

# GILMAN CO-OP CREAMERY MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



## MAY 2026

### A NOTE FROM THE CORNER OFFICE,

Thank you all for your patronage!

April showers bring May flowers, but what did the early April snow bring? Besides, a shock to the system? On the brighter side of things, the forecast looks promising! There is so much to look forward to with spring here! We are ready for all your spring needs here at the Coop! We have all of your seed needs covered from plants, veggies, small grains, forages, corn, soybeans, and food plot seed! Our knowledgeable staff is here to help you with whatever you're looking for!

Don't forget the fertilizer! We have several different types to fit your every need in this department! We have bags for the lawn, food plot, garden, and even your crops! If you're looking for bulk fertilizer, give our sister company a call for all of your crop needs! Mille Lacs Soil Service Assn. (320) 294-5511. Their friendly staff will help in any way possible!

Thank you again to all of you who make our little world go around! We appreciate your business very much!

Happy Mother's Day to all the mothers out there!

As we head into the fields here soon, please remember to be safe! Whether you're putting in long hours or driving on the roads with those people, be safe! All of your loved ones want you to come home every night!

Have a safe and productive spring!

Adam Bonovsky

### EVENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, & DATES

#### MOTHER'S DAY

Sunday, May 10

#### MEMORIAL DAY

Monday, May 25 - Store CLOSED

### FSA DATES, DEADLINES, & MESSAGES

As 2026 planting is underway, we want to remind farmers that your certification maps are printed and can be picked up at the office or emailed out to you if you want to complete them as you go along.

Please swing into the office or call ahead so we can have them prepared for pickup. When you are done planting, please make a point to come and certify your acres as soon as possible to avoid the last-minute rush that always happens in July. You'll be happy to have this annual task completed early!

2025 corn and soybeans that are currently stored are still eligible for FSA's Marketing Assistance Loans (MALs). If you need some additional cash flow and have grain on hand, this could be an option for you. The deadline to apply for 2025 corn and soybeans MALs is May 31, 2026.


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

**- Adam Bonovsky, Manager**

## FROM THE FINANCIAL TEAM,

Hello May!

We would first like to wish all of the farmers good luck during the planting season, and to be safe out there!

Just a reminder that when picking up seed and chemicals, you have your slip with you. We want to ensure that you are getting the right product. This will also help to make sure billing is correct and runs smoothly. If you do see any billing errors, contact us as soon as possible.

We want to wish all of the mothers a very happy Mother's Day! Stop in and grab them something special for their special day!

Have a great planting season and enjoy the spring!

Judy + Joe

*Thank You For Your Patronage!*

**-TEAM GILMAN**

**JERRY SCHRODEN**

Spring is here, and field work is going full speed ahead! While getting crops planted becomes a priority, we need to remember not to alter feeding times, especially for our dairy cows. The cow's rumen functions all 24 hours of the day, and a delayed feeding forfeits rumen fermentation and the resulting output for that time that was lost.

May is also the time to prep cattle to get them ready to go to pasture. It is best to deworm them and get them started on their feed-through fly control products prior to going to pasture. All flies and worms have a very strong hatch and successful emergence from manure patties that remain moist longer in the Spring. Controlling the early hatch pays off in a big way because we do not want the larger number of eggs being deposited later in the season when the manure patties dry up more quickly, thus limiting the number of successful hatches.

While we are busy scrambling to complete all the Spring field work, we need to remember to reserve time to make all our dairy and young animal hay the last week of May. Taking that first cutting a little on the early side offers several advantages. We get a very high quality feed. We avoid the typical early June rainy period. We set up the second cutting for a large yield, and in the drier years, we ensure a decent second cutting. We are also able to harvest that second cutting prior to the hottest part of the Summer arriving.

Thanks for all you do, and do not hesitate to call if you have any questions or concerns!