

# NEWSLETTER

April, May, June 2025

## GENERAL MANAGER'S COMMENTS

Happy spring everyone! The weather has been pleasantly nice and fortunately this past week, parts of our area have received the best March rain we have seen in the last few years! The month of March has flown by at the Coop, as our agronomy department has been hard at work topdressing this year's wheat crop. As many of you know, the low demand for milo has delayed movement of bushels over the winter season. Fortunately, we can move a good portion of our milo to the ethanol market between now and the middle of June. With this movement, we will be able to have ample space to hold this year's wheat crop.

On the evening of March 28th, we were able to gather and celebrate the retirement on Monte Hudson. Monte has dedicated over 40 years to serving patrons and has been a cornerstone to the success of the cooperative throughout the years, providing exceptional customer service. From all of us employees and patrons, "thank you Monte!"

**Riley Zamrzla**

## ACH PAYMENTS & EMAILED INVOICES

We now offer ACH payments! You can sign up in our Ellsworth office to have automatic payments set up on your account or to receive your grain checks through ACH. Signing up to receive grain checks allows you to receive your payment within two business days in case you're busy in the field or unable to come into town to pick up your check. If you sign up to receive your grain check via ACH, we are still able to print a physical paper check upon request.

Our system now allows us to email invoices and statements! We can set up multiple email addresses to one individual account to accommodate your operation. If you're interested in any of these services, please contact any of our offices in Ellsworth, Holyrood or Lyons!

Visit our website to access our Online Access Portal. Here you can view account balances and past invoices and statements as well as being able to check grain balances and volume statements. You can also initiate payments online after setting up a payment account in our Ellsworth office. Contact our Ellsworth office at (785) 472-3261 for any questions.

**Amy Westerman**

## ANNIVERSARIES

- April 1: Braydan Browning, Agronomy - 6 years
- April 1: Cordel Whitmer, Agronomy - 1 year
- May 9: Amy Westerman, Ellsworth Office - 3 years
- May 21: Brian Gourley, Agronomy - 14 years
- June 14: Alan Sheridan, Blackwolf - 31 years
- June 19: Nancy Jensen, Ellsworth Office - 29 years

## CO-OP HAPPENINGS

In January 2025, we replaced our 2001 Freightliner fertilizer tender truck with a 2001 Kenworth W900. The new Kenworth totaled to \$70,067.90 after modifications.

Monte Hudson retired from the Ellsworth Coop on March 28, 2025. Over his 42 years of service, he worked in both our grain and agronomy department before taking over the Kanopolis Elevator in 1996 after Larry Sheridan transferred to the Holyrood location following the Holyrood merger.

Cole Sheridan has been named as our new Kanopolis Branch Manager after the retirement of Monte Hudson. Cole has worked for the Coop over the past 2 years in our agronomy, feed, grain and service station departments.

## GREEN FIELDS AND LAWNS START WITH THE RIGHT SEED (and rain)

Contact Heather for all your seed needs for both your fields and your lawns. We are taking orders currently for corn, feed seed, grain sorghum, and soybeans. We have limited grass seeds on hand but can receive special orders quickly once we get out of early spring germination tests.

**Heather Isaac**



## GRASS SEASON AWAITS

Spring is trying to get here, which hopefully means green grass is on its' way. With that comes some challenges such as flies and breeding concerns. Our Spring mineral and tub promotions are still going as we look to address those 2 issues. Please call us to discuss what we have available in IGR or Garlic options to help keep Anaplasmosis, foot rot, eye problems and weight loss under control. Garlic helps deter blood sucking insects, including ticks, flies, mosquitos and lice, to lessen the economic loss and keep those animals out grazing instead of in the trees, ponds, or in a huge group, milling around, pounding out a big spot in your pasture. We have the Feed in a Drum mineral tubs with Altosid available as well.

