

# GILMAN CO-OP CREAMERY MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



## JANUARY 2025

### A NOTE FROM THE CORNER OFFICE,

Just like that 2024 is behind us and we welcome 2025 with open arms! I hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas and is looking forward to the New Year, we are very excited for 2025!

Although there are still a lot of uncertainties, we will all manage to get through these. Let us help! From feed, seed, herbicide, or fertilizer, we can help! Give us a call at (320) 387-2770.

Don't forget to check out the great deals and products we have coming into the store this year! We can not wait!

One last thing, Thank You! Our employees are truly grateful to you! Over 2024 we got to celebrate all of our years of service after completing our 100th year in business back in 2023, I know that seems like forever ago! We are excited to celebrate many more years of service. Not a single year wouldn't be possible without our amazing patrons, both new and old!

Looking for a new career in the New Year? Our friends over at Mille Lacs Soil Service Association in Foreston, are looking for a full time agronomist/salesman. Bonus opportunities and benefits are included! In this position, you are expected to understand crop needs, soil control, and soil management, and use market analysis to better serve local growers! It will be your responsibility to develop more effective and efficient grower practices using your agronomic knowledge and leadership. You will spend your time forming relationships and partnerships with the local community while serving their crop needs! Some requirements apply, stop in to apply or call for more details!

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Have a blessed New Year, and we can't wait to help you!  
Adam Bonovsky

### EVENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, & DATES

#### WED. JANUARY 1ST

New Year's Day  
Store CLOSED



### FSA DATES, DEADLINES, & MESSAGES

FSA is currently administering the Marketing Assistance for Specialty Crops (MASC) program. The deadline to apply is Wednesday, January 8, 2025. Eligible producers will need to provide the revenue from their specialty crops for either 2023 or 2024. Specialty crops include fruits, vegetables, honey, Christmas trees, maple sap, and more! If you grow and commercially market these crops or know someone that does, please contact the office as soon as possible!



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With Us!



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

- Adam Bonovsky, Manager

## A WORD WITH RYLEE,

Just like that, the year is over and we are ready to celebrate the year 2025. The year 2024 was such an exciting time for us and 2025 will be even better! The team and I would like to extend a sincere thank you to all of our customers and patrons for making this year possible! We are so blessed to be a part of such a supportive community.

## FROM THE FINANCIAL TEAM,

Happy New Year! As we start off the New Year, let us remind you, if you require any information from last year (yes, 2024 is now last year!), feel free to call Adam, Rylee, or the financial team at (320) 387-2770. We can get you your year-end information, grain assembly sheet information, milk production reports, or if you have any questions about your account.

Remember that we can also set up automatic payment at the end of each month so you no longer need to write those checks! Give us a call for details. Not interested in autopay? You can also pay your bill online using our website [www.gilmancreamery.com](http://www.gilmancreamery.com). Scan the QR code below with your smartphone camera to pay your bill today!

FIND THE RED BUTTON  
THAT SAYS 'BILL PAY' !



*Thank You For Your Patronage!*

**-TEAM GILMAN**

**Ben Wuebkers**

**Livestock Production Specialist; Purina**

**PROTECTING YOUR FUTURE INVESTMENT**

With the New Year here, many people start setting goals and have ambitions to make this year better than the last. There are many variables that will affect your operation. By working on the controllable this will move things into the right direction.

It's no surprise how valuable calves are in today's market. With beef herd numbers at historic lows and a shortage of dairy replacements to meet demand, producers are facing a difficult situation. Given the current trends of the market, calf management is crucial for financial returns and herd development. Producers can utilize a few strategies to raise healthy calves to ensure success.

Calf health starts with managing pregnant cows. To ensure a successful pregnancy, nutrition is a top priority. Providing a structured diet with key minerals for pregnant cows is crucial. The key minerals are passed to the calf via the umbilical cord and become present in the colostrum. Implementing a vaccination program for the pregnant cow can lessen the chances of a compromised calf. A clean pen with fresh bedding prior to calving can help decrease the chances of infections or diseases. Placing down lime in a freshly cleaned pen will make a more alkaline environment thus harder for the pathogens to multiply.

Young calves need a clean and draft free environment for optimal growth. Providing a clean pen with adequate space and fresh bedding minimizes stress and improves immunity. Newborn calves should be wiped dry with a towel before being exposed to cold temperatures. Calf warmers and heat lamps should be used with caution not to overheat the calf. Calves are born with very little body fat and providing them with an optimal environment is their best chance to survive.

Colostrum is the first food source to provide passive immunity protection for a healthy calf. At birth, calves should receive high-quality colostrum within 1 to 2 hours of birth and again 12 hours later. If feeding a colostrum replacer, be sure to feed it at 102 degrees. This will encourage calves to drink from a bottle or cause the least amount of shock to the calf if using a tube feeder.

Cleaning calf equipment is crucial for maintaining calf health and preventing the spread of disease. Routine cleaning of feeding equipment, buckets, colostrum collection pails, hoses and mixing utensils promotes optimal calf care. Use designated cleaning tools for calf equipment to prevent cross contamination with other equipment in the barn.

Raising calves is an investment in the future, however, strategic calf management can lead to substantial returns and position producers for long-term success. If you have any questions, we will be more than welcome to help. I am looking forward to meeting more of you throughout this coming year.