

GILMAN CO-OP CREAMERY MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



MARCH 2026

A NOTE FROM THE CORNER OFFICE,

As we leave February and enter 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. 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.

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

As spring approaches, don't forget our Agronomy team at Mille Lacs Soil Service. Being prepared with fields and blends is a great way to help make both the plant and your farm as efficient as possible.

March is the month of our Annual Shareholders' Meeting. Mark your calendars for Wednesday, March 18th.

Last but not least, as I start my 25th year here at the Gilman Creamery, I think of all the great friendships I have made over the years! I have only all of you 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 Creamery 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 this spring with a safe start to the 2026 season!

Adam Bonovksy

EVENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, & DATES

ADM SHOW ANIMAL MEETING

Monday, March 9 - 5:30PM

ANNUAL SHAREHOLDERS' MEETING

Wednesday, March 18
12:00PM - Sts. Peter & Paul Church

FSA DATES, DEADLINES, & MESSAGES

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With Us!



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

- Adam Bonovksy, Manager

FROM THE FINANCIAL TEAM,

Happy March! Let's hope it comes in and out like a lamb!

Of course, with March comes our Annual Shareholders' Meeting and lunch. It will be hosted at the Sts. Peter & Paul Church here in Gilman. Be sure to join us for lunch, hear the financial report of 2025, and pick up your dividend check. If you aren't able to join us, we will have the checks available to pick up at the store after March 18th. We will mail out all remaining checks after about a week or so!

Reminder to our patrons, if you plan on sending us some mail, please remember to use our PO Box in the address. Mail not addressed with the PO Box has been, and will be returned to the sender and not delivered to us.

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Judy + Joe

Thank You For Your Patronage!

-TEAM GILMAN

BRYANT JOHNSON

ADM; Commercial Dairy Specialist

SPRING IS ALMOST HERE!

With spring around the corner, our cow calf producers are dropping calves, and the spring milk flush is upon us. We have a continued surge in live cattle prices, along with feeder calf prices going up, up, up. Cow calf net profits are going to be over \$1100 shortly, while feedlot margins tightened, but now cash markets have increased again, widening that margin. On the flip side, our dairy farmers have had a tough time. Butterfat prices have declined substantially, but recently butterfat has been rebounding. The 5-year median butterfat price is \$2.57/lb, and recent projections are looking like \$2.25-2.50/lb is possible, which would be a welcome sight!

For now, dairy farms are making their money in the beef business, selling calves and cull cows. If you're in the dairy business, cow calf business, or feedlot business, those calves and feeders are at such a premium that reducing illness and death loss must be paramount. In the calf world, that starts with colostrum. Getting high quality colostrum and enough of it into your calves is step one. Easier said than done. Your timing of vaccination plays a big role in the passive immunity your calves receive through colostrum. Work with your vet to make sure you're getting the most out of your vaccine program. That timing can improve the quality of colostrum, and so can the trace minerals you're feeding. Higher quality trace minerals have been shown to improve IGG serum levels in your calves by over 40%. That means improved immunity in your calves and fewer treated calves. Pay attention to body condition. Cows that are under conditioned or over conditioned can produce lower quality colostrum. Cows prone to mastitis typically produce low quality colostrum. If you have the ability, freeze high quality colostrum or use a bagged colostrum replacer to feed calves out of these cows. Lastly, a high-quality diet will also improve colostrum quality. These diets will vary depending on beef, dairy, breed, and management ability, so work with your nutritionist to get the most out of your diet!

Please reach out if I can help and take care of those calves!

Bryant Johnson