



ELLSWORTH COOP NEWSLETTER

June, July & August 2024

GENERAL MANAGER'S COMMENTS

Hello everyone, busy season is upon us in the agriculture industry. As planting season is here and wheat harvest is rapidly approaching, I want to thank you all for your support throughout this past year as we all battled extreme drought. As many of you know, we wrapped up our fiscal year on April 30th. One number that stood out to me was the total bushels of grain hauled to the Coop this past year, May 2023 to April 2024. The total grain bushels for all commodities were 1,588,110.11. To put this into perspective, during an average wheat harvest, the cooperative takes in an average of 1,700,000 bushels of just wheat and around 3,000,000 total with all grains. Fortunately, thanks to the unwavering support and loyalty from you all as patrons, the Coop gets to celebrate another successful year financially. Be on the lookout during the month of June, as we will be sending patronage checks out shortly. On behalf of our dedicated employees and board members, I want to thank you all for your business. It is a pleasure to serve you all. Have a safe harvest!

Riley Zamrzla

110TH ANNIVERSARY

On May 23rd, we hosted our 110th Anniversary Celebration at the Ellsworth County Fairgrounds. Around 300 patrons, employees and vendors enjoyed a hamburger feed followed by prize giveaways sponsored by Elanco, Cleaver Farm & Home, Feed in a Drum, Gallagher, Hastings Tanks, Statewide Service Center, and Stutsmans.

Thank you to our youth entrepreneurs that helped provide prizes and desserts; Josie Kueser with Elkhorn Silver Jewelry, Tucker Holt Small Engine Repair, Jodi Donley with Jodi's Sweet Treats, and Logan Clark with LCC Confections.

We received over 85 brands that will be proudly displayed in the office. If you missed the celebration but would like to have your brand displayed, please [contact our main offices](#).

LOOKING BACK

Susank elevator and facilities were sold on June 13, 1998 to Agco, Inc. out of Russell, KS. The Susank elevator along with the Holyrood, Hitschmann and Fahrman facilities became a part of the Ellsworth Coop on June 1, 1996 through the merger of the Ellsworth and Holyrood Coops.

WHAT'S NEW

We are discontinuing our services with Bushel and will be transitioning over to StoneX for our app and delayed website grain markets. There will be a transition time as we set up these entities. If markets are temporarily down, please call the office at (785) 472-3261 for pricing.

ANNIVERSARIES

June 14th: Alan Sheridan, Blackwolf Manager – 30 yrs
June 19th: Nancy Jensen, Ellsworth Office – 28 years
July 20th: Jason Stroede, Holyrood – 9 years
August 24th: Danny Gilman, Service Station – 4 years

UPCOMING EVENTS

August 8th – Annual Meeting starting at 6:00pm

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Michael Macek Chairman
Jim Zamrzla Vice Chairman
Jake Kubick.....Secretary
Bernard Habiger Director
John Kueser Director
Chad Rogers..... Director
Roy Soukup Director

Contact us at our Ellsworth Office, (785) 472-3261, and our Holyrood Office, (785) 252-3233, or find us at www.ellsworthcoop.com or on our Facebook page

FUEL THE FAIR

From Sunday March 24th to Saturday March 30th, we hosted a fundraiser for the Ellsworth County Fair. During this week, we donated \$.10 for every gallon sold at our Ampride location. With over 19,825.10 gallons of fuel sold, we donated \$1,982.51 to the upcoming fair. Thank you to all that participated!



SUMMER INTERNSHIP

We would like to extend a warm welcome to our 2024 summer intern, Nicole Haase. Nicole is a 2022 graduate from Ellsworth High School and the daughter of Arrin & Kristin Haase. She currently attends Kansas State University majoring in Animal Science with an emphasis in Communications and Marketing and a minor in Ag Sales. She is a part of the Kansas Corn Collegiate Academy where students have the chance to discover the corn industry along with learning insights on opportunities and challenges that lie ahead of the corn industry. She will attend Corn Congress in Washington D.C. this July to learn about policy work that Kansas Corn is involved in. She is also looking forward to serving as the Social Chair of KSU Block and Bridle, Secretary of KSU Collegiate Farm Bureau, and being an active member of KSU Collegiate Cattlewomen this upcoming school year.



