



Farmers Co-op Assoc.



Forest City - Leland - Kiester - Buffalo Center - Winnebago

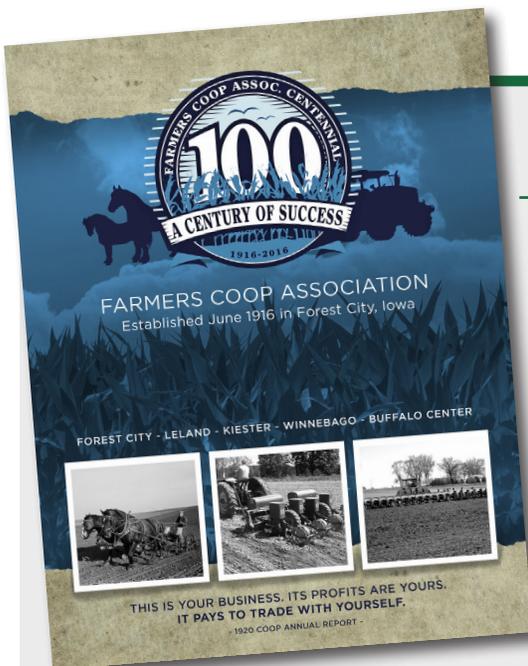
100 Years Saluting Agriculture Every Day!



IT'S A CELEBRATION IN FOREST CITY

- Train Rides** Noon, 2:00 pm, or 4:00 pm
Advance tickets required. Arrive 30 minutes early. Free will donation received and given to Forest City Food Bank, Relay for Life, and Dollars for Scholars.
- Old Fashioned Games** 2:00 to 7:00 pm in the Coop parking lot
- Square Dancers** 3:00 pm in the Coop parking lot
- Adult Beverages** 4:00 to 10:00 pm in the Coop parking lot
- Supper** 5:00 to 7:00 pm in the Coop parking lot
Serving pork chops or sirloin steaks, baked potato, green beans, dinner roll, ice cream treats. Members should pick up meal tickets at any of our offices by June 20.
- Something Country** 6:30 to 10:30 pm in Coop parking lot

We have been planning this day for over a year and invite you to spend this milestone with us. Bring your family and let's make history together! **Your business and support over the past 100 years makes this celebration one to honor our past, but more important look forward to the future!**



100TH ANNIVERSARY BOOKLET

Long-time Coop member and past board president Riley Lewis, along with the Winnebago Historical Society and Leibbrand/Whiteis Research Center, have published an 80 page Farmers Coop Association historical booklet highlighting our 100 years of existence. The book covers personnel, finances, board of directors, facilities, newspaper ads, tornadoes, blizzards, and a section called "Farmers Helping Farmers" with pictures of neighbors helping friends harvest. The book will be free to all Class A members.

A limited amount of extra books will be available for \$15 until gone during the event.

BUCKLE UP!

Grain markets have been wild and not for the weak hearted the past 30 days. Basis is very wide on both corn and beans. New crop sales are double what the past five year average has been, showing customers don't trust this market. Corn rally is limited so sales are not as aggressive as beans. Markets have a repeated history of changing direction during summer holidays. By the time you read this, you will know if it has happened or might happen closer to the Fourth of July.

PUCKERBRUSH POWER PARADE ON JULY 16



Be sure to bring your camera and kids on July 16 as we will be heading the 2016 parade with some of the finest old time tractors over the past 80 years. We plan to start with your grandfathers' tractors of the 1930s and end up with today's modern tractors. It our way of showing the many visitors our pride in the Coop and producing food over the last 100 years. We are now taking reservations for those of you who have tractors you would like to drive in the parade. We want tractors from about every decade or so. Call now to see what slots are available!!

LAST CALL

Become a member by June 30 this year to get dividends on all your purchases from July 1 to June 30! It's the Coop way!

FOREST CITY

Address: 406 East K Street
Phone: 641-585-2814 or 800-483-6832
Fax: 641-585-2052

LELAND

Address: 609 B Street
Phone: 641-567-3341 or 888-676-7439
Fax: 641-567-3380

KIESTER

Address: 100 West Front Street
Phone: 507-294-3697 or 877-294-3697
Fax: 507-294-3540
Agronomy: 507-294-3427

WINNEBAGO

Address: 601 6th Avenue SE
Phone: 507-893-4800
Fax: 507-893-4305

BUFFALO CENTER

Address: 6401 Highway 9
Phone: 641-561-2800
Fax: 641-561-2216

DOWN AT THE CARDTROLS



Unleaded gas comes in octanes of 87, 89, or 91. Most vehicles will run well on the 87 and 89 with higher performance engines needing 91. We carry the 89 at the Cardtrols. Usually the higher octane, the better gas mileage. All octanes on the markets are priced differently so be sure to check octane levels when comparing prices. We carry only unleaded fuel at our Fuel Centers.

