

June 8, 2018

Ag Partners Cooperative, Inc. and The Nemaha County Cooperative Association Dates for Merger Informational Meetings

We urge you to attend the meeting most convenient to you, to obtain an understanding of the merger, and to ask any questions that you might have.

The following list includes the dates and times of the information meetings, where burgers and brats will be served.

Monday, June 18 — 12:00 p.m. - Fisher Center - Hiawatha, KS
 Tuesday, June 19 — 12:00 p.m. - Main Office/Warehouse - (East) Sabetha, KS
 Tuesday, June 19 — 6:00 p.m. - Main Office/Warehouse - (North) Tarkio, MO
 Wednesday, June 20 — 12:00 p.m. - Corning Community Center - Corning, KS
 Wednesday, June 20 — 6:00 p.m. - St. Marys Armory - St. Marys, KS
 Thursday, June 21 — 12:00 p.m. - Axtell American Legion - Axtell, KS
 Tuesday, June 26 — 12:00 p.m. - The Landing Grille and Bar - Topeka, KS

Click here to view the full update of the merger letter.

An Agronomist's Perspective — The Answer Plot: Josh Hinkle

As we took our first tour through the Answer Plot yesterday, we began discussing the early season trends we have seen so far, and what crop symptomology has occurred. For those who planted into cold, dry soils, corn stands have seen a few challenges. In areas of low moisture, we will begin to see deficiencies of nutrients, such as potassium, as the plant sees a reduced availability - due to lack of soil solution carrying nutrients. This brings us to the point of starting off on the right foot.

We must be very particular with our planting depths so that our roots develop enough to explore the soil for moisture and nutrients. Shallow planting depths this year, along with a lack of proper seed treatment and starter fertilizers in some cases, are showing poor root structure which will struggle to develop into the



(Left): A morning view from Thursday's plot.

(Above): Agronomist Andy Schmidt from WinField explaining the growth stages of corn.



moisture and nutrients within the soil. These symptoms can cause a noticeable reduction in growth and can cause loss of stand in certain situations. We will likely see these spots in the fields begin to even out with future moisture and nitrogen uptake, but we don't want to be in a position that will force us to play catch up at any point in the season.

Meet the Intern with Emily Weaver - Crop Scout

- **Where are you from?** Falls City, NE
- **Where do you attend college?** Northwest Missouri State University in Maryville, MO
- **What year in school are you & what's your major?** I'm a Senior majoring in Agronomy and minoring in Ag Business
- **Why did you chose to major in Agronomy?** I grew up on a farm and have always loved agriculture
- **How do you want to use your major after you graduate?** I plan on becoming an agronomist
- **Hobbies?** In my free time I love to read, play with the dogs, & be around friends and family
- **A fun fact about you?** I can sing the alphabet backwards
- **What do you like about your internship so far?** I like meeting the growers and learning how to make the crops thrive
- **Name something you hope to learn from your internship with Ag Partners?** I hope to expand my knowledge on Agronomy



Emily is working with the Agronomy team as a Crop Scout Intern around Hiawatha.

Grain Market Update: Ed Molt

With corn planting reaching 97% completion nationwide and the soybean crop nearing 87% completion, it's safe to say things are beginning to take root. Future crops aren't the only thing being planted though, as we're starting to settle in to the dog days of summer, and move towards a weather market outlook. Grain markets remain cautious ahead of next week as both the USDA Supply and Demand report and US / North Korean Summit are still to come.

Thought for the week: A bear can hibernate, but a bull has to eat every day.

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