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SPCC Informational Meetings

Free informational meeting hosted by the Viafield Energy Team

Viafield's Energy Team is hosting two meetings on August 26 to provide information about farmers' obligations under the SPCC (Oil Spill Prevention, Control, and Countermeasure) Program and assist with filling out SPCC Plans for those attending. Guest speaker Darren Fife, project manager with Barkerlemer Engineering, will also help farmers understand individual parts of the program. This meeting is FREE to our customers and will be held at two convenient locations.

Who is affected by this Program?

Under SPCC, a farm is: "a facility on a tract of land devoted to the production of crops or raising of animals, including fish, which produced and sold, or normally would have produced and sold, \$1,000 or more of agricultural products during a year."

Is my farm covered by SPCC?

SPCC applies to a farm which:

- Stores, transfers, uses, or consumes oil or oil products, such as diesel fuel, gasoline, lube oil, hydraulic oil, adjuvant oil, crop oil, vegetable oil, or animal fat; and
- Stores more than 1,320 US gallons in above ground containers or more than 42,000 US gallons in completely buried containers; and
- Could reasonably be expected to discharge oil to waters of the US or adjoining shorelines, such as

interstate waters, intrastate lakes, rivers and streams.

If your farm meets all of these criteria, then your farm is covered by SPCC.

If my farm is covered by SPCC, what should I do?

The SPCC program requires you to prepare and implement an SPCC Plan. If you already have a Plan, maintain it. If you do not have a Plan, you should prepare and implement one. Many farmers will need to have their Plan certified by a Professional Engineer (PE). However, you may be eligible to self-certify your amended Plan if your farm has a total oil storage capacity between 1,320 and 10,000 gallons in above ground containers, and the farm has a good spill history (as described in the SPCC rule). (However, if you decide to use certain alternate measures allowed by the federal SPCC Rule, you will need a PE.)

If your farm has storage capacity of more than 10,000 gallons or has had an oil spill, you may need to have a PE certify your SPCC Plan.

Meeting Times

August 26 • Rudd Community Center, 9:00 - 11:00 a.m., Rudd, Iowa

August 26 • Maynard Community Center, 1:30-3:30 p.m., Maynard, Iowa

Please call your Refined Fuel Sales Specialist to reserve your spot at these meetings!

Grain Team Update - August 2011

By Grain Business Team Leader - Brad Foster



Brad Foster

Grain Team Leader

Growing conditions have been very favorable throughout the Viafield trade territory, which is leading most to believe we will have a plentiful crop this fall.

Gary Benson and Dave Adams have been busy hosting an "Ag College" every Thursday to discuss crop conditions as they develop. Attendance has been very good and the interaction and information has been beneficial to all. Additionally, our grain team has started to

provide product/marketing information at these meetings. The meetings begin at 9:00 a.m. every Thursday in Arlington, and everyone is welcome.

Bill Dolan has been traveling to the Arlington area on Tuesdays and Thursdays, so if anyone in that area would like more information on our Risk Management tools be sure to let your local office know, and Bill can meet with you while he is in the area.

As we prepare for another harvest, you may be noticing some "extra" activity at the Marble Rock and Rudd locations. We have just completed an integrity update to

the existing siding in Rudd to ensure seamless service this fall. The tracks required some attention considering their many years of service, and we invested approximately \$60,000 to upgrade them.

In Marble Rock, we are investing in a new 25 car load out and bulk weigh system that will be certified to facilitate bulk weighing of our shipments. This will increase our efficiency to loading 30,000 bushel an hour and, most importantly, will free up our leg when we are receiving grain. In the past we could not take grain (corn and beans) if we were loading cars. These improvements will cost \$1.5 million but will greatly enhance our ability to receive and ship grain.

Looking into the fall, we will have plenty of space available; however, we do ask you to let us know if you anticipate needing more storage than normal, so we can better serve you this fall.



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you a special bid to sell them your crops. When you get a special bid, you can view the details and sell your desired amount.

Where do I start?

Go to the Risk Management page under the Grain Tab at viafield.com. Click on the GrainBridge Link to sign up today. *If you have any questions on this new tool, please call Grain Marketing Relationship Manager Bill Dolan at 641-315-2516.*



August Feed Update - Forage Management, Pasture Walk

By Feed Business Team Leader - Bill Hayes



Bill Hayes

Feed Team Leader

As Brad said in the Grain Team Update, growing conditions have been favorable in our area. In the past, the rule of thumb was that corn silage is ready about 45 days after it tassels, but that's no longer a given. Even with the late start, we're ahead in growing degree days. Add to that the fact that some corn matures faster because of the new corn genetics, and corn silage might be early this year. I'd encourage

you to keep your eye on what your corn is doing and harvest it at the proper moisture level, which is 55-70%.

To make sure you retain the nutrients in your silage and forages until you feed them to your cows, I'd also encourage you to consider using NS 5 (formerly Biomax® 5) on your corn silage and NS A (formerly Biomax® A) on alfalfa haylage. NS 5 was designed specifically to improve the aerobic stability of corn silage, resulting in higher dry matter recovery (average 5%), lower forage temperatures,

less wasted forage, increased nutrient availability, and better palatability. The result is a greater return on your investment. NS A's specially selected strains of live bacteria hit three of the five major spoilage organisms in alfalfa for more stable silage, more nutrients, and less spoilage.

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Dan Franzen — 563-380-7473

Sharon Green — 563-568-8742

Lynn Bleuer — 563-650-1983

Kim & Mary Ann Klocke of L&R Gamm Farms in Arlington will host a Pasture Walk on September 14. Topics will include: pasture management, supplementing pasture grass with minerals, and water systems. Cattlemen, watch your mail or contact your feed nutritionist for more details and registration information. Registration limited to 100.

Mike Kirby — 563-419-9522

Matt Pearson — 641-832-0232

August Agronomy Update - UAN Update, Spraying for Aphids, Diseases

By Agronomy Team Leader - Mike Harden



Mike Harden

Agronomy Team Leader

With summer moving along I thought it was time for an update from the Agronomy team. The liquid fertilizer plant in Marble Rock is progressing nicely. All UAN tanks are complete and the load out facility is being constructed and scheduled to be finished October 1. By late August or early September we will be starting to make starter 10/34/0 at our facilities and filling our

two million gallon tank with UAN 32% for next year. With everything going on in the global markets, facilities like this will help us ensure we get products and services to you in a timely manner.

Our Agronomy Applicators are in the process of wrapping up spraying of fungicides on corn and beans. We have found that various types of leaf blight are more of an issue this year; spraying fungicides should help.

Our applicators have also started to spray for aphids in a few fields. As the weather cools off and gets below 90 degrees, there could be rapid growth in the number of aphids, so keep checking your bean fields. Make sure to work with your account managers to get your fall needs locked in. As we get closer to fall, the chances of prices going down lessens. Please visit with your Agronomy Account Relationship Manager today for more insight into scheduling and pricing.



UAN Facility 24/7 Load Out Facility - Expected to be completed October 1, 2011



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Connections August Issue



Energy Team to host SPCC Meetings

Does your Diesel Fuel Tank meet SPCC and EPA regulations? Have you filled out your plan template to comply with the law? During two informational meetings, the Energy Team at Viafield will help our customers fill out this form for FREE.

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