read this we will be up and running with the new expansion. With the expansion we have added a second 200 horsepower pellet mill that will produce another 8 ton per hour of pellets, a new and larger pellet cooler and a new 80 foot leg to move the pellets from the cooler to a new rotary screener to remove the fines. To be able to keep up with the additional pellet production we have added a new and larger mixer feed leg plus another 56 tons of mixed feed storage. With these additions it will allow us to double our production to better serve you. Thanks for your continued business and support.

We harvested our soybean test plot on 10-25-13. There were 11 varieties of soybeans planted. The yields were 31.8 bushels per acre to 53.5 bushels per acre with an average of 43.3 bushels across the entire plot. Stop by sometime and look at the data. It could be helpful to you when picking out your next year's varieties.

In the elevator department we have been shipping most of the corn and soybeans trying to free up space for the later milo, which I am afraid is not going to dry down fast enough. At this time we are going to be able to accept milo up to 18% moisture.

I would like to introduce the newest member of our crew, Derek Zulkowski, a Caldwell native. Derek started with us in August. He will be running one of our applicators and working where needed. Welcome aboard, Derek.

As always thanks for your business.

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





## Broccoli Salad

Recipe Submitted by Rebecca Romero

4 cups fresh broccoli florets  
1/2 cup dried cranberries  
1/2 cup sunflower seeds  
3 apples, chopped  
1/4 cup red onion, chopped

1 cup plain, low-fat yogurt  
2 Tablespoons Dijon mustard  
1/4 cup honey

Combine broccoli florets, dried cranberries, sunflower seeds, chopped apples, and chopped onion in a large serving bowl. Blend yogurt, mustard, and honey in a small bowl. Add dressing to the salad and toss. Chill before serving.