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**Farm Safety and Health Week...
Not Just for Farmers Anymore**

One of the most hazardous industries in the United States is agriculture. As a result, many injuries and illnesses occur to farmers and ranchers almost everyday across the nation. Farmers and ranchers, and the general public are injured when agricultural machinery is involved in roadway incidents. To increase the awareness of the limitations of agricultural machinery in traveling speed and maneuverability the National Safety Council will observe the National Farm Safety and Health Week focusing on this issue. The theme for this year is: "Farm Safety and Health Week...Not Just for Farmers Anymore." Farm safety information is available at the National Safety Council (<http://www.nsc.org>) or the National Education Center for Agricultural Safety at 1-888-844-6322.

- Farmers and ranchers need to remember that rural roadways are used by everyone and should be shared accordingly. Having all reflectors, Slow-Moving Vehicle (SMV) emblems, and lights clean and in good working condition is absolutely necessary to be seen on our country's roadways. Remember, not everyone knows you are there.
- Agricultural work does not always occur during ideal conditions and visibility can be a problem. The limitations on your equipment for speed and maneuverability can result in a crash with other vehicles if your farm machinery cannot be seen and identified from a distance. To maximize visibility to others using the road, use red amber reflectors to the rear and sides, respectively, of farm machines. Remember,

not everyone knows you are there.

- The SMV emblem identifies the tractor or machine as being capable of only traveling 25 mph or less. The newest SMV emblems can be seen from almost a mile a night and last much longer. Use the 4-way amber warning lights whenever you are operating a tractor or machine on the road. Remember, not everyone knows you are there.
- Whenever you as an operator of farm and ranch machines need to make a turn on or off a public road, the use of turn signals allows motorists to know your intentions. Also the use of a pilot vehicle will help the farm machine operator to reinforce his/her intentions to other motorists.
- When preparing to make a left-hand turn the person driving behind you may not understand that you have to move to the right before you complete the left-hand turn. Motorists see this action, the movement to the right, as you allowing them to pass. When you move to the left, the person trying to pass is often caught unaware and a crash results. Use mirrors that allow the operator to see behind the tractor or machine to see if anyone is behind you so you can plan the turn accordingly. Sharing the road is everyone's responsibility and being proactive about preventing a possible injury incident is just plain smart.
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**Our offices AND
Ampride will be
closed
Monday,
September 7th,
so our employees
may spend
Labor Day
with their families**

SAFETY

Submitted by Jeff Eubanks

STROKE IDENTIFICATION:

Remember the 1st Three Letters....S.T.R. - They Now Have a Fourth Indicator, the Tongue.

During a BBQ, a friend stumbled and took a little fall - she assured everyone that she was fine (they offered to call paramedics) she said she had just tripped over a brick because of her new shoes.

They got her cleaned up and got her a new plate of food. While she appeared a bit shaken up, Ingrid went about enjoying herself the rest of the evening Ingrid's husband called later telling everyone that his wife had been taken to the hospital - (at 6:00 PM Ingrid passed away.) She had suffered a stroke at the BBQ. Had they known how to identify the signs of a stroke, perhaps Ingrid would be with us today. Some don't die. They end up in a helpless, hopeless condition instead.

RECOGNIZING A STROKE

Thank God for the sense to remember the '3' steps, STR . Read and Learn!

Sometimes symptoms of a stroke are difficult to identify. Unfortunately, the lack of awareness spells disaster. The stroke victim may suffer severe brain damage when people nearby fail to recognize the symptoms of a stroke.

Now doctors say a bystander can recognize a stroke by asking three simple questions:

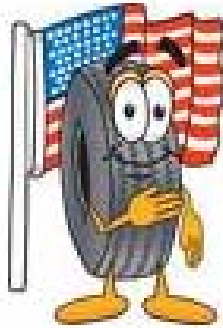
S *Ask the individual to SMILE.
T *Ask the person to TALK and SPEAK A SIMPLE SENTENCE (I.e. It is sunny out today)
R *Ask him or her to RAISE BOTH ARMS.