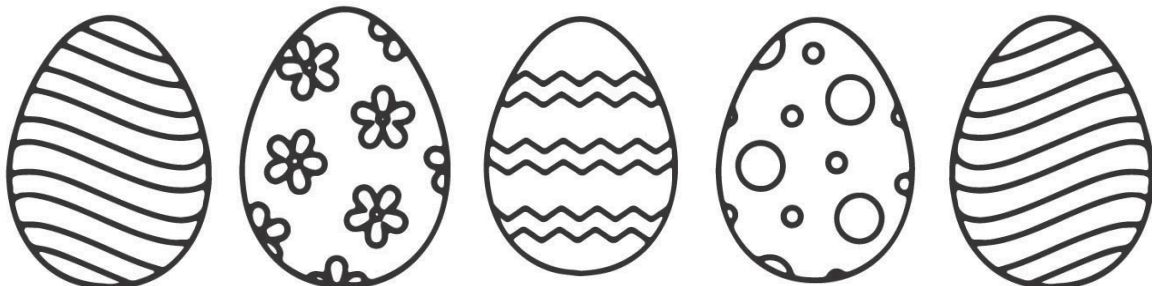


We hope you all made it through a tough winter, and we are looking forward to working with you this year in whatever situations we face. We are all in this together! Show feeds for all species are available as well as many other farm & ranch items to get you whatever you need to operate day to day. Dr. Levi McPhillips, PhD Nutritionist from Great Plains Livestock Consulting, is available for all of your rations and feed recommendations. Just give us a call if you wish to set up a ranch visit with him. Good luck to our 4-Hers and all their projects!! Please stop by any of our farm stores in Ellsworth, Holyrood, or Lyons to check out what new things we are carrying. If you don't see something you need, please let us know and we will do our best to accommodate.

**Greg Farney**

## HAPPY EASTER from the ELLSWORTH COOP

Grain markets will be closed on Good Friday April 18, 2025



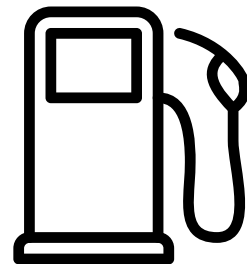
## LOOKING BACK

On April 20, 1988, the Ellsworth Coop hosted "Nickel Day" at the Ellsworth and Kanopolis fuel stations. Over 400 patrons received cash discounts, hot dogs, Pepsi, caps and travel mugs. Winners of the raffle held that day included:

- Walter Falk - 50 gallons gasoline
- Gailand Klima - 25 gallons gasoline
- Wade Howell - 10 gallons gasoline
- Dina Beightel - Cooler
- Connie Beougher - Cooler
- R.W. Doubrava Jr. - Cooler
- Glennys Bruning - Cooler
- Mrs. Delbert Duryee - Cooler
- Mrs. Ron Rathbun - Cooler
- Leroy Bruning - Cooler
- Bill Toman - Cooler

## SAVE 2 CENTS PER GALLON WITH A COOP FUEL CARD

Contact our Ellsworth office about signing up for a fuel card to save 2 cents/gallon when you fuel up at any of our locations!



## DOUBLE PUNCH TUESDAY WEDNESDAY SPECIALS



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## WHAT'S NEW IN HOLYROOD

Spring has sprung and we've been busy at our Holyrood location getting ready for a new season. A few changes have taken place over the past few months here including some new faces and expanding our inventory. We would like to invite everyone to stop by and check out the new supplies we have for livestock, including colostrum, hot shots, syringe darts, ear tags & much more. We also stock basic everyday items such as gloves, pocket knives, and Duracell batteries, as well as yard and garden supplies for your spring & summer needs. As always, we have livestock feed, fencing supplies, dog & cat food, rodent

bait, automotive supplies, oil/grease, just to name a few items that we keep in stock here at our Holyrood location. Come on by, have a cup of coffee, and see what all is new at the Holyrood Branch. Hope to see you soon!

**Gina Price**



## PREPARING FOR WHEAT HARVEST

Stop in our Ellsworth or Holyrood locations to update splits and field account information before heading into the elevators in June. Having new field accounts added and the most up-to-date account information, allows you to get on and off the scale faster and prevents mistakes later on when it comes time to settle. If there is a mistake on a scale ticket, please contact our Ellsworth or Holyrood location as soon as possible so we can get everything corrected in a timely manner.



