

General Manager's Message



Lots of cold and lots of snowfall in January has shown everyone that Mother Nature, and Old Man Winter, still have the odd tea party! As we move into February, we usually have the worst of winter behind us, but I am not so sure there won't have a few surprises in store for us yet.

The Farmer's Almanac is calling for a -9°C average temperature (1° below average) and precipitation of 25 mm (20 mm below average). The Almanac is calling for the last spring frost on May 5th for Owen Sound. We'll see how it goes with the groundhogs.

Don't forget your Valentine on the 14th! Your Co-op store has lots of great gift ideas for your sweetheart. Flowers from our greenhouses, rubber boots, warm work socks or gloves, snow shovels, even a new chainsaw! We've got the gifts to show your Valentine you really care!

Be sure and visit the greenhouse at your local Co-op. It's a great place to visit on a cold, sunny day and you can enjoy greenhouse time in all 4 locations of North Wellington Co-op. Indoor gardening products and seed displays have arrived. Check out the great "Sunblaster" mini-greenhouses, all of the new varieties of seed, and get some started! It is not too early to talk to our garden centre staff about ordering that special tree, shrub, plant or seed variety you always have trouble finding. Don't end up at the edge of your garden in April wishing you had planned better! We can help! We've been helping turn thumbs green since 1944! 2018 will be your best garden ever!

Now is also a good time to complete orders for crop inputs and to complete crop plans for your operation. Seed corn, beans and cereal seed are now arriving in Harriston and are being delivered along with bagged fertilizer. Early take, pay and delivery discounts are still available for most crop inputs. Extended terms are available for taking your inputs early! Take them now, have them handy, and pay in June, just like you held off until May to take delivery. Helps us plan our deliveries, and you are ready to ROCK if things get cookin' early! Contact your retail field man, or your local branch for more information, and talk to them about split applying the nitrogen on your 2018 corn and wheat crops. Speaking of field men, I am proud to inform you that Jay Lennox has completed the requirements for his designation as a Certified Crop Specialist! Jay has worked hard to complete the training and testing required to bring his growers the best in current agronomy knowledge and technology. Jay joins our CCA agronomists team, with Brent Troyer and Luke Hartung. Great work Jay!

Have a great month and don't put too much store in groundhog shadows, and get prepared for the lions and lambs of March!

Regards....

Kelly Boyle
General Manager

Item of the Month

All Seasons Bird Seed

15 kg
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Sale price in effect until February 28, 2018 or while stock lasts. First come, first served. No rainchecks.

Civic Holiday Weekend

In observance of the Family Day Holiday, North Wellington Co-operative offices, bulk deliveries and stores will be closed Monday, February 19, 2018

Our **Hanover Gas Bar** will be open as follows:
8:00 am to 7:00 pm.

All operations will return to normal business hours on Tuesday February 19th, 2018

Have a safe and happy long weekend!



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Canada Blooms Bus Trip

Once again, North Wellington Co-op Garden Centres are hosting a Bus Trip to Canada Blooms in Toronto.

Thursday, March 15, 2018

Bus picks up in Hanover at 8:00 am at the Giant Tiger Parking Lot
Bus picks up in Harriston at 8:30 am at North Wellington Co-op

Cost of the trip is \$59.99 including HST

Ticket entitles you to one show ticket and a seat on a deluxe coach to and from the show.

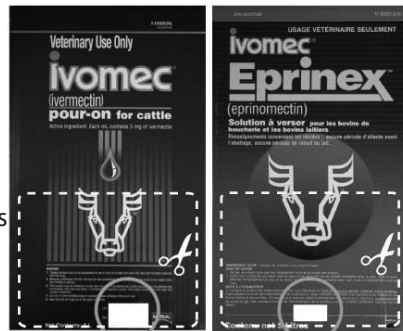
For more information, or to reserve your spot, contact Jennifer Magwood in Hanover at 519-364-4777 or jmagwood@northwellington.ca or your local branch garden centre.

Merial BoxBack Program for 4-H

A Return That Makes Everybody Happy. Merial Canada continues its ongoing commitment to Canada's next generation of producers with the IVOMEC® & EPRINEX® 4-H BoxBack Program to assist 4-H members in raising funds for their local 4-H clubs. The IVOMEC & EPRINEX 4-H BoxBack Program makes earning money for local 4-H clubs easy. Just collect box labels from IVOMEC and EPRINEX Pour-On purchased this season. For each eligible box label collected, Merial will donate \$10 to a local 4-H club. It's fast and simple.

Here's How to Support Local 4-H in 4 Easy Steps

1. Collect box labels from IVOMEC Pour-On 2.5 Litres, 5 Litres and 20 Litres packs and/or 2.5 Litres and 5 Litres packs of EPRINEX Pour-On
2. Cut out the part of the box label that includes the Lot Number & Expiry Date, the Merial logo, the size (e.g. 2.5 Litres), and part of the Cattle head logo.
3. Print your name on the back of each box label.
4. Drop off your labels to your local North Wellington Co-op branch.



