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Construction is Underway

The new Viafield Oelwein location is starting to take shape

Construction of the new grain facility in Oelwein, Iowa, has begun and is moving along at a steady pace. The new facility, being constructed by Larson Contracting of Lake Mills, will include two of the largest bins ever built in the state of Iowa. Two 132 foot diameter Brock M Series grain bins will hold over 1,000,000 bushels each and will soar to over 100 feet high. Also included in the project is another 105 foot diameter Brock grain bin that will take the total capacity for the facility over 2.7 million bushels of storage.

Other items included at the new facility are the millwright for the grain bins including Lemar towers and catwalk, a Brock Commercial Tower Dryer, a MCC/Control building and an office building.

A completed Brock M Series Bin



One of the major advantages of the new facility will be the proximity to rail lines. Having the ability to store a large amount of grain while also being able to ship mass quantities quickly and easily will allow your cooperative more operational flexibility.

Depending on the weather and other construction variables, the new facility is scheduled to be ready to receive grain during the fall harvest season.

Watch the construction as it happens.

We've set up a webcam to view the facility during construction and you can see it too.

Visit www.viafield.com/oelweincam or click on the banner from the homepage.

It's that easy.



See what the process will look like before it happens. Visit <http://youtu.be.odWlywL4WXY> and watch two 132' Brock M Series bins be constructed in 3 minutes.

May is all about BEEF

Viafield salutes Iowa's cattlemen throughout the month.

Iowa's cattlemen work on 30,000 family farms producing safe, nutritious beef for you and your family. According to Governor Terry Branstad's beef month proclamation, there were nearly 3.9 million head of cattle in Iowa on January 1, 2012, making Iowa one of the top beef producers in the nation. The beef industry generates \$5.1 billion annually to Iowa's economy, creating jobs for nearly 40,000 Iowans.

Summer weather will encourage Americans to spend quality family time grilling and appreciating the satisfying flavor that beef provides. It is also very important to remember the numerous benefits that beef provides to human nutrition.

Fast facts on lean beef:

- On average, a 3-ounce serving of lean beef is about 150 calories
- Beef is an excellent source of nutrients, including protein, zinc, vitamin B12, vitamin B6, and niacin
- Many of the most popular beef cuts sold at retail are lean, including T-bone, tenderloin, top sirloin and more

Beef month help us to remember the numerous benefits beef provides, not only through nourishment, but also economically. So, this weekend, fire up your grill and enjoy a juicy T-bone or all-American hamburger, and salute the cattlemen who make it possible.

Viafield is proud to supply feed to Iowa cattlemen. We value our partnership with Iowa cattle families and thank them for their contribution to the Iowa economy and way of life – as well as their business.

If you'd like to learn more about the beef industry in Iowa and the United States, we've set up links from the Beef Feed section at www.viafield.com to the Iowa Beef Industry Council and the National Cattlemen's Beef Association's "Explore Beef" web sites.

And cattlemen, contact your Viafield Beef Nutritionists Mike Kirby and Mason Kolbet to learn about the profitable economics of creep feeding this year and the benefits and efficiencies of our Rangeland minerals. You can reach Mike at 563-419-9522 or mkirby@viafield.com and Mason at 641-395-2271 or mgkolbet@landolakes.com.



During May, we posted recipes and food facts about beef on our Facebook and Twitter sites. Visit facebook.com/viafield and twitter.com/viafield to read them all.



Texas Fertilizer Plant Explosion

On April 17, 2013, an ammonium nitrate explosion occurred at the West Fertilizer Company storage and distribution facility in West, Texas (18 miles north of Waco) while emergency services personnel were responding to a fire at the facility. At least 15 people were killed, more than 160 were injured and more than 150 buildings were damaged or destroyed. Investigators have confirmed that ammonium nitrate was the trigger for the explosion, but the cause of the initial fire is as yet unknown.

At Viafield, the safety of our team members and the communities we serve is our #1 priority. We are happy to inform all of you that Viafield fertilizer production locations are ammonium nitrate free.

Dairy Month is Coming!

As we get ready for June Dairy Month, Viafield thanks area dairy farmers for their hard work and dedication to providing safe and nutritious dairy foods for your family. We're proud to provide the feed for their cows.

FUN FACTS ABOUT THE DAIRY INDUSTRY

- There are 49,331 dairy farms in the U.S. and 1,488 licensed dairy herds in Iowa.
- Most milk is transported 100 miles or less from farm to grocery store, taking just 48 hours for milk to travel from the farm to a retail outlet.
- Dairies create a ripple effect on the agricultural economy and the economic well-being of rural America. When a dairy farmer sells a dollar of milk, it generates economic activity of \$3, and every \$1 million of U.S. milk sales generates 17 jobs.
- Iowa dairy farms produce 505 million gallons of milk, and generate \$718 million in milk sales.
- In Iowa, the average dairy cow produces more than 2,336 gallons of milk over the course of a typical year.
- In an average day, a dairy cow will eat 90 lbs of feed, drink a bathtub full of water and produce 5-6 gallons of milk.
- Cows spend an average 6 hours a day eating and an additional 8 hours ruminating or chewing their cud; most chew at least 60 times per minute.

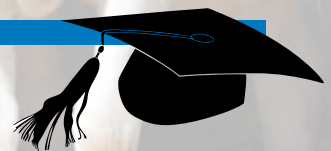
NUTRITION

- Milk and other dairy foods provide nine essential nutrients required for healthy body functioning: calcium, potassium, phosphorus, protein, vitamin D, vitamin A, vitamin B12, riboflavin, and niacin.
- An 8-ounce serving of low-fat plain yogurt contains 490 milligrams of potassium, about the same as a banana.
- It takes 3 cups of broccoli to equal the calcium in one cup of milk.
- It takes 10 lbs of milk to make 1 lb of cheese.
- One ounce of hard cheese (like Cheddar) contains 8 grams of protein; an egg contains 6 grams.
- Dairy products help reduce the risk of osteoporosis, maintain a healthy weight, maintain a healthy blood pressure, and are associated with a reduced risk of cardiovascular disease and type 2 diabetes.

These statistics were compiled by the Midwest Dairy Association from the following sources: State Departments of Agriculture, USDA National Agricultural Statistics Services, and other dairy industry sources, including the International Dairy Foods Association and Dairy Management, Inc., USDHHA and USDA/NAL/FNIC and other medical reports. Visit www.midwestdairy.com for more information.



Viafield Announces 2013 Ag Youth Scholarship Recipients



Congratulations to the winners of this year's Viafield Ag Youth Scholarship worth \$1,000. This year's winners are: Kendra Davis, Glenville-Emmons High School; Elizabeth Bjelica, Charles City High School; Geodan Hanson, Valley Community High School; Lisa Irons, Northwood-Kennsett High School; Grant Greensweig, Charles City High School; and Adam Murray, Charles City High School. Bjelica, Hanson, Irons, and Murray plan to attend Iowa State University. Davis plans to attend South Dakota State University and Greensweig plans to attend North Iowa Area Community College.

Applications for this scholarship were judged by professors from North Iowa Area Community College in Mason City, Northeast Iowa Community College in Calmar, and representatives from Iowa State University Extension Offices. Applicants were judged on their leadership skills, scholastic achievement, extracurricular activities, motivation, and academic and personal goals. [For more information visit www.viafield.com/scholarship.](http://www.viafield.com/scholarship)



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