

## Who are we?

The Boyce Feed and Grain Corporation has been serving Ellis County and surrounding areas since 1964. Our retail location, "The Feed Store" has seen many generations. Some of our customers have fond memories of coming to The Feed Store with Grandparents and even Great-Grandparents to see the baby chicks or buy seed for their gardens.

In June of 2009, we moved into our new "old" building. Trying to preserve the "flavor" and heritage of our original Feed Store, we used recycled tin and wood for the new addition. Our expansion was not limited to our building, it also allowed for us to add new items and expand our current product lines.

We are proud to offer our customers a large selection of Lawn & Garden

supplies, both ORGANIC and Conventional. We also carry Bulk Garden Seeds, as well as several grass seed varieties. And as the season allows we offer veggie plants to help you get started. Along with bird feeders, we also have bird seed for wild and caged birds.

We have a wall over 50' long and 9' tall that's dedicated to pet food. From the reasonably priced to the



The "New" edition to The Boyce Feed & Grain Corp., opened in June of 2009.

Ultra Premium Specialty, we have something for every need and budget. We also carry dog and cat vaccines and wormers, along with a variety of toys, snacks, treats and bedding. Fleas and Ticks? We've got products for them, too!

We just wouldn't be a "Feed Store" without the Feed! We are pleased to say that we carry the most extensive assortment of livestock feed in Ellis County. Acco, Bluebonnet, Martindale Feed Mill, and ADM just to name a few. We also have many hard to find feeds like Triple Crown, Total Equine, and Muenster. And we still carry many of the items you have come to know for farm and ranch needs.

Along with the manufactured feeds we carry, we make

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## Moving into the 21st Century

"What did we ever do without cell phones?" This is a question we hear all the time. Technology is constantly changing as we try to keep up.

The Boyce Feed & Grain Corp. is now on the web and Facebook. And instead of

having one register, we have the potential to have three and they are complete with barcode scanners and are touch screen operated.

It's amazing how fast we learn and adapt. Many of our customers now come in and have their feed lists saved to

their iPhone or Blackberry. They also use their phones to remind them when to worm or vaccinate their animals.

These little miracles of technology are making it easier to streamline our lives, not only for us but for our pets and livestock.

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### Did you know...???

- The average horse eats 7 times it's own weight every year.
- Pigs are considered to be the most compatible animals for potential organ transplants into humans.
- The longest horn spread on record is from a Texas Longhorn and it measured 98.8in from tip to tip.

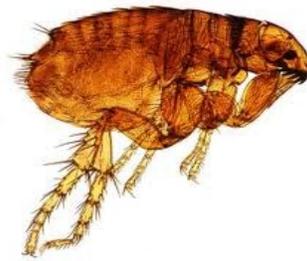
## Get the jump on fleas...

...before they get the jump on you (and your pets)!

Fleas are perhaps one of the most bothersome pests, flies and mosquitoes just ahead of them. They are also very difficult to control if not done properly. They can carry all kinds of nasty diseases and can transmit worms to humans and pets.

First, you must understand that the key with the little guys is to **BREAK THE LIFE CYCLE**. That means just because you killed the mother flea, does not mean you got the eggs she laid just moments before. The eggs will hatch and it will be business as usual. Fleas are very hardy and can survive even the harshest weather.

You need to use products that have an



Insect Growth Regular (aka IGR). These chemicals break the life cycle by essentially sterilizing the hatching fleas, meaning they will not be able to breed and thus produce more eggs and more fleas.

In terms of what to treat and how to treat it, you need to attack as much as you can when you can. Try to treat the house,

yard and pets all in the same time frame. If you don't you will just be chasing them around.

For your pet, there are any number of products. Shampoos, dips, drops, collars, sprays and powders. You will just need to figure out what works best for your pet and budget. We suggest either a spray or shampoo to quickly get rid of most of the fleas on your pet. Then follow up with a monthly drop like Frontline or Advantage. If you are not seeing results, switch brands as fleas can develop a resistance to chemicals over a period of time.

For your home, there are a number of products at your disposal. We always suggest bombing the house. If your home is on pier and beam, you might even

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## Product Spotlight - Kitras Art Glass

All that is required to make glass is sand, soda ash, pot ash, lime and high heat. History sets the beginning of glass production nearly four thousand years ago in Mesopotamia (modern day Iraq). The Process of making glass was discovered while potters fused sand and minerals while firing their clay. One clever Mesopotamian managed to form a glass tube and blow a bubble at the end creating the first blowpipe and hence

the art of glassblowing.

Kitras Art Glass Inc. was formed in 1994 by Stephen Kitras who had been blowing glass since 1988. The company now operates out of Fergus, Ontario where they design and create hand blown one of a kind glass art gifts. Over 30 people com-



bine their efforts and dedicate themselves to quality, craftsmanship and innovation. Their goal is to share the beauty of glass with you so you feel the joy and inspiration of the art form as they do.

You must see these pieces to truly appreciate their beauty. Each piece is unique and you will never find two alike. They make great gifts and conversation pieces.

