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Our Mission:

To be your business of choice, meeting customer needs, and growing a viable, progressive company.

***"In Business
For Your Business"***

**Grain Comments
by Doug Biswell**

First I will start by saying I hope you all have a safe and productive planting season.

Will the Chinese ever quit buying United States origin soybeans? We are by far outpacing any year we have ever had for soybean exports. This has supported old crop beans far more than it has affected new crop prices, but we at least have gotten new crop beans above \$8.00. Unfortunately, to this point, the rally in soybeans has not translated to corn. Cash corn price has changed very little in the last couple of months, and honestly that has surprised me. This year's corn crop is going in later than what is average, but the market has shown no concern about that fact. There is no doubt that the US farmer can plant a crop very quickly, so unless it stays wet for another couple of weeks, late planting will get very little attention. There has been some severe freeze damage in the Texas and Oklahoma wheat crop, but timely rains in other parts of the wheat belt have traders figuring the addition bushels that are going to be produced because of good growing conditions will offset the loss due to the freeze. Of course the jury is still out on that one. Remember back to the 2007 freeze event it wasn't until harvest was in full swing until the big portion of the rally in wheat occurred. Many of you have given me pricing orders for both sales out of store and new crop sales. Thanks to those of you that have placed orders that really helps me manage this Coop's grain position.



In Observance
of
Memorial Day

Our offices
& Ampride

will be ~ **CLOSED** ~

Monday, May 25, 2009

Have a fun, safe, and memorable
Memorial Day weekend!

FEED by Rod Bohn

Purina Mills is introducing some updated formulas on the following horse feeds; Equine Senior, Omolene 100, Omolene 200, Omolene 300, Omolene 400, and Omolene 500. Amplify, a high energy supplement using rice bran and flax, will be added to these feeds.

These new formulas have been tested at the Purina research farm and have shown excellent results. We recommend that you blend some of the previous formula with the new formula for 5 to 7 days to help your horses make the change. Older horses are sometimes sensitive to feed changes.

Purina has built an excellent reputation on their horse feeds and the Farmers Coop is PROUD to be a Purina dealer.

FOR SALE:



Sisal

Twine

16,000

Buy 10 bales @ \$36.00 ea
And receive 1 bale FREE
~ While Supplies Last ~
(Manhattan location only)



**ALTA
VISTA
NEWS**

By Deb Glessner

Available for sale in time for Mother's Day - Hanging Flower Baskets, flower plants, tomato plants, pepper plants, etc. Stop in while the selection is good. If you do not see what you need - visit with Deb.

While there, visit with Matt on all your seed and fertilizer needs.

CFO - Tony Hieger

As signs of spring and warmer weather are upon us, most of us would like to be outside more during the day then inside. If you are one of these people and don't have time during office hours to call the Coop and check your account balances, get a copy of your statement that you misplaced, or to check on your grain that you have stored at the Farmers Coop Association. Our patrons know can check online through Patron Access. You can look at your account at your convince when ever you like to. It is easy to sign up at www.manhattan.coop and begin looking at your account at home. If you have any questions please feel free to call me and let me know. Thank you for your continued patronage.



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Ampride
By Julie Schlegel



With grilling season upon us, stop by Ampride to purchase your new propane tank, at a sale price of \$59.99 and receive the first propane fill up for FREE. We also fill used tanks that are NOT outdated.



~ NOW ON SALE ~
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Yokohama Geolander AT/S

<u>SIZE</u>	<u>PLY</u>	<u>PRICE</u>
LT 215 / 75 R 15	6	\$ 137.54
LT 235 / 75 R 15	6	\$ 131.04
LT 215 / 85 R 16	10	\$ 157.07
LT 225 / 75 R 16	10	\$ 156.15
LT 235 / 85 R 16	10	\$ 163.02
LT 245 / 75 R 16	10	\$ 173.66
LT 265 / 75 R 16	10	\$ 183.98
LT 245 / 70 R 17	10	\$ 203.02
LT 265 / 70 R 17	10	\$ 219.16
31 X 10.5 R 15	8	\$ 160.52

All Prices Include Mounting, Balancing, Road Hazard, and Disposal Fees

In Observance of Memorial Day - May 25, 2009

And I'm proud to be an American, where at least I know I'm free.
And I won't forget the men who died, who gave that right to me.

~Lee Greenwood

**HAPPY
MOTHERS DAY**
May 10, 2009

There are times
when only
a Mother's love
Can understand
our tears,
And soothe our
disappointments
And calm all
our fears.

There are times
when only
a Mother's love
Can share the joy
we feel

When something we
have dreamed about
Suddenly is real
There are times
when only
a Mother's love
Can help us on
life's way
And inspire in us
the confidence
We need from day
to day.

