

GILMAN CO-OP CREAMERY MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



NOVEMBER 2024

A NOTE FROM THE CORNER OFFICE,

Wow! In the blink of an eye, we are talking about colder, than we would like to see, temps and snow! I hope everyone has had a safe harvest so far this fall and continues to have a safe and bountiful harvest. Even though everyone farming was thrown a curve ball this season with lower-than-expected yields, there is still a lot to be thankful for!

Things to keep in mind: As much as we hate even thinking about the 2025 crop year, we need to start planning! I know it's hard, but in today's world, there are a fair amount of uncertainties. Herbicides for example are one that we just don't have all the answers for! We do know that they will be up 10%-14%! If we can get them! So, let us help you with your seed, herbicide, and fertilizer needs to ease the stress of "what if". Fertilizer is definitely one you are going to want to get taken care of sooner rather than later. Give Travis or Jeremiah a call at Mille Lacs Soil Service to help you get your next year secured! (320) 294-5511.

Don't forget, we also will forward contract corn and soybeans, which includes forwarding contracting commodities in your feed mixes as well! If you have questions please give me a call at (320) 387-2770. Bryant Johnson from ADM (320) 221-4101, Katie Nelson from Purina (320) 290-5136, or Jerry Schroden (320) 290-2846 can help too! I want to thank everyone who has helped to make this fall a good one!

Thank you all for all that you do to make the Gilman Co-op Creamery a great place - you all make our little world go around here! Don't forget to stop in and check out our Black Friday deals along with all of our monthly sales going on, we will see you at 6:00am on Black Friday! Thank you again!

Happy Thanksgiving!
Adam Bonovsky

EVENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, & DATES

MON. NOVEMBER 11TH

Veteran's Day

THU. NOVEMBER 28TH

Thanksgiving
Store CLOSED

FRI. NOVEMBER 29TH

Black Friday
Store OPEN - 6:00am

SAT. DECEMBER 7TH

Santa Day
11:00am - 1:00pm

FSA DATES, DEADLINES, & MESSAGES

In October, FSA processed 2023 ARC-County program payments. The payment rates for our area are Benton County, Non-irrigated corn, paid \$60.17/acre, and Mille Lacs County, Wheat, paid \$21.79/acre. Payments were also earned in Morrison and Sherburne Counties for some crops.

The Price Loss Coverage (PLC) program for 2023 did not generate payments as the actual marketing price for 2023 was over the established reference price for all base crops in our county.

In early November, the County Committee election cycle will begin for FSA. Eligible voters will be mailed ballots that must be returned by December 2, 2024. In our counties, we have two elections taking place. LAA 1 consists of Mille Lacs County townships Page, Hayland, and all townships north of them. There is one candidate for election, Dustin Hoeck. LAA 4 consists of Benton County townships St. George and Glendorado and Mille Lacs County townships Milo and Greenbush. There are two candidates for election, Amber Britz and Michael Traut. If you are in these areas, please take the time to vote for your local representative on the FSA County Committee.

"The customer always comes first and deserves
the utmost respect."

- Adam Bonovsky, Manager

A WORD WITH RYLEE,

It doesn't feel real but we are heading into the winter and holiday season! The team and I would like to wish you a Happy Thanksgiving to all of our patrons! We hope that you get to spend time with the ones you love most! Gilman Creamery has so many things to be thankful for but the most important one is YOU! We could not be here without you! The staff has put together an incredible lineup for Black Friday this year and it doesn't stop at the flyer so be sure to add us to your Black Friday Shopping plans!

We look forward to seeing you for our Santa Day event on December 7th. It is always so fun to see everyone's reaction when they see Santa. As always, thank you for your support and patronage!

FROM THE FINANCIAL TEAM,

Happy fall! Harvest season is still so very busy for many! That being said, if you have grain to sell or move yet this year, we can purchase now and defer until 2025. Give us a call if you have questions!

As we near the closing of 2024 (It's crazy how fast the time flies!) we will be reviewing accounts and making sure balances are current. If you are behind at all, contact us to discuss. We'd like to see some of those accounts where they should be before the time comes. We understand life happens and sometimes things get away from us. We certainly can work with you, but we need to be able to communicate with you.

Judy + Joe

Thank You For Your Patronage!

-TEAM GILMAN

Katie Nelson; Purina

Livestock Production Specialist

November is when a lot of cows find themselves grazing stockpiled pastures or crop residue. Especially with the fall weather, grazing is still very much going on. However, in both of those cases, additional protein should be added to the diet to help further digest the forages. Offering a protein tub while either grazing stockpiled pastures or corn stocks will help tremendously to utilize the most out of those forages. This is also the cheapest time of the year to build back body condition scores because we are not fighting the cold and snow. I will gladly come out to body condition score your cow herd and help you make a plan to get them back in shape. The goal is to have the herd at a minimum of 5. Whether you are weaning and backgrounding your calves or feeding cows, reach out to have a diet put together to help you feed them the cheapest so you can take full advantage of the record prices we are experiencing.

On the dairy side, winter prep can be a make or break time period for raising calves. Healthy calves should thrive no matter what the weather. We have a new hire, Ben, that is specializing in dairies and specifically calves. He would love to help you weigh your calves to benchmark them against industry standards and help you make a plan to strategize to reach your goals. Calf Starter should be offered right away as intakes can start at just a couple of days old. When feeding the Amplifier Max milk replacer, there is a palatant (a flavor enhancer that improves the taste, smell, texture, or appearance of food to make it more appealing) that is the same as in the Ampli-Calf Starter, this helps drive the starter intake sooner. Ben can help talk through different options to best fit your operation's goals. Also, it never is too late to do a bedding check in your huts. If you kneel down and your knee is wet, they need to have more clean dry bedding added. Also, the bedding should be deep enough that they can nestle into it. And please don't forget your calf jackets. You can reach Ben at 320-248-0436.

Good luck with deer hunting!

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