Nicole attended Coop 101 Training held by the Kansas Cooperative Council in May where she learned about the inner workings of a cooperative as well as their principles. This summer, she will primarily be learning about feed rations, feed safety and sales. "I am excited to learn what happens behind the scenes in the Coop, meet new individuals to help me expand my professional network, and work alongside the incredible team who operates the Ellsworth Coop. I have no set plans following school. Wherever my career path takes me, I plan to always stay active working in the agriculture industry. My goal is to become a Veterinary Pharmaceutical Sales Representative."



DICAMBA AND CHINCH BUGS

Be sure to get your OTT dicamba applications scheduled as soon as possible. With limited supply, this will ensure the coop has enough product on hand for your fields. Current regulations require dicamba applications be made by June 30, 2024. On another note, with chinch bug populations being so high the past several years, be extra vigilant around wheat harvest and milo emergence. Grain Sorghum insecticide seed treatments help keep chinch bugs at bay, but it may also be necessary to spray field borders (sometimes several times) to keep your milo crop healthy. Additionally, whole field treatments may be necessary.



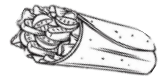
Brian Gourley, CCA
Agronomy Manager

★ NEW AMPRIDE HOURS ★

Monday – Friday: 5:30am – 9:00pm

Saturday: 6:00am – 8:00pm

Sunday: 7:00am – 6:00pm



(785) 472-4782 | 1402 Foster Road, Ellsworth

ELLSWORTH SERVICE STATION



Oil Changes

Tire Repairs



Battery Replacement

On-Farm Tire Repair

AND MORE!

(785) 472-4061 | 103 N Kansas Ave, Ellsworth

FLY CONTROL

Thank you to everyone who attended our customer appreciation and branding event! We were so excited to host the event and have everyone come out. We are thankful for some rain finally, to get the grass growing and have some water back in the ponds. Hopefully, it keeps coming through the summer and fall.

Flies are a huge problem again. Mineral containing either IGR (Insect Growth Regulator) or Garlic, can help give those cattle a break and keep them grazing. Pounds on calves are paying us still, so consider Creep feeding calves' mid-summer. Adding fly control to your Creep can help with fly loads in the pasture as well. We carry loose mineral and tubs with fly control, so we can discuss multiple options. We also can add fly control to your feed/show feed to help reduce the negative impact on penned up cattle.

Thank you all and let us know how we can serve you going forward. Be on the lookout in late June for the brand walls to be up on our front counter!

Greg Farney
Feed Service Specialist

With wheat harvest 2024 fast approaching, stop in or give us a call at our Ellsworth or Holyrood locations to add or update any split or field accounts!



TOP 10 FARM SAFETY TIPS DURING HARVEST

Staying organized and planning ahead is one of the best ways to prevent farm accidents. Take in consideration these tips as you get ready for wheat harvest.

1. Come Up with a Maintenance Checklist

* Make and perform maintenance lists to prevent equipment from breaking during busy times.

2. Read Up and Refresh on Manuals

* Take the time to review manuals especially if the equipment hasn't been ran in a while. Double check that all necessary tools you could need are either in the equipment or can be easily taken to the field in case of breakdowns.

3. Have an Emergency Plan

* Having a plan in an emergency can take the guesswork out and provide life-saving time. Be in communication on what fields and routes you will be on so family and harvest help know where you are.

4. Maintain the Yard

* Take care of things such as low-hanging tree limbs or electrical lines before harvest so when it comes time to cut – there are no obstacles.

5. Train Anyone Who Will Use Equipment

* Anyone operating equipment needs to know the basic procedures and safety precautions.

6. Know Where Young Children Are

* Always check around and beneath equipment before pulling them out to ensure no one is in a dangerous zone. Establishing equipment rules and safe play areas can help prevent accidents.

7. If You Feel Fatigue, STOP

* Working while fatigued increases your likelihood to take shortcuts that can potentially risk injury to yourself and others. Listen to your body and take necessary breaks. Sticking to a healthy diet and staying hydrated can help keep your body in check.

8. Watch Out for Power Lines

* Look out for power lines as equipment and augers are being moved out.

9. Practice Grain Bin Safety

* Grain entrapment can happen very quickly. Never enter a bin alone and establish lock out-tag out on augers to prevent any augers from being operated until tag is removed.

10. Beware of Machinery

* Machine entanglement is the leading cause of injury and death on the farm. Ensure that everyone who will be around machinery knows of their moving parts. Installing guards or shields is another great way to prevent injury.

10 harvest safety tips to prevent accidents on the farm. (2024). Rural Mutual Insurance Company: <https://www.ruralmutual.com/resource/farm/harvest-safety-tips>

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