New Sign of a Stroke - Ask the person to 'stick' out his tongue.. If the tongue is 'crooked', if it goes to one side or the other, that is also an indication of a stroke.

If he or she has trouble with ANY ONE of these tasks, call emergency number immediately and describe the symptoms to the dispatcher.

A neurologist says that if he can get to a stroke victim within 3 hours he can totally reverse the effects of a stroke...totally. He said the trick was getting a stroke recognized, diagnosed, and then getting the patient medically cared for within 3 hours, which is tough.

~ TIRE REPAIRS ~



Fall Harvest will soon be upon us, for your farm tire needs and repairs, contact us at **785.776.9467** ask for Kipp.

Grain Comments by Doug Biswell

How about that for a July to remember? Not very hot, timely rains, cool nights, and for those of you that had wheat - decent yields with the prospect of good yields for our fall crops. That was how I started off last months newsletter article - seems like I need to change one word - July changed to August. The August weather did not do anything to hurt the yield potential. We are working hard to get the crops left under storage in our elevators out to make room for what is coming at us. For those of you who still own your grain give me a call as there are still premiums being paid for old crop and those premiums will go away once this new crop starts coming to town. This is especially the case with beans, while I write this article old beans are worth \$1.50 more than new beans, that is a good deal of money on a couple of hundred or a few thousand bushel. It is very easy to capture that extra money - all you have to do is sell your beans in storage. With

the corn coming off a few weeks later than normal I will not be surprised if we see a 10 or 15 cent premium for old corn in mid September. The last concern for our 2009 crop is the threat of an early freeze, that threat does have the markets attention, as you can tell by the daily price swings he have seen lately. If the US does not experience an early freeze we are looking at the largest corn and bean crop we have ever grown, and there is a good deal of the 2008 crop left in farmers hands - what this means is there is going to be huge amounts of grain that has to find a home in a period of just a few months. All that grain hitting the market at the same time does not bode well for prices so as I have mentioned in the last couple of articles, if you need to generate some cash during harvest get some sales made on price bumps. As we get nearer harvest these bumps may not amount to much, sell into them anyway. If you have any questions please give me a call.

FARM STORE



Now is the time to revitalize your yard or plant new grass seed to be assured of 6-8 weeks of growing time before the first killing frost. This allows young seedlings to harden off and to establish their root system before winter arrives.

~ ALSO ~



Now is the time to apply Lawn Science Pro Series Premium Lawn Food 24-0-6 in Late September - November. Fall fertilization is one of the most critical times of the year for lawns which are about to become dormant for the winter period. They need a good nutrient supply to fight off diseases as well as to build up root reserves to survive the winter. The added advantage is that fall fertilization helps get lawns off to a quicker start in the spring.



MANAGEMENT NOTES

By Darin Marti - General Manager

Fall harvest is always a time we look forward to but always with some concerns. Concerns about whether the equipment will hold together, even though we have performed all the essential maintenance. Concerns whether we can ship enough grain fast enough to be able to dump every day but still end harvest with bins full. And concerns that we have enough help but not too much. This year, we have additional concerns about the potential crop size and being able to handle it all fast enough.

Over the past 3 years, we have added additional storage in Onaga, added an additional leg in the Manhattan elevator, and made a multitude of other improvements, repairs and updates to help speed up our ability to handle your grain. Due to the larger than normal receipts in Alta Vista in recent years, we have concerns about space and dump speed there. The board has been considering additional improvements there but did not make the decision to add storage there for this year. Therefore with the large crop coming, the decision was made to purchase two grain bagging machines to help reduce lines and to deal with storage issues in Alta Vista. These bags will provide safe temporary storage for several months and reduce the amount of grain that will need to be trucked during harvest. With two baggers, one will be used most likely full time at Alta Vista and the other can be moved to which ever location it will be needed the most. We do not consider these baggers as a long term fix but definitely something that can help out in a pinch. We will do our best to handle in a timely fashion whatever you can bring us.