The Ellsworth Coop app, powered by StoneX, allows you to check grain markets on a 10-minute delay and to view scale tickets. After logging into the app, scale tickets will show up on your app usually by the morning of the following day if not sooner. App users that have a login can also sell their grain at any time during the day or night and can also set a Limit Order to have your desired amount of grain sell automatically when it hits your target price. If you have troubles using the app, make sure you have the most recent update installed and using the correct login information. If you still continue to have issues, stop in our office and we can help you troubleshoot.

If you do not wish to have a log in for StoneX, you can continue to view grain prices on the app by clicking Main Menu and hitting the Cash Bids tab.

**Amy Westerman**

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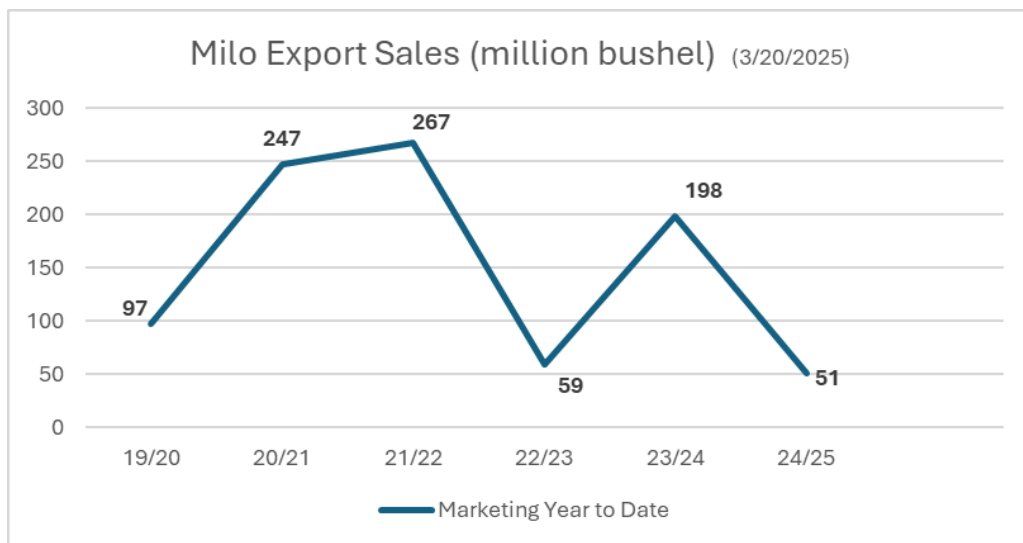


## MILO EXPORTS

We continue to see limited action on milo exports as of March 20, 2025 as major importers, China and Mexico, look outside the U.S. market with the additional pressures of imposed tariffs. Exports to China had already fallen in late 2024 as China looked to South America for commodity imports and the increased tariffs could open an opportunity for the Australian market.