Member Loans

MEMBER LOANS INTEREST RATES

For new investments & renewal of member loans at North Wellington Co-operative Services Inc.

TERM	\$100-\$4900	\$5000+
1 year	3.95%	4.45%
3 year	5.20%	5.70%
5 year	5.70%	6.20%

Rates subject to change based on Royal Bank prime rate.

New Store Hours

North Wellington Co-op is updating our store hours effective Monday, February 5, 2018! New hours are as follows:

All Branches: Monday to Friday: 8 am to 5:30 pm

Mount Forest, Durham & Harriston: Saturday: 8 am to 5:00 pm
Sundays: Closed

Hanover: Saturday: 8 am to 5:30 pm & Sunday: 10 am to 4 pm

Address Corrections

The Post Office is requesting complete civic addresses on all mail we send out (fire number, road name, and RR #). We are trying to catch these as we come to them. Please help us out by calling in to our Harriston office with the proper mailing address for your account.

Grower Pesticide Safety Courses

Mount Forest: Friday, February 23rd at the Mount Forest Fire Hall.

Harriston: Tuesday, February 27th, 2018 at the Harriston Legion.

For more details or to sign-up contact Justine Lennox at 519-338-2331 or by e-mail to jlennox@northwellington.ca

Cost of the course and/or exam is \$105 payable to the University of Guelph. Books can be picked up in Harriston or Mount Forest at no charge, just call ahead to ensure we have a copy for you.

Energy Update

Just a little reminder to those energy customers who prefer to remain on a "will-call" basis, we do require three business days notice for deliveries to your tanks.

If you would like your home heating fuel deliveries to be changed to automatic delivery, just give our Energy Team a call in Harriston or at energy@northwellington.ca.

Chick Days

Chick Days are here!

North Wellington Co-op sources quality day old chicks, started, layer breeds, started turkeys and ready to lays from Frey's Hatchery.

Delivery Days are as follows:

March 27, April 10 and 24, May 8 and 22, June 5 and 19, July 3, August 7, September 18 and October 2.

We suggest that you order your birds at least 4 weeks in advance and that you have meat birds booked in for processing before ordering.

To order, contact your local branch.

Credit Notes

REMINDER: Please allow *at least* 3 business days for your payment to reach us. For online, telephone and ATM bank payments, the payment credit will show on your NWC account on the day that it is credited to our bank account, not the day you initiated it. Payments mailed by cheque will be credited on the day NWC receives it in the mail, not the date on the cheque or the postage meter. Remember, our due date is the **20th** of the month following.

Pre-Authorized Payment of Your Account Balance

North Wellington Co-op will be awarding a **\$20 Tim Horton's Gift Card** to each customer who signs up between Feb 1, 2018 and April 30, 2018 to have their NWC account paid automatically through their bank account!!!

Just ask any NWC employee by phone or in person for the Pre-Authorization form. You will receive a \$20 Tim Horton's Gift Card right after your first payment is withdrawn (ineligible if 1st transaction returned NSF).

The Pre-Authorization Form is also available online at www.northwellington.ca under credit forms.

Order by Email

Place your orders by email! We know you are busy, and ordering your products can take valuable time. You can now place your orders via email and get back to what you are doing.

Just email your order to the applicable email listed below. Remember to include the name on your account and delivery address if it is different from your mailing address, a full description of the product(s) you are looking for, and your requested delivery date. One of our staff will reply to your email once it is received.

Energy Products and Service

(Bulk Fuels and Propane)
energy@northwellington.ca

Crop Inputs

(Fertilizer, Seed, Chemicals, Custom Application, etc)
crops@northwellington.ca

Bulk Feed

feed@northwellington.ca

Store Products and Bagged Feed

Email your closest branch as appropriate.

Durham: durham@northwellington.ca

Hanover: hanover@northwellington.ca

Harriston: harrstore@northwellington.ca

Mount Forest: mountforest@northwellington.ca

Voice from the Field

Winter Manure Application - Avoid it!

Once again, we are experiencing an open winter, and I know this makes it very tempting to do a winter application of manure. However, this is not a recommended practice, and should be avoided if possible. Not only do you as the farmer not get the full nutrient value from the manure, you risk having the nutrients from the manure moving into waterways (above and below ground), which can cause contamination. Farming is increasingly under pressure to minimize nutrient movement from our fields to waterways, and avoiding winter manure application is a part of the solution. If you have to move manure in the winter because you are out of manure storage space, here are some alternatives:

- Make a pile in the field you are wanting to apply the manure in the spring. Avoid placing this pile on a slope or close to a waterway
- If you have to apply to a field, please select a field that has minimal slopes. If a waterway is close to the field, please leave 100' between the manure application and the waterway.
- Avoid spreading close to drainage outlets and hickenbottoms.
- Do not apply to areas that are prone to spring flooding

If you have any other questions about manure application, please contact your NWC Crop Specialist.

