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NEWS FROM ALTA VISTA

NOTICE: The feed mill in Alta Vista will be closed for repairs on Wednesday, November 4 and Thursday, November 5 for repairs. Please plan accordingly for your feed needs. Thank you.

Grain Comments by Doug Biswell

There is certainly not necessary to tell you all that October wasn't much of a month in our area for harvest activity. The entire Corn Belt has struggled getting this very large crop out of the field this is one reason why the grain prices have been supported. Another major supporting factor has been the value of the dollar coming under pressure again. As our dollar becomes worth less it makes the products we are exporting cheaper for the other world buyers. Unfortunately on the flip side it makes products that we import more expensive - look what has happened to the price of oil/gasoline and diesel the last 30 days or so. It also so happens that as the dollar comes under pressure investors look for

commodities to buy (physical commodities). Thus grains and precious metal prices tend to go higher. Or course as what happened a year and a half ago this bubble could burst at any time, please set down and figure at what price you can make money given your yields this year and sell grain if the market is providing opportunities for you to add to your bottom line. I appreciate the fact that during the spring and summer, when you are not really sure what your production might be, it may be hard to sell, but when the bushels are available selling at a profit is just the right business decision. I want thank you for the opportunity to handle your grain.

**In Observance of
THANKSGIVING**

**Our locations
will be CLOSED
Thursday,
Nov. 26, 2009**





Views from the Field: by Mike Thompson Agronomy Production Specialist / Certified Crop Advisor

I think it is safe to say that harvest has been slow this year. With the frequent rains, lack of sunshine to dry things out, and the usual "headaches" associated with harvesting a crop, I think many would agree that they can't wait till things are done. The weather forecast going into November appears to look favorable to give all a few good days of harvest to wrap things up. I have heard of some very good yields through the countryside in both corn and soybeans, I hope you were able to enjoy some higher than average yields in you operation as well.

As you finish up with your harvest, remember to take notes on what worked and did not work so well. Evaluate how well your fertility and herbicide programs worked this growing season, and start thinking of ways to make adjustments to get better results.

Do you need to take soil samples? Now is a great time to start taking soil samples to evaluate your fertility needs for next year's crop. Pulling composite soil samples are adequate for most, but if you have a troubled field that you just can't get figured out, or a field with variability, consider utilizing a zone or grid sampling program that will allow you to put the nutrients you need where you need them the most. Stop by the office, or give the agronomy dept. a call to answer your questions and see what might work best for your operation.

Winter annual weeds are starting to "green up" your freshly harvested field. With the adequate soil moisture and a few days of sunshine, many fields will have a "green carpet" visible from any windshield drive by. Controlling your winter annual weeds now with a fall applied residual herbicide program will allow for better field conditions for you to plant into next spring. Not sure what you are planting next spring? Don't worry; we can tailor a program that allows the best flexibility for you to decide later.

Are you still considering planting wheat this fall? I think there is still a good opportunity to get a good stand established this fall. Unlike last year, there is adequate soil moisture to help germination, combined with mild temperatures; you should be able to establish a good stand before going into winter. Make a small increase in your planting population to help minimize winter kill.

Those producers with brome and alfalfa pastures, now is still a good time to apply your fall phosphorous and potassium fertilizers. Phosphorus will help the plant develop a good root system for the winter, and develop buds for new tillers the next spring. P and K applied in early spring won't provide the same benefits compared to fall application. P and K rates should be based on soil tests and production goals.

If you have any questions or concerns in your fields, or you just want a second opinion; please feel free to give me a call: 313-0518. I would be happy to meet with you to discuss your crop production issues and develop a plan to solve them.

CROP PRODUCTION BY KEN DIEHL : Harvest for 2009 has been a challenge to say the least, from a cool summer which lead to slow dry down to moisture every week leading to short harvest intervals. With that said it is even more important now than ever to keep on top of those jobs we tend to over look, such as soil sampling. As we get fields harvested let us know so we can get those samples pulled rather than trying to do them all at once. We have options for soil sampling from plain composite samples to Profit Z which is sampling by management zones using bare soil images and yield information.



As I walk fields and ride in combines I have noticed a large amount of winter annuals already emerging, and they becoming larger every day. I realize burn downs are the very last thing on your mind so maybe a call to the local coop can help, we will go and assess the situation and advise you on a plan of attack. On our corn acres we can use the old standby atrazine, Basis, which will control our winter annuals the marestail and even volunteer wheat, this also offers us a rotation option for corn or beans. Autumn is also another product which will control winter annuals as well as offering a rotation option to corn or soybeans. Our soybean acres we can use Valor XLT, Canopy EX, Basis and Autumn, all offer good control of winter annuals. Each of these products will require some sort of growth regulator such as 2-4D or Banvel or a glyphosate of some sort for any cheat or volunteer wheat already emerged.