We continue to look for ways to add to and improve the services we provide to you. You may remember that we are now able to provide input financing for your crop inputs. By completing a short application, we can easily apply your seed, fertilizer, ag chemicals and fuel purchases directly to your pre-approved interest competitive loan.

Another service that will be available later this year will be crop insurance. We currently have two employees studying to take the state certification exam and will soon be prepared to provide expertise on your crop insurance purchase. Provided with this service will be grain marketing advice that will help you to maximize the benefits of your insurance. Please make plans to inquire about this service later this year.

Lastly, a free service that we added last year and is valued by a number of our customers is Patron Access. This service allows you to access your Coop account information via the internet. With this access, you have the ability to see and print charge account information and to retrieve various reports regarding your grain account information. Sign up for Patron Access may be done from a link on our web site at www.manhattan.coop.

We value your business and want to strive to provide you many of the goods and services you need in a one stop shop and do so in an efficient manner at a fair price. I thank you for your past support and promise that we will strive to meet your needs in the future. Please feel free to let us know when we do not meet your expectations.



AGRONOMY - BY Ken Diehl

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

September has arrived, and with that means the start of harvest. This is where you get to see the results of your production practices and to evaluate the things that worked, and those that need improvement. I want to wish everyone a safe harvest as well as good yields. I hope to catch many of you in the field over the next few weeks to see how the cropping year is finishing for you and your operation.



Ask our agronomist Ken Diehl to learn more about the Brier Ridge Products and how to effectively grow and maintain your food plots for a lifetime of fun and success or visit

www.brierridgeplotseed.com.



FOOD PLOT SEED

BUCK'S BANQUET

TYPE: ANNUAL SEED RATE: 10 LBS/ACRE

GERMINATION: 7-14 DAYS

ESTABLISHMENT: 6-8 WEEKS

Time tested, deer approved.

Buck's Banquet is an excellent choice for quality whitetails. This mix attracts big bucks by providing them a mix of lush clovers, leafy rape, tasty turnips, and choice chicory. Once the cooler temps arrive, this mix becomes sweet and succulent. Revitalize each year with Run N Ready!

RUT N READY

TYPE: ANNUAL SEED RATE: 5 LBS/ACRE

GERMINATION: 7 - 21 DAYS

ESTABLISHMENT: 8-10 WEEKS

Designed as a quick establishing mix to attract BUCKS during the RUT! This formula features high energy turnips, rape and chicory. This plot will stay green late into the fall and early winter. Will also revitalize Buck's Banquet.

HORN HONEY CLOVER

TYPE: PERENNIAL SEED RATE: 10 LBS/ACRE

GERMINATION: 7-10 DAYS

ESTABLISHMENT: 6-8 WEEKS

Is specially formulated with high quality clovers that will be sure to bring in the does and BUCKS! With proper planting and maintenance, this mixture will last for years. Foundation for any quality deer management plan.

GREAT LAKES DEER & WILDLIFE MIX

TYPE: PERENNIAL SEED RATE: 20 LBS/ACRE

GERMINATION: 7-14 DAYS

ESTABLISHMENT: 6-8 WEEKS

This mixture features high protein legumes and grasses. Great food and cover source for all deer and wildlife.

ROOSTER RELISH

TYPE: ANNUAL SEED RATE: 30 LBS/ACRE

GERMINATION: 7-21 DAYS

ESTABLISHMENT: 8-10 WEEKS

This formulation is an excellent choice for food and cover, provides dependable, high energy food for fall & winter survival.

STOP BY ANYTIME AND CHECK OUT OUR ANSWER PLOT LOCATED EAST OF WAMEGO HWY 24 NEXT TO KAN EQUIP. AND CHECK OUT OUR BRIER RIDGE PLOTS.

Corn: A good majority of the corn has reached black layer (physiological maturity). Now if things would just dry up for a short period and the sun come out, this corn might have a chance to start to dry down. Watch your moistures; there are many varieties of corn that are known for their "quick die and quick dry" down capabilities. These hybrids should be some of the first to be picked to capitalize on yield potential. This cooler weather should be good for allowing for increased test weight potential, but it has also speed up many of the stalk diseases that affect just how long the corn plant will stand before harvesting. My suggestion to all is don't delay, harvest in a timely fashion. There is nothing fun about picking downed corn!