Summer driving season is upon us and each year is different in sales. Cardtrol winners for \$10 in Forest City are **Chad Gerdes, Stephanie Sahr, Charles Tweeten,** and **Square Yard** in Kiester. Our Pumpin It Back 2U recipients for this month are **Relay for Life** and **KTCC**.

SYMPATHIES

We extend our sympathies to the Roger Barber family in their recent loss. Roger worked at our Coop for many years and will always be remembered as a kind and gentle person whom all respected and liked.



Albert Boman

Last area farmer to farm totally with horses – 1972

JUNE DAIRY MONTH

Thanks to those who, multiple times a day, seven days a week, year around, attend to some very special animals who give us some very special products like milk, ice cream, cheese for those pizzas, and mac and cheese for the kids! Life at the table would be very dull without the efforts of our dairy people!



A CELEBRATION AND NEW GROWING SEASON

By Kingsley Johnson

We are rapidly approaching our 100 year celebration as a member owned Coop. It is due to the support of our members, dedicated past and present board members, and staff we are a successful cooperative. Be sure to come and celebrate with us on this special occasion. It looks to be a fun filled day! Without you, this would not be happening.

It is, once again, the time of year where we can look out and see crops growing in our fields. Planting progressed well in our area with most crops emerged. Rains have been gentle. Now we will have to see how the weather patterns emerge for the rest of the growing season. We are at the end of El Niño and transitioning into La Niña. This could bring us hotter and dryer weather in July and August. With our early planting, we could pollinate before the effects are too bad. All of this is hard to predict and we will have to wait and see what our weather is this summer.

The markets have rallied over the last two months with corn at seven month highs. Good exports, potential yield loss in South America, and the transition to La Niña from El Niño are some of the factors. Some are predicting less corn acres and more soybean acres when we get a final count on acres planted.

The Supply/Demand report is out June 10 and is expected to show production loss in South America. If less than predicted, markets could trend lower until anticipated weather problems become an issue.

LOOKING AHEAD WITH NEW OPPORTUNITIES

By Randy Main

I think we can officially say spring planting and spraying are behind us. Unfortunately, it got to be a little drawn out with the rain we received over the last 30 days. With adding in the cold temperature and frost, it's hard to believe the crop looks as good as it does.

The delay in spring has also delayed some of the improvements we wanted to roll out weeks ago. In the near future, you will start to see some new agronomy programs offered to you. These will include a multilayer approach of information and data collection to assist in building the best possible agronomy program. We will also be introducing some new services like the Nutra-Boss side dress application system, urea top dress application, tissue sampling, and a new crop scouting program that will link you and your field together with us.

As we move forward from here, we will be collecting information from you on what we can improve on here at the Coop. This will be one of the most important things we do over the next 30 days.

I will be setting up a regular time that I will be at each location on a weekly basis. This will make me available for any conversation you may want to have.

With that being said, I wish you all a safe and productive summer.

BLESSINGS FROM HEAVEN



	May 2016	May 2015
Forest City	4.53	4.19
Leland	3.54	4.39
Kiester	2.82	3.64
Buffalo Center	3.61	4.52

All of the above locations are showing heat degree units from 21 to 30 percent higher than the average up to this date.

PREPARING FOR VETERINARY FEED DIRECTIVES

By Mitch Thorson

The calendar is turning fast and in a few short months the new FDA rules will be in effect for feedmills and livestock producers. On January 1, 2017, Veterinary Feed Directives (VFDs) will be required for use of the following antibiotics: CTC, Tylan, Tylan-Sulfa, ASP 250, Lincomycin, Neomycin, and Pulmotil. There are others, but these are used in our mills. The rules apply to poultry, beef, and swine. Bovatec and Rumensin, both of which are used in cattle feeds, are ionophores and will NOT need a VFD when used by themselves. But when Bovatec is combined with CTC, or Rumensin combined with Tylan, they will need a VFD.

In the upcoming months, we will be having informational meetings and working with producers preparing for this big change. In the meantime, producers can begin preparing by working with us, their vet, and developing a plan without sacrificing health of their animals.