We will be offering fertilizer prepay coming in the month of November for the upcoming year. Fertilizer prices have leveled off and stayed steady but that is no indication that it will not change. Please do not put off those decisions, it makes it very difficult to plan what to buy when you are unsure of your intentions. So if you have any questions please call or stop by and we will discuss your options. As for NH3 the season for applying this fall is getting short quick, if we are able to roll expect some delays because everyone else will be trying to do the same thing and pipe line will become bogged down with trucks and lack of product at times.

Thank you very much for your continued support, without you all of this is not possible. As usual always plan for success it will serve you better in the end.



WATTS BOX



As harvest winds down and we look forward to next year, this is the perfect time to evaluate how the year went and get a jump on next years' crop season. With that said, we will be offering the following early purchase options for Fall 2009 on our ASGROW, CROPLAN GENETICS, DEKALB, and NK seed lines.

EARLY PURCHASE OPTIONS:

- Order your 2010 corn, soybeans, or milo seed by November 15th, 2009 with payment by December 15th, 2009 and receive 9% early cash discount.
- Order your 2010 corn, soybean, or milo seed and pay or apply purchase amount on our cooperatives CFA Financing Program by January 15th, 2010 and receive 8% Cash Discount

Some details apply to these programs. Interest charges will apply on CFA financing—subject to Approval
If you had contacted us (or we had met with you) prior to the end of October, 2009 with your 2010 seed needs, you are locked in at 10% cash discount if payed by December 15th, 2009

RETURN POLICY:

With the higher value of our seed products and associated inventory costs, the Coop has put into place a return policy for seed purchases. This policy mirrors the guidelines set forth by our seed companies regarding returns.

- NO RETURNS ON BULK OR TREATED SOYBEANS
- CORN AND SORGHUM RETURNS ARE LIMITED TO 10%; >10% subject to a \$25/unit restocking fee
- SOYBEANS ARE LIMITED TO 5% RETURNS ON UNTREATED PACKAGED UNITS; >5% Subject to a \$7.50/unit restocking fee
- NO RETURNS ON SPECIAL ORDER SEED ITEMS, INCLUDING CRUISER 1250 OR PONCHO 1250 SEED CORN

These guidelines are subject to change—please contact one of the agronomy staff for details or questions. Thanks again for all your support and we look forward to serving you this upcoming season!!

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Energy Dept. News – Jerry Fenske: I decided that for this month's column I would take an opportunity to review the automated fuel delivery system that is available to all the Coops patrons. Several people have called me with questions about the program so I hope this helps explain it a little better. The program is called RFD. Our coop has been offering the system for about three years and many of our fuel customers are already using it. There are five key features that set our RFD program far ahead of any other fuel delivery service.

1. **Automated Delivery-** Electronic monitors measure tank levels and send daily tank reports to Cenex. When the tank level reaches a certain point, a fuel truck is dispatched with fuel for the tank.
2. **Consumption Billing-** You are only billed for the fuel that you use, not the fuel that is delivered. This is an amazing benefit and no other program can come close to matching.
3. **Average Monthly Pricing-** Billing cycles are from the 16th to the 16th of each month. RFD bills the average price for the entire month. Fuel prices change daily and this program is a great way to make sure you are always paying a fair price for your fuel.
4. **Cenex Branded Products-** Each time you receive a delivery, you are getting the same high quality Cenex fuels. Your fuel will always be consistent and reliable.
5. **Online Tank Monitoring-** Anyone with a monitor in their tank can be given computer access to their account. We can always look up tank and billing information for you, but you always have the option of looking it up on your computer at home.

This program was created to take the hassle and worry out of ordering fuel. If anyone would like more information, or like to be set up for RFD delivery please contact me at the Coop in Manhattan.



As the weather continues to get colder, please be aware that diesel needs to be treated or mixed to protect it and equipment from freezing temperatures. Please do not wait for problems before mixing tanks. We have plenty of diesel additives

available at the Coop or at our Ampride store in Manhattan. If anyone needs help deciding how to blend their tanks, please contact the fuel department. We will continue to have both clear and dyed #1 diesel available for delivery from our bulk plant in Manhattan. The RFD truck will have #1 diesel for blended fuel around the second week of November. Remember, it is a lot easier to keep a tank from freezing than it is to unfreeze a tank. Lets prepare for the cold weather and try to keep fuel problems to a minimum. Thank you for being valued patrons and your continued support of your local Farmers Cooperative Association.