Soybeans: Pods appear to be filling well on all of the beans that I have looked at. Many of the bean fields in the area are in the late reproductive stages, some early season beans are starting to turn as they reach maturity. Soybean aphids are present in many fields, but none have been found at economic threshold levels. I am not too concerned with first planted beans and the aphid pressure, but we need to keep an eye on the late planted/double crop beans for increasing soybean aphid populations. Cooler temps can allow the soybean aphid to double its population in just a matter of days.

The root diseases I mentioned last month are really starting to show up in fields all through the river valley. Cooler temps, wet/water logged soils, and high humidity have allowed these diseases to spread quickly. Unfortunately there is very little one can do to stop these diseases from spreading. There have been reports of soybean rust found in Arkansas and SE Missouri; I do not think that rust will be an issue in this area this year, as most of the beans will be far enough along in maturity to warrant any type of treatment.

Grain Sorghum: I think all will agree that the milo crop this year just needs some heat units to help with late head emergence and grain fill. I hope all get some soon. Keep in mind; you can use glyphosate (round up) as a harvest aide when the grain reaches 30% to help the milo plant dry down and allow for a quicker harvesting time.

Alfalfa: Now is the time to start evaluating your stands. If you have less than 4 crowns per square foot, with less than 40 stems per square foot, and root scores on average of less than 3: your yield and quality may be decreasing enough that you should consider replacing your alfalfa crop with another crop that can return you more profit potential per acre. If your stand is still highly productive, now is the time to take soil samples to determine the nutrients needed for next years production and have them applied this fall.

Brome: For tall fescue and smooth brome grass pastures, phosphorus (P) and potassium (K) should be applied in the late summer or fall, along with a light application of nitrogen (N). In cool-season grass hay meadows, where producers may only want to make one application of fertilizer each year, a late-fall N, P, K application should be considered. Phosphorus will help the grass 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. P and K rates should be based on soil tests.

Don't forget about taking care of your weeds in the wheat stubble, and getting soil samples pulled before your start planting wheat. 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. Have a safe harvest season!



WATTS BOX

Now that we are ending August, the time has come to think about wheat planting. We have stock ordered quite a bit of wheat seed already, and it will be coming in soon. We will be handling Postrock, Fuller, Dominator, Karl 92, Sante Fe, and Art in 50# bags. We will also have 2137 and a blend of Art/Postrock/Fuller in bulk @ Manhattan. Please let us know if you need anything special variety wise or if you need some in minibulks. Call your nearest location for pricing and availability. P.S. Don't forget the seed treatment on your bulk seed!!!! Thanks for all your support this year! 785-313-1644

ENERGY DEPARTMENT – By Chad Christiansen

Well the month of August has flown by and Harvest is almost upon us. We are making a large oil order and topping off RFD tanks in anticipation of your energy needs in the upcoming months. We have noticed some brisk mornings in late August and it's still a little early to talk about blending tanks but we want to be on the offensive instead of the defensive this year. You may call in and visit with myself or Ken about when a good time for your tank to be blended up. Depending on your usage it may be as soon as the middle of October, but we want to have all tanks blended by mid November at the latest. I say this only to put the thought in the back of your mind, as you all

will be very busy in the months to follow. You may check filters in the next couple of weeks for water as well.

Some of you may have already heard I have accepted a position with Cenex as an Energy Sales Account Manager in Inver Grove Heights MN. This opportunity will bring me and my family new career goals, exciting challenges, and warmer clothes. I have very much enjoyed working with all of you during my time here. My position will be filled by Jerry Fenske, in mid September. Jerry has an extensive background in C-Store Sales and



Marketing. Fenske is a high energy young man and we have no doubt he will fit in great with you growers and commercial customers alike. Again, thank you for your business! (GOOD LUCK IN MINNESOTA CHAD!)