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101 Years Saluting Agriculture Every Day!

► OPERATION HARVEST HOPE

Last year, over \$46,000 worth of grain was donated by Farmers Coop Association members to local nonprofits through Harvest Hope. This is our eighth year of encouraging our farm families and corporations to share the blessings of their efforts by paying it forward to others in need. CPAs say this is the best way to maximize your giving dollars. Those receiving funds have been food banks, Relay for Life, churches, and many others. A few bushels combined with other farmers' can make a big difference in your community! Deadline is Thanksgiving!

► WINDS?

What is with these winds? Brutal would be the appropriate word for the constant barrage of winds over 25 mph. Combined with dropping temperatures, these winds give way to very little corn drying in the fields. Luckily, our stalks were strong so little field losses were experienced. Also with the winds and cold temps, dryers are running longer and harder to keep the temps at maximum efficiency. It's been a long time since our LP department has been this busy so please keep checking those tanks to avoid a shutdown. Also, make sure to do your daily dryer and combine maintenance. Corn under 18 percent out of the field is a rarity so far this fall.

► BOOK NOW, PAY LATER

Book your seed today with NO payment until March 15, 2018, AND receive full discounts!

How It Works:

- Book top yielding varieties
- Receive full cash, volume, and early pay discounts
- Applies to all FCA seed brands
- Mix-and-match corn and beans from all brands
- Payment in full due March 15, 2018



► HAVE A SAFE HARVEST

BY KINGSLEY JOHNSON

This harvest is proving to be a challenging one. The cool August delayed maturity of our crops and delayed the start of harvest. Weather conditions have also limited harvest at times. Most soybeans are harvested at this time as we move into corn harvest. Yields for corn appear to be excellent, although the moisture is higher than in years past. Prices seem to be range bound with few opportunities for sales.

As we work through this harvest season, please remember to be safe. During harvest traffic increases on the roads from farm equipment which is moving between fields and grain hauling equipment. As we travel down the roads, drive at a safe speed, be sure all warning lights are working and visible. Slow down when meeting another vehicle. On farm equipment, inspect the hitch to be sure it is properly connected and all safety chains are attached. Work safely and don't take shortcuts that could cause injury.

According to the National Ag Safety Database, fatal crash rates in most rural counties are nearly double what they are in urban counties. Some facts from the database:

- Rural crashes are more frequent, more severe and more likely to cause death than urban crashes.
- Tractors are involved in a majority of crashes and rollovers on rural roadways.
- Tractors are getting faster. Some travel up to 45 mph.



► FARM STORAGE

If you are storing corn on your farm, be sure to look at the 30 cent difference between today's prices and next July on the board. The market is screaming "store." There are two ways commonly to do that. Buy a July 2018 put or sell the July 2018 corn futures. Another way is just to look at the July 2018 cash delivered price at our coop and sign the contract! See Randy or Kingsley for details.

► FAREWELL JAMIE

Jamie Jones, sales and marketing manager with Farmers Coop Association, took a new position with another company. Her last day with FCA is November 3, 2017. We thank Jamie for her work with us and wish her well with her new endeavors.



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▶ DOWN AT THE CARDTROLS



Winners of free fuel this month are **Roy and Sheila Gelhaus, CR Holland Crane Service, and Matt D. Swanson** from our Forest City location and **Robert Wilde** from Kiester.

Pumpin It Back 2 U recipients in November will be the **Forest City Food Bank and Kiester Historical Society**.

▶ YOU'RE INVITED

Annual FCA Grower Meeting

Please join Farmers Coop Association for our annual grower meeting on **Thursday, November 30, 2017**, at The Branding Iron (Roundup Room) in Thompson.

We look forward to sharing insights on plant nutrition and grain markets as well as an update from the FCA Agronomy

▶ FROM THE FEED DEPARTMENT

BY MITCH THORSON

Corn harvest is in full swing and it appears to be an abundant one. Concerns a couple months ago about quantity and quality are quickly disappearing. Over 200 bushels per acre with good test weight is certainly good news for livestock producers. Mycotoxin concerns reported in the south and east do not appear to be a concern in north central Iowa and southern Minnesota. But we will continue to monitor feedstuffs closely for the benefit of both our producers' livestock well-being and to help comply with new FDA regulations coming on board. We have purchased, with the help of Hubbard Feeds, a test kit for mycotoxins. We will be able to spot monitor corn, soybean meal, and DDGs with an inhouse rapid test. Now if Mother Nature would just cooperate with grain producers on getting this big crop harvested and stored.

Projections for livestock, especially cattle, have looked extremely favorable recently. With an abundant supply of lower cost grains, it might be an opportunity for established livestock producers to lock in profits or for a producer with empty yards to "walk their grain off the farm." See the guys at Leland or Kiester for projections on profitability and advice on feeding and care for your livestock.

We hope all have a safe harvest and a Happy Thanksgiving this month.



Photo Credit: United Soybean Board

▶ TWO WEEK BENDERS

This year will be known as the year of Mother Nature's Two Week Benders. Her timing for farming has not been the best. For example, around May 12 she delivered a two week rain delay with bean planting finally finishing Memorial Day followed by cool weather. Then the first two weeks of July she delivered over 100 degree heat indices with little or no rain for pollination. Her latest episode is the beginning October two week rain delay with near six inches of rain (normal is 3.2 inches) for which we still feeling the aftermath. Luckily, rivers were very low which help field tiles drain faster helping to dry the soils. As we wrap up October, she has slammed farmers again with two weeks of cold, winds, and wetness!! Normal weather would be nice for a change.

▶ WINNEBAGO COUNTY CROP FAIR

Sponsored by Iowa Corn Growers Association and Farmers Coop Association

December 5, 2017

9:00 am to 1:30 pm

The Branding Iron, 135 Jackson Street, Thompson

The FREE crop fair is designed to give you direct access to timely information that can help make your operation more profitable.

RSVPs are appreciated by November 28 to FCA by calling 641-585-2814.

AGENDA

- 9:00 am DOT Rules and Regulations Update, *Officer Dan Nelson, Iowa DOT*
- 11:00 am State and Federal Legislative Update for Corn Farmers, *Mindy Larson Poldberg, Director of Government Relations, Iowa Corn Growers Association*
- 12:00 pm Lunch (*free to all crop fair attendees*)
- 12:45 pm Increasing Corn Demand through the Checkoff, *Alex Buck, Industrial Innovation Manager, Iowa Corn Growers Association*

▶ RESULTS ARE IN! FCA TEST PLOTS

FOREST CITY SOYBEAN PLOT

PLANTED: MAY 15, 2017

HARVESTED: OCTOBER 19, 2017

RANK	BRAND	VARIETY	MOISTURE	YIELD
1	LG	C2255R2	11.4	73.5
2	Kruger	K2X-2442	11.8	71.6
3	Stine	18RI32	11.3	71.3
4	Cornelius	CB23X00	11.4	70.8
5	LG	C1917R2	11.5	70.1

WINNEBAGO SOYBEAN PLOT

PLANTED: MAY 16, 2017

HARVESTED: OCTOBER 25, 2017

RANK	BRAND	VARIETY	MOISTURE	YIELD
1	Cornelius	CB19R71	11.5	68.2
2	Stine	14RD62	11.5	65.4
3	Cornelius	CB20R44	11.7	64.1
4	Stine	20RD20	11.6	63.1
5	Producers Hybrids	2204NR2	11.3	62.0

See full results at each of our offices.



Happy Thanksgiving!