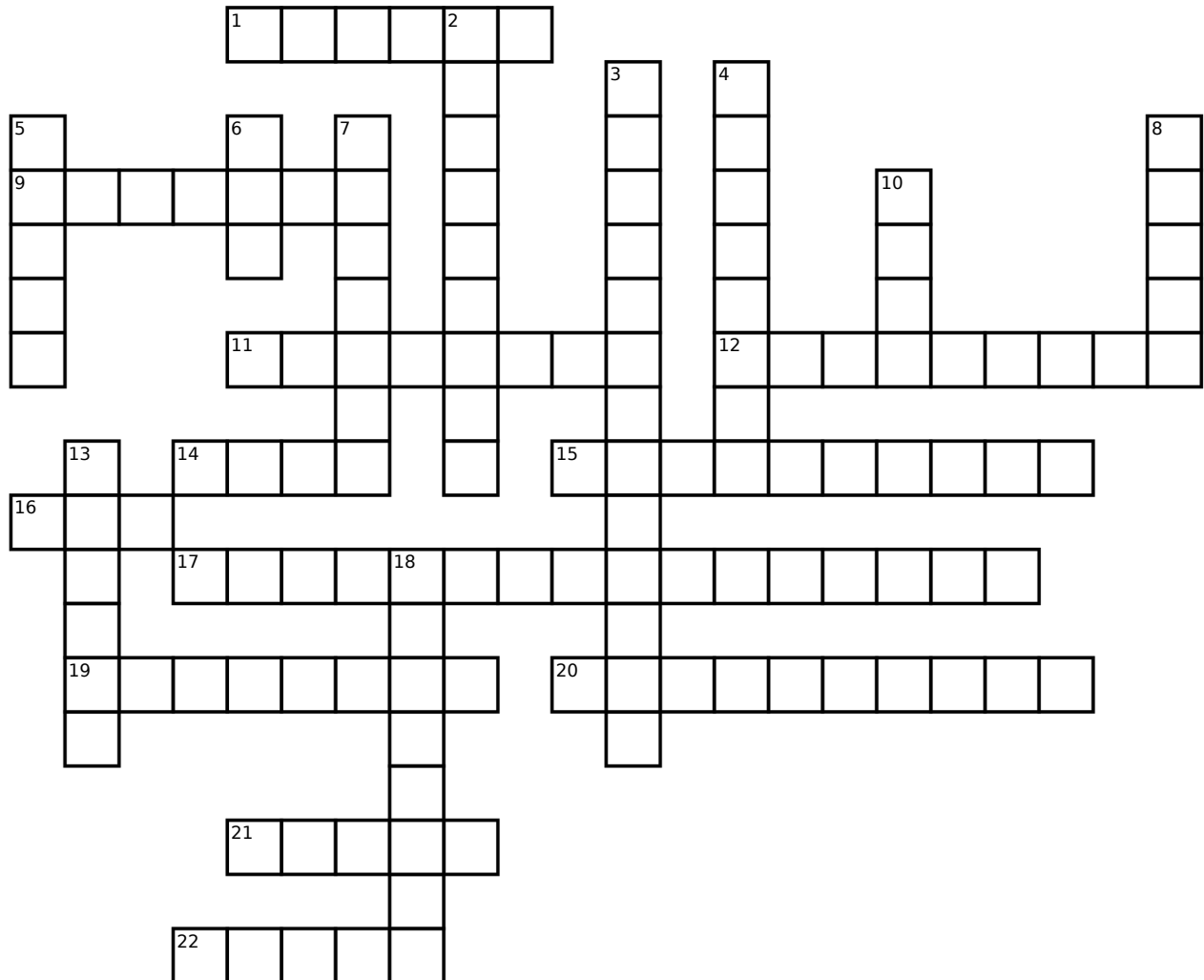
From USDA reports on December 1, 2024, milo in storage in the United

States totaled up to 210 million bushels, up 11% from December 2023. Kansas is the top producer of milo in the U.S., producing over 50% of the country's supply. U.S. domestic opportunities grew as ethanol plants began crushing milo and the Coop will begin shipping out larger quantities of milo in April through June. Early April, we should get another update of President Trump's tariff plans for China and Mexico.



# APRIL - JUNE 2025 CROSSWORD

## *Wheat Harvest and Anydrous Safety*



### Down:

2. percent of N
3. popular class of wheat grown in Kansas
4. the H in NH<sub>3</sub>
5. weigh in and out
6. grain storage
7. 35-18-11
8. 50-50 or 2/3 - 1/3
13. stay \_\_\_ when disconnecting lines
18. Blackwolf, Kanopolis, Holyrood, etc.

### Across:

1. wheat = 60 lbs
9. harvester
11. Looking for 13.5 and below
12. the best people drive this during harvest
14. outermost layer of wheat kernel
15. MPH when pulling nurse tanks
16. gloves, goggles, steel toe boots
17. the extinguisher of fire
19. the N in NH<sub>3</sub>
20. dry or liquid
21. gone but not forgotten
22. good produced from wheat