CFO - By Tony Hieger: All the moisture we have had recently has slowed harvest to almost a stand still. With warmer drier forecast predicted everyone will be busy once



again. If you do not have time during the day to call to check on your account balance or grain account balance you may log in at night to Patron Access. Signing up for an account

November 11 is fast and easy. Just go to our website on the left hand side and click on account log in. Fill out the boxes for the sign up for a new account. The end of the year is approaching fast. With Patron Access you can look at or do almost anything we can do to answer your questions. If you need any reports from us we will direct you to sign up for Patron Access this year for your year end reports that you may need. Thank you for your patronage and have a safe harvest.



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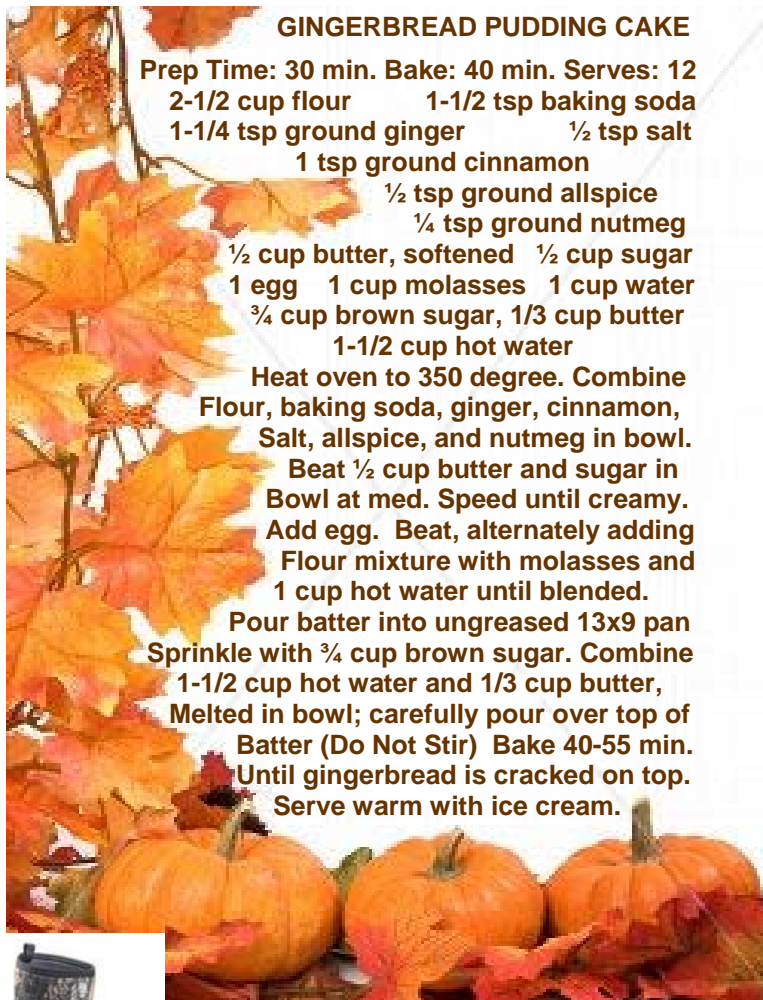
Prep Time: 30 min. Bake: 40 min. Serves: 12

2-1/2 cup flour 1-1/2 tsp baking soda
1-1/4 tsp ground ginger 1/2 tsp salt
1 tsp ground cinnamon
1/2 tsp ground allspice
1/4 tsp ground nutmeg

1/2 cup butter, softened 1/2 cup sugar
1 egg 1 cup molasses 1 cup water
3/4 cup brown sugar, 1/3 cup butter
1-1/2 cup hot water

Heat oven to 350 degree. Combine Flour, baking soda, ginger, cinnamon, Salt, allspice, and nutmeg in bowl. Beat 1/2 cup butter and sugar in Bowl at med. Speed until creamy. Add egg. Beat, alternately adding Flour mixture with molasses and 1 cup hot water until blended.

Pour batter into ungreased 13x9 pan Sprinkle with 3/4 cup brown sugar. Combine 1-1/2 cup hot water and 1/3 cup butter, Melted in bowl; carefully pour over top of Batter (Do Not Stir) Bake 40-55 min. Until gingerbread is cracked on top. Serve warm with ice cream.




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