## Goat's Milk

According to the Journal of American Medicine, "Goats milk is the most complete food known." It contains vitamins, minerals, electrolytes, trace elements, enzymes, protein, and fatty acids utilized by the body with ease. In fact, the body can digest goat's milk in only 20 minutes. Having fat molecules one-fifth the size of those in cow's milk makes it easily digestible and tolerable to those with compromised digestive systems.. Seventy-two percent of the milk used throughout the world is from

goats. Goat milk has no cream separation because of smaller fat molecules. It contains preformed Vitamin A in the milk fat that allows it to be readily available for use by the body. Goat milk contains a higher evolved carotene (pro-Vitamin A). Researchers find the pro-Vitamin A to have cancer-preventing properties. The protein in goat milk forms a softer curd (the term given to the protein clumps that are formed by the action of stomach acid on the protein), which makes the protein more easily

and rapidly digestible. Although the mineral content of goat's milk and cow's milk is generally similar, goat's milk contains 13 percent more calcium, 25 percent more vitamin B-6, 47 percent more vitamin A, 134 percent more potassium, and three times more niacin. It also contains 27 percent more of the antioxidant selenium than cow's milk. Goat's milk has long been used and recommended as an aid in the treatment of ulcers due to its more effective acid buff-

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and produce our own line of grains and feed blends. Whole corn, hen scratch, all season blend, oats and several others are available year round.

If you have animals or want to keep them out, we can help. We now offer a large selection of fencing. Panels, T-posts, concrete, and various rolls of wire are always in stock.

While planning our expansion, we knew we wanted to have a small gift area. In the years since, that small gift area has grown substantially. Country couture meets cow-girl chic in our home décor and gift department. Even if you are shopping for someone who has everything, we are sure you can find that perfect gift here. Hand blown glass witching balls, Milkhouse Candles,

Leanin' Tree Cards, and unique items to adorn your home are just a sampling.

We also wanted to carry clothing. With just a small amount in mind, that portion of our business has grown exponentially. We proudly offer Cinch, Cruel Girl, Gypsy Soule, Petrol, and Adikt. In addition to the clothing we have a huge selection of jewelry and accessories from the likes of M&W, SilveRado, Treska and Cowgirl Chicseries.

Not to leave anything out, we started carrying straw, palm leaf and felt hats. Plus we are authorized dealers for Case Knives, MooreMaker Knives, Red Wing Boots, and Twisted X Boots.

Whether you need to repair a fence or just find that perfect gift, we have something for everyone. Gifts, gadgets,

gizmos, feed, fencing and fertilizer... One stop handles it all! Continuing to be an Ellis County Icon, The Boyce Feed & Grain Corp. is more than "just a feed store".



*The original feed store, built in the 1890's, still standing strong!!*

## Goat's Milk

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ering capacity. Goat's milk has more buffering capacity than over the counter antacids. (The USDA and Prairie View A&M University in Texas have confirmed that goat's milk has more acid-buffering capacity than cow's milk, soy infant for-

mula, and nonprescription antacid drugs.) Goat's milk alkalizes the digestive system.

It actually contains a group of alkaline minerals, and it does not produce acid in the intestinal system. Goat's milk helps to increase the pH of the blood stream because it is the dairy product highest in the amino acid L-glutamine. L-glutamine is an alkalizing amino acid, often recommended by nutritionists.

(source: [www.answerspetfood.com](http://www.answerspetfood.com))



## Fleas

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throw a bomb under the house. Just make sure you follow the directions. The carpet sprinkles and foam work really well, as you just put it down, wait about 20 minutes and vacuum up.

For the yard, again there are many products available. The area you are covering and what type of application you want to

make will determine which direction to go. Many people will use a general insecticide (with fleas on label) in the majority of the yard, while paying special attention to the areas (shade tree, dog house, kennel) where the pet frequents.

There are several organic and non-chemical alternatives, as well. Diatomaceous Earth (DE)

is one popular organic alternative.

We will be glad to help you lay out a plan and suggest the right products for the job.

With some diligence and the right products you can beat the fleas!!





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## Trichogramma Wasps

If you have trees, you've probably had problems with worms and caterpillars. But before you spray with toxic chemicals, consider using a tiny microscopic beneficial insect instead.

Trichogramma Wasps are teeny, tiny flying creatures that won't harm people, pets or plants (adults are approximately 1/25th of an inch). Adults feed on pollen and nectar. It's their young that wreak havoc on harmful worms, moths and butterflies. In fact, they are one of the most effective beneficial insects know for controlling lepidopterous insects. One note of warning: Don't put these voracious creatures in or near your butterfly garden.

Females deposit their eggs inside the eggs of host insects. The parasitic young soon hatch and feed on the juices within the egg thus killing it. Within 8 to 10 days they emerge as adults and the life cycle of the wasp starts over.

They can help you get rid of cabbage-worms, tomato hornworms, corn ear-

worms, cutworms, armyworms, webworms, cabbage loopers, fruitworms, and around 200 other pest worm species. In our area, trichogramma wasps are the preferred method for dealing with webworms and pecan case borers.

Early application of the trichogrammas (before pests emerge) is the ideal way to begin a pest control program. Weekly applications throughout the growing season is recommended.

Eggs come attached to paper cards with approximately 3,300 eggs per card.

How to use:

You tack the card on a sheltered spot on the tree, preferably where a limb emerges from the trunk. Emerging wasps will have the best chance of success the weather is moderate. Avoid releasing in extreme conditions (heat, cold, stormy, or windy). Frequent releases over a period of time will be more effective than a single release.

Note: Trichogrammas are sensitive to pesticides! Take care not to spray release areas with insecticides.



*Above: Trichogramma wasp, adult, magnified  
Below: Card that the eggs come on when you purchase them. (approx 3,300 eggs)*