Crop Plan - Plan for your Spring Today

If you haven't already, arrange a time to meet with your NWC Crop Specialist to develop a crop plan for your 2018 crops. This will ensure that you are putting the right crops in the right field, and that you are meeting those crops fertility requirements. Contact your NWC Crop Specialist today to create a Crop Plan for your farm!

Early Take Opportunities For Spring Grain!

With spring only a few weeks away, NWC has already begun receiving spring cereal seed. Please contact us if you are able to take your seed or fertilizer early, as you may qualify for early take discounts! Contact your NWC Crop Specialist or the Harriston Branch for more details.

Curling Bonspiel

North Wellington Co-op's Farmer Curling Bonspiel
Saturday, February 17, 2018 at the Harriston Curling Club

Three six end games, early draw at 9 am and late draw at 10:30 am.

Lunch, dinner and meat prize included.

\$100 team entry fee.

To register your team, contact Justine in Harriston at 519-338-2331 or jlennox@northwellington.ca or Luke Hartung at 519-321-1400.

Garden Corner

The weather outside is cold and snowy! Time for Canadians to take a trip down south, or at least dream of hot places! Tropicals and Houseplants are some of the best ways to explore the tropics from the comfort of your own home!

Tropicals/houseplants (Zone 6-10) are some of the most rewarding plants to have. They help filter and purify the air in your house, have aesthetic appeal, and add that bit of cheer during the long days of winter. Depending how you care for them, some houseplants live so long they become family heirlooms!

Some great starter houseplants are Spider plants, Sansevieria (Snake plant), Jade, Aloe Vera, and succulents (cactus, echieveria, Burrow's tail, etc.) These plants tolerate neglect; they do well with low-moderate light, and very little watering and fertilizing. These plants are perfect for busy households, offices, kids wanting to help garden, and rooms that do not have a lot of natural light. Other great options are Peace Lily, Philodendron, Pothos, Zeezee plant, Dieffenbachia, Dracena (corn plant), Prayer Plant, and Crotons. These plants all require low-moderate light (not direct sunlight), and do well with minimal watering (water when dry to the touch), and minimal fertilizing (about 1x/month in winter). Other more common beginner houseplants include ivy's, ferns, and palms.

If a real tropical feel is what you are after, try more unique plants like a Silver Vase Plant, Bromeliads, Monstera (Swiss Cheese Plant), Bird of Paradise, or Caladium (Elephant Ear). These plants all require moderate-bright light, warm temperatures (above 15°C), and a moderately humid environments.

If you are looking for something with bloom at this time of year, try African Violets, Cyclamen, Anthurium, Kalanchoe, Primula, or Reiger Begonia. These all require moderate light and moderate watering, and will bloom at this time of year.

By far, the most popular flowering tropical you see is Orchids. Put one in a room and it instantly feels exotic! Most people think that orchids are very tough to care for, due to their beautifully delicate flowers, but in fact, most common varieties are actually very easy to look after! They require minimal watering (about 1x/week, when bark soil is dry to the touch), low-moderate light (south or west exposure is best), prefer being potted in a clay pot, and need a moderately warm area. Many orchids hold their flowers about 3-4 months, and come in a wide variety of colours and sizes. Try one of these great houseplants today! Or pick one up for your sweetheart for Valentine's Day!

From the Feed Pen

Attention: Sheep and Goat Owners!!

Masterfeeds is pleased to assist you, in "getting your young ones" off to a great nutritional start this winter!

New-born Lambs and Kids have specific nutritional requirements for early development & growth.

Masterfeeds GoalMaker 20% Lamb Starter & GoalMaker 20% Total Kid Starter rations provide that nutrition, with very palatable formulations.

GM 20% Lamb Starter Medicated is a highly palatable, fortified ration for starting lambs on feed, while nursing.

The Mini-Pellet form enhances early feed intake. Feed for a minimum three weeks and then begin them on GM 18% Lamb Grower Medicated.

GM 20% Total Kid Starter is a complete palatable feed for starting kid goats. High in protein and energy, this ration promotes early frame development and excellent rate of gain. Ideal vitamin & mineral levels provide increased immunity and optimum performance. No addition roughage source is required.

Ask your local branch for more details and watch your "young ones grow"!

Sheep Day

North Wellington Co-op is hosting our annual Sheep Day on Saturday, March 10th, 2018 from 9 am to 3:30pm at the Mount Forest and District Sports Complex, 850 Princess St, Mount Forest, ON N0G 2L3.

We have a great lineup of speakers throughout the day. Details to come!

To register or for more information, please contact our Mount Forest Branch at 519-323-1271 or mountforest@northwellington.ca



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