Mother, thank you
for your heart,
faith and hope
And all your
steadfast love
You were fashioned
by the Angels and
sent from God above.

CROP PRODUCTION
By Ken Diehl

The month of April was nothing like the month of March, they should have been flipped flopped. We managed to get some corn in the ground the week of April 20 – 25 until we received the big rain. With the planting season being so much delayed it will be very important to make sure and scout these fields for weeds. Weed pressure seems to be building up in our fields so early action is very important especially for those acres which do not have any kind of pre emerge across the top of them. Remember the optimal time to spray our corn is that V-5 to V-6 stage where the corn plant is determining yield. Application of post emerge chemicals at the wrong time frame can result in pinched ears or incomplete filling of the ear.

Your local coop has been covering many acres of alfalfa, spraying for weevils and aphids. The

pressures have not been real severe but we decided to take a proactive stance rather than waiting for the alfalfa to turn white. The coop is using two different chemicals together, Baythroid and Yuma, the Baythroid is primarily for the weevil control and the Yuma is to control the aphid population. The weather has helped to keep numbers lower but as warm continues numbers will increase. The products we are using will give you 28 days worth of control with a pre harvest interval of 7 – 14 days.

From the seed department for those customers that are becoming concerned with planting dates please call one of your local coop sales reps or location managers for more information.

Remember to always plan for success it will do you a much better job in the end. Once again thank you so much for your business.

" Marriage certificate is just another name for a work permit. "

ENERGY DEPARTMENT - By Chad Christiansen

SPRING OIL QUART SALE!

Buy a 30 or 55 gallon drum of Quicklift HTB or TMS 15W-40 and get your choice of quarts* for \$2.00.

Bulk Customers you qualify too! Just order 80 gallons or more and get the quarts* for \$1.75!

*Quarts available: Auto Gold 10w-40, Auto Gold 5w-20, Indol 32, Indol 100, Superlube 518 10w, Superlube 518 30w, Irraflex 30. (Limited 3 cases)

Stop by and see Chad or call 785/776-9467





TAKE UNIVERSAL PRECAUTIONS: THEY'RE YOUR BEST PROTECTION!

Treat all human blood and body fluids as if they are infected.

- DO:**
- ✓ **Cover** cuts, rashes, and broken skin.
 - ✓ **Wash** hands and exposed skin with soap and water or an alcohol-based disinfectant handrub immediately after exposure to infectious fluids.
 - ✓ **Use** a disinfectant solution to clean and decontaminate any area where fluids have spilled.
 - ✓ **Avoid** splashes and spills of body fluids.
 - ✓ **Handle** needles or other “sharps” carefully and dispose of them properly.
 - ✓ **Use** a pocket mask or other protective device if performing CPR.

- DON'T:**
- ✗ **Break** or shear contaminated needles or other sharps.
 - ✗ **Reuse** needles or other sharps.
 - ✗ **Keep** food or drink in areas with exposure potential.
 - ✗ **Eat, drink, smoke**, or apply cosmetics or lip balm, or handle contact lenses where there are body fluids.
 - ✗ **Suction** potentially infectious materials with your mouth.

KNOW THE BIOHAZARD SYMBOL: HEED ITS WARNING!

With the Threat of Swine Flu - Please be reminded
Wash your hands - Wash your hands - Wash your hands!



RHUBARB STREUSEL BREAD - Preparation time: **40 min** Baking time: **1 hrs 5 min** Yield: **12 servings**

Bread Ingredients:	1 cup sugar	½ cup butter, softened	1/3 cup orange juice
	2 eggs	2 cups flour	1 tsp. baking powder
	¼ tsp. baking soda	¼ tsp. salt	1-1/2 cup sliced rhubarb
Streusel Ingredients:	2 Tbsp. sugar	2 Tbsp. brown sugar	1 Tbsp. flour
	1 Tbsp. butter, melted	1-1/2 tsp. ground cinnamon	

Heat oven to 350°F. Grease and flour 8x4-inch loaf pan. Combine 1 cup sugar and 1/2 cup butter in large bowl. Beat at medium speed, scraping bowl often, until creamy. Reduce speed to low; add orange juice and eggs. Continue beating just until mixed. (Mixture will look slightly curdled.) Stir in flour, baking powder, baking soda and salt by hand just until moistened. Gently stir in rhubarb. (Batter will be thick.) **Reserve 1 1/2 cups batter.** Spread remaining batter into prepared pan. Combine all streusel ingredients in small bowl; stir until mixture resembles coarse crumbs. Sprinkle **half** of streusel over batter in pan; gently press into batter. Carefully spread reserved batter into pan; top with remaining streusel. Press streusel into batter. Bake for 65 to 70 minutes or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool 10 minutes; remove from pan.