

August 2020

Drive Thru our Rio Creek plots, ¼ mile west of us on the north side of County Road K, before the small grains get harvested!

(Notice the impressive “Jerry” oats variety!)

Take the lane to the right of our Small Grain Plot to observe the Soybean Plot, which leads directly to the Enogen Corn Silage Plot.

You can easily see the layout of these plots from County Road K, but we encourage you to drive in for a close-up look!!!

Small Grain Plot (Spring Wheat, Oats and Barley) - Along County Road K. Will be harvested soon!

New! Conventional Soybean & Glyphosate-Resistant Soybean Plot - Right next to (east of) the Small Grain Plot.

Enogen Corn Silage Plot - Behind (north of) the Small Grain Plot.

Enogen Grain Corn Plot - ½ mile west of County Road C on the south side of County Road K.

Soybean Plot - On County Road AB, north of Joe Rouers, near County Line Road.

*We also conducted **Spring Wheat Trials** at three separate locations. We'll have results soon!*

While scouting soybean fields, we are finding more **Thistle Caterpillars** than during typical years. Let us know if you want Brooke to scout your fields to determine if the infestation levels justify spraying.

White Mold is also being found on some soybeans, especially in tall, drilled fields. Watch for areas of concern. August is the last month to apply fungicide to prevent or limit its spread. When planning for next year, remember that crop rotation and selecting resistant varieties provide the best prevention.

Does your late-planted corn need a boost of nitrogen? We can still apply 32% or 28% nitrogen with our Hagie **360 Y-DROP liquid nitrogen applicator**. This special application can be done well after VT stage/tasseling, when other types are no longer an option. Corn still needs over half of its nitrogen after tasseling!

There's still time to **direct-seed alfalfa** until approximately August 20th.

If you have **2019 corn and/or soybeans in the Price Later option**, the last day to price them is **August 28th**. If you do not call us to price them before, they will be sold at the closing price that day.

Market **prices for new-crop canola meal** have not been as low this season as in the past, due to several factors. Call Sam to discuss watching for future pricing opportunities.

Andy's Magic Mix is back in stock at both locations! This premium wildlife mix was created by the late Andy Barta and has been successfully used for years by friends and family to bring in the “big ones”. This unique blend of Corn, Roasted Soybeans, Liquid Molasses, Taste Energy (cherry flavor), & Monster Buck Mineral is custom-formulated for antler growth.



Andy's Legacy lives on in so many ways since his passing on August 29, 2018. We miss him more than words can say!



We have a wide selection of **wildlife plot seeds and fertilizers!** We've utilized these products ourselves and are happy to share what we've learned. See our website and/or Facebook page for more information, including recommended fertilizer and seeding rates.

Bisect Insecticide does a great job of controlling mosquitos, ants, spiders, & many other insects for farm or home use. We have one-gallon jugs available in both Rio Creek and Luxemburg.

Your efforts to control dandelions and other broadleaf weeds in your lawn will be most effective if you spray them in fall, while the new seedlings are trying to establish themselves for next year. We have 2,4-D Ester or Mec-Amine D, a 3-way blend used commonly by professional lawn care providers.

Kent Silage Supreme Inoculant, in 50# bags (dry) or in water soluble pouches, as well as Hay Green buffered propionic acid help protect and preserve your valuable forages.

VERY IMPORTANT REMINDER! If you've used your gravity wagon or truck to haul any bulk treated soybean or wheat seed, make sure that it is properly washed out and free of any treated seed and/or chemical before loading it with feed or grain!

WHEAT PREMIUM: Earn up to \$0.30 per bushel MORE on your wheat sold to RCFM!

- Up to **\$0.10/bushel** for utilizing our **YieldSHIELD Wheat Program*** (\$0.05 for spraying Provaro only)
- \$0.10/bushel** for delivery to the **Luxemburg location**** (July 1st – Sept. 30th or until location is full)
- Up to **\$0.10/bu.** for **Low Vomitoxin Levels***** (\$0.10 for 0.00ppm-1.00ppm; \$0.05 for 1.10ppm-2.00ppm)

***Terms & conditions for RCFM's "YieldSHIELD Wheat" Grain Premium Program:**

All acres need to be treated by RCFM or treatment purchased from RCFM and applied with producer's sprayer. If applied by producer, all fields must be reported & scouted by RCFM to confirm application. All grain must be delivered by 12/01/2020 to our Luxemburg or Rio Creek locations. Grain that has been *Spot Sold*, applied to a *Grain Account*, or placed in *Price Later* by 12/01/2020 will be eligible for the premium. Payment for the premium will be credited to producer's account on 12/15/2020 for all eligible bushels.

****Will be added to the settlement when the grain is sold and will show up as a "freight premium"**

*****Will show up as a "negative discount" on the settlement when the grain is sold**

Soil sampling season begins immediately after harvesting occurs. Contact Jeremy BEFORE manure is applied to the field. The normal charge per sample is \$2.50 per acre, but when manure is already applied, or the field is chisel plowed, the price doubles to \$5.00 per acre. We want to get sampling done in a timely and organized fashion while working alongside you, as you get fields worked and manure hauled out. Remember to take a manure sample during every major hauling event that occurs, in order to be compliant. The contents of manure can drastically change as you agitate your pit and rainwater is added. Application rates can be adjusted to the contents of the sample, which is why this is so important!

The best time to apply Glyphosate products, 2 4-D Ester & Dicamba to **kill off quack and other perennial weeds** is before tilling or spreading manure on fields that have been harvested or were not planted this year. Spray the weeds when they reach about 6 inches tall. This will give you a clean start for planting yet this year or for next spring's seedbeds, especially if you plan on no-tilling!

In preparation for winter wheat planting, **RCFM's YieldMAXX Wheat4Fall line-up of fertilizer blends** allows you to apply your N-P-K crop needs in one pass. They contain ESN, a polymer coated urea that protects from nitrogen loss during the winter, but is released slowly in spring as the wheat comes out of dormancy.

We have an excellent selection of winter wheat seeds in stock. **Available now is SYNGENTA's "VIPER"!** It was the highest average yielding variety at 102 bushels per acre in the four 2020 UW-Wisconsin wheat trail plot locations! Viper was the highest-yielding variety in the 2019 UW-Wisconsin plot in Chilton at 129 bushels per acre.

If you will need us to **clean your own wheat for seed**, bring it in well before you need it back to plant.

We are well-stocked to supply you with your **cover crop seed** needs. Lots of options are available! Talk to Adam Barta or Adam Villers (Howie) to discuss what will fit your needs best!

If you bought **ENOGEN** corn seed from us, remember to deliver your loads to RIO CREEK to receive your 10-cent per bushel premium and tell the scale operator and person unloading that it's ENOGEN corn, so it gets designated properly!

We will be CLOSED on Monday September 7th, in observance of **Labor Day**.

