

GILMAN CO-OP CREAMERY MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



MARCH 2025

A NOTE FROM THE CORNER OFFICE,

As we leave February and enter into March, Mother Nature has reminded us that she will never let us know just what she is thinking! Hopefully, we get an adequate amount of moisture to start the 2025 crop year! With spring on the horizon, we will be contacting those of you who pre-ordered seed to let you know that we will be delivering seed just as soon as we can! We also carry seed on hand for all types of crops. Even if you didn't pre-order, we have you covered!

The grain markets have hit a stumbling block at this point. We can help you move your grain. Whether it's hauling to the Coop or hauling to a different grain terminal, we can do it!

March is the Annual Meeting month! Mark your calendars for March 19th.

Do you know of someone looking for part-time or full-time work? Are they looking for flexible hours? Tell them to see us! We are hiring for seasonal help! Whatever the desire may be, have them stop by the Gilman Creamery to fill out an application! We have space for almost everyone!

Last but not least, as I start my 25th year here at the Gilman Coop, I think of all the great friendships I have made over the years! I have only all of you customers to thank for that! For that, I say thank you! Thank you for all your business and support over the years! A lot of you have touched my life and inspired me to help make the Coop what it is today! I definitely couldn't do this without all of you and my great staff! Again, thank you!

May God bless you all the spring with a safe start to the 2025 season!

Adam

EVENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, & DATES

PURINA COW/CALF MEETING

Monday, March 10th
6:30pm
Pierz Ballroom

GILMAN CREAMERY ANNUAL SHAREHOLDER'S MEETING

Wednesday, March 19th
Lunch Served 11:30am, Meeting to Follow
Sts. Peter & Paul Church Basement

ADM SHOW PREP CLINIC

Thursday, April 3rd
6:00pm
Gilman Co-op Creamery Conference Room

FSA DATES, DEADLINES, & MESSAGES

FSA has some fast-approaching deadlines we want to ensure everyone is meeting.

March 15th: NAP coverage on annual spring-seeded vegetable crops and pasture deadline

March 31st: DMC registration deadline

April 15th: ARC/PLC election and enrollment deadline.

Please contact the office to complete any paperwork before the deadlines!



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

- Adam Bonovsky, Manager

A WORD WITH RYLEE,

The show season is fast approaching which means for many of you, you have already started your livestock on their show ration! If you are looking to purchase show feeds or supplements with us this year, we want to know now so we are able to have those products in stock for you! Please reach out to myself or Todd to get the feed you need to keep your livestock's gut healthy during show season! Our feed representatives possess a wealth of knowledge and many of them also have breed experts in their back pocket, so if we don't have the answer, we will find someone that does! Also, if there is any tack or grooming equipment that you need, please let us know that as well! We are here to serve YOU!

FROM THE FINANCIAL TEAM,

And just like that, we are already in March! We sure enjoyed the rising temps here at the end of February and hope it continues through March!

Here in March comes our Annual Shareholder's Meeting and lunch. It will be at Sts. Peter and Paul Church basement in Gilman on March 19th. Be sure to join us for lunch, the financial report, and to pick up your dividend check. If you aren't able to join us, you can grab your check at the Gilman Creamery. All checks that aren't picked up by March 31st will be mailed out.

Judy + Joe

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3-With calves valued at record highs, creep can be a tool to add pounds to your calf crop. Intakes and length of time on creep are the biggest factors to having a successful creep program. Contact anyone from our team to go through a projection specific to your operation. Early projections are showing there can be a big added profit by having a creep program.

4- Please remember that Gilman Coop takes part in the 6-4-0 program that offers 0% interest for up to 6 months on cattle feeds. This program works great for summer mineral and creep, as it gives you the opportunity to sell your calves before having to pay for it.

One last note, if you and your family are planning to show a goat, lamb, beef, or a pig at the county fair, please keep in mind that the Gilman Coop has access to all of the Honor Show Chow and High Octane products for all species! I am available to come look at your project and help you out with which products would be of fit. Please watch for spring/summer offers to come on the Honor Show Chow and High Octane products.

For our cow/calf producers, we are hosting our Annual Cow/Calf Meeting on March 10th at the Pierz Ballroom. We plan to start at 6:30pm and will provide dinner. We welcome you to join us and discuss with our special guests, Dr. Amy Radunz; Purina, speaking about closing the gaps after calving, and Stephen Kohl from Central Life Science speaking about how you can make fly control work for you. We will also have Purina mineral booking details available as well. We hope that we can see you there! To secure your spot, RSVP by March 5th!

Thank You For Your Patronage!

-TEAM GILMAN

Katie Nelson

Purina; Livestock Production Specialist

SPRING CALVING SEASON

As we leave February and enter into March, what a break from winter we have had lately! As we all know, winter is far from over! Couple things to keep in mind heading into spring before calving season really kicks in!

1-In order for a cow to keep her calving interval to every 365 days, she must conceive by day 83 after calving. Once calving occurs, her requirements go up by 15 to 25%. This impacts milk production, and the ability to be rebred in a timely manner. Research recommends that cows are in a BCS 6 at calving. For cows that are a 6, 98% have showed estrus at day 40, 90% being confirmed PG. When a cow drops to a BCS 5, 80% were in estrus by day 40 and only 65% confirmed PG. Diets need to be adjusted post calving. Adjusting diets and supplements at the correct times play a huge role in setting the cow and the calf up for long term success.

2-Once a cow consumes fly control mineral, it functions through the manure. Insect Growth Regulator (IGR) passes through the cow and into the manure where horn flies lay their eggs. IGR breaks the horn flies life cycle in the manure by preventing the pupae from developing into biting adult flies. Feeding fly control before flies arrive and feeding post the first frost is critical to set up the environment and prevents the flies from overwintering in the pupal stage. Having a mineral that the cows eat consistently is the most critical part of any feed through fly control program. US Cattle industry estimates it loses \$1 billion annually due to horn flies. W&R mineral specials on loose and tubs going on now!

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As always, please call me at 320-290-5136, if you have any questions!