

GILMAN CO-OP CREAMERY MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



APRIL 2025

A NOTE FROM THE CORNER OFFICE,

April... in like a lion this year! Hopefully, things will turn out soon! Spring will be on its way! That being said, we have all your spring seed needs. Pre-ordered seed is starting to come in! We appreciate everyone's help to take that seed just as soon as you can as we are very short on space. If you have questions or concerns regarding your spring seed, chemical, or fertilizer, please do not hesitate to reach out to me.

Need fertilizer? Give Mille Lacs Soil Service a call to get the final touches on your fertilizer and herbicide needs! Travis, Ryan, and Jeremiah will be glad to help you through all of your spring needs. The crew at Mille Lacs Soil Service are more than qualified and ready to make your planting season a success! 320-294-5511.

Thank you all once again for all that you do to help make your co-op successful! I'd like to thank those who attended and helped host our Annual Meeting, we always appreciate those who attend and offer their valued remarks and questions! Speaking of, if you qualified for a dividend check from the 2024 fiscal year, they have been mailed out and will be to your mailbox in no time!

Looking for a career change? We are hiring! We have openings for both part-time and full-time milk truck drivers. We are looking for hardworking, motivated, and friendly individuals to join our team. Does this apply to you? Stop-in to apply or call us for more details! We are always looking for the right people to join our family here!

Please let me know if there is anything I can help with!

Thanks again,
Adam Bonovsky

EVENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, & DATES

GOOD FRIDAY

Friday, April 18th
Store OPEN 7:30am - 3:00pm

EASTER

Sunday, April 20th
Store CLOSED

FSA DATES, DEADLINES, & MESSAGES

The deadline for ARC/PLC enrollment is Tuesday, April 15th. If you picked up any new land, please provide the lease agreement or ownership papers before this deadline to ensure you are enrolled in the program.

Emergency Commodity Assistance Program (ECAP) is now open. It is a direct payment based on your 2024 crops reported on your FSA-578. Applications will be mailed, but you can request to sign up via digital signature or by coming into the office. The deadline is August 15, 2025.



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

- Adam Bonovsky, Manager

A WORD WITH RYLEE,

As crazy as it is, we are already a quarter of the way through the year and finding ourselves gearing up for the spring rush!

If you are a patron that banks corn, soybeans, or oats with us and are unsure of how many bushel you have left in your bank, don't hesitate to call! As a reminder, those banks need to stay at a positive number. If you are nearing zero and have more to bring in, please let me know!

We wish you and your loved ones a joyful and blessed Easter!

As always, we appreciate your business more than you know!
THANK YOU!

FROM THE FINANCIAL TEAM,

Thank you all for attending our Annual Meeting! It was great seeing all your faces! For those of you who did not pick up your 2024 dividend check, they have been mailed out and will arrive soon if it hasn't already! That being said, to qualify for a dividend check, you must 1. Spend a qualifying amount of money under your account on hardware, feed, etc. (groceries not included) this monetary value changes each year based on sales made throughout the fiscal year, and 2. You must have a valid SSN or Tax ID Number on file. If you qualify for a dividend check at the end of the fiscal year, please remember that if you owe an outstanding balance to the Creamery, your check will be applied to that balance before it is handed off to you.

As we are well into our upcoming spring season, please stop by the store if you are in need of an updated ST-3 Tax Form. On the topic of taxes, please remember that tires, fencing, and gates are all taxable by the State of Minnesota. We do have an updated list of taxable items at our front counter for viewing if you're questioning something.

Judy + Joe

Thank You For Your Patronage!

-TEAM GILMAN

Jerry Schroden

Gilman Coop Creamery; Feed Department Sales

Spring is here and field work is just around the corner. For those of us that have livestock that we raise feed for, we need to figure out a final cropping plan. That needs to be done now.

Considerations for producers with dairy cows should revolve around a full year of feeding needs, with minimal change in the overall diet. Things like running out of silages in the heat of summer are not good, and not having real tasty forages to feed during the short winter days to encourage keeping intakes up when cows naturally want to eat less should be part of crop planning. Protein needs of a dairy cow are the first limiter in milk production, but should not be the only decider. Today's 100 pounds and over high producing cows have total calories available in their diet as their final production limiter. Tasty feeds with a high calorie count can be supplemented with purchased protein to maintain higher production.

Cow calf producers have a different set of needs but items to consider need to revolve around two important facts. Fact number one is, the cheapest way to feed a calf is with the cow's milk, and fact number two is, the most fertile and productive cows have a body score of five or six in the fall before they go into their winter maintenance mode. To achieve this we need to have a good supply of tasty high calorie feed stuffs in the fall to help the cows regain body condition lost during the summer from high milk production. In the spring we want higher protein and more calories in feeds for the cow after she calves so she can provide plentiful amounts of milk to feed her calf.

For those of us that put animals to pasture, we need to deworm and begin feed through fly control before sending animals to pasture. Doing so limits the deposition of fresh worm eggs on pasture and prevents the emergence of early season flies from fresh manure. This gives us a huge head start on season long parasite control. Another tip for pastured animals is younger, growing grasses are high in protein, calories, and flavor. This increases intakes, milk production, and gains. Grasses that are headed out have low protein and low flavor. Cutting off weeds and headed out grasses gives tasty regrowth to the grasses and encourages cattle to graze the entire pasture rather than overgraze the short grass areas.