

## General Manager's Message



Happy New Year! How are you making out with all your resolutions? Don't be too hard on yourself, as a wise man once told me, "everything in moderation". We are busy at the Co-op! We are lining up staff training for the winter months, all the more challenging with most training

opportunities going the virtual route. We now have our usual 2800 tonnes of bulk fertilizer in the Harriston shed ready for spring. Bagged fertilizer and seed are coming in hot! We have all of our twine and wrap products ordered for the 2021 forage season. This is much earlier than normal but international cargo movements have been slowed by the pandemic, so we want to position product as soon as possible.

Thank you to everyone who attended our virtual annual meeting on December 10th. We have a few bugs to work on, but we got the job done. Annual meeting reports are available at all of our locations. Be sure to give me a call if you have any questions. 2020 saw your co-operative enjoy the most profitable year ever. No small feat in a year full of other distractions. As always, your staff stepped up, showed up, and, our members and communities supported us. Thank you!

In the near future you will be will be posting more information to our website with respect to the special member's meetings being held on March 11, 2021. These meetings will be informational, but will also provide an opportunity for members of North Wellington and Huron Bay to provide direction on the amalgamation of the two co-operatives. Please give me a call if you have any questions on this topic as well.

The Energy Division has been very busy and our customers are doing a great job providing plenty of notice, clearing driveways, and trimming trees, so that we can keep our scheduled deliveries on time. Remember that farm fuel can be financed on FS Finance. Easy to apply, great rates, finance all your crop input needs with one program. No other supplier can finance all your crop inputs together in one place. If you have questions about applying for FS Finance or increasing your existing limit, please contact Jackie or myself in the Harriston Office.

Be sure to contact your NWC field man to complete fertility and crop protection plans, and to arrange for any last-minute seed requirements. Early order, pay and early take discounts are still available for many crop inputs. Planning now, makes everyone's life easier come the middle of May.

Have a great 2021, good luck with the resolutions, and, like I always say, we'll be on the land in 12 weeks!

Regards.....

Kelly Boyle  
General Manager

## Energy Notes

Winter is upon us! As I write this, the energy team is very busy keeping our customer's tanks full and preparing for the holiday season. We would like to remind will call customers to give us 3 business days notice for delivery requirements. We also ask that you make sure laneways are marked and clear of snow; this ensures access to your tank and the safety of our drivers. This is also a good time to remind everyone to clear appliance vents of snow. The buildup of snow and ice can block your furnace or other fuel burning appliance vents causing them to stop working. This blockage can also cause harmful carbon monoxide to become trapped in your home.

We hope everyone has had a safe and enjoyable holiday, thank you for your continued support, and Happy New Year!

There are many ways to contact the Energy Division with your inquiries or order needs please see below. Please note the "Cell" number provided receives text messages ONLY.

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energy@northwellington.ca

## Annual Meeting Door Prize Winners

NWC Gift Certificate 2 x \$100 – donated the Royal Bank

- Paul deJong
- Don McLean

\$200 Voucher NWC Energy Division

- Larry Dickieson

\$200 Voucher NWC Crops Division

- Ron Faulkner

Bird Watching Gift Pack NWC Store Division

- Bessie Simpson

## Employee News

We would like to welcome the following to the North Wellington Co-op team!

Ronald Taylor - Harriston

## Item of the Month

### Safe-T-Salt

20kg Deicing Salt  
Reg. \$7.99  
3963008

**\$6<sup>99</sup>**



Ends January 31st, 2021

## Special Members Meeting

A special member meeting is being held to consider and, if thought fit, to pass a special resolution authorizing the amalgamation of North Wellington Co-operative Services Inc. and Huron Bay Co-operative Inc.

The meeting will be held March 11, 2021 virtually given the circumstances. Please keep an eye out for further details about the meeting. If you have any questions, please contact Kelly Boyle in Harriston or Teeswater.

**Seeding more successful todays and tomorrows.**



*Bringing you what's next*

## Voice from the Field

By Luke Hartung

### Crop Plans—plan for success in 2021

The winter months are a great time to get together with your NWC Crop Specialist and make a crop plan for the 2021 season. Together with your Crop Specialist you can develop a crop fertility plan, herbicide/fungicide program and review soil tests. You can also discuss doing a possible MiField trial plot on your farm. These trials allow you to test out a new practice (eg. different fertilizer program, fungicide trial, etc.) on your farm. By doing an MiField, you can explore new practices and technologies right on your farm! Get talking to your NWC Crop Specialist in the next couple months to develop your 2021 Crop Plan!

### Seed for 2021—Early Payment Reminder

If you have ordered your 2021 seed from NWC, and have not pre-paid them yet, there are still some early payment discounts. These include: Corn (Pride, Dekalb), Soybeans (Pride, Dekalb, NK, Proseeds), Spring Grain, and forages. For further details and totals, contact you NWC Crop Specialist.

## Garden Corner

By: Pamela Ames

Welcome 2021!!

I'm sure we're all looking forward to getting our hands dirty and sunny days in the garden.

Wasn't last year a super year in our gardens? I hope you took lots of pictures. I know I had customers telling me they had some of the biggest vegetables and flowers ever. Let's hope we can do the same this year.

Now that the holidays are over and our days are quieter, this is the time to reflect over what you liked and maybe disliked. Maybe there were some flowers or shrubs that didn't quite catch your eye where they were, or maybe something didn't quite grow as it should have where it was. Or maybe you're looking to expand the vegetable garden. This is when I like to sit with note pad and plan what I will need for the vegetable garden and perennial gardens around the house.

For those still wanting to grow some fresh greens during the winter months we still have a selection of seeds and soil available for you at select locations. Give your local garden center a call first and see what is available for your winter gardening needs. You may also want to go online to [www.oscseeds.com](http://www.oscseeds.com) and find out exactly what seeds you're looking for.

As always, we have something available to add to your tables and walls with our décor and plants.

Be sure to keep an eye out for red tag sales and of course as always the Weekly Manager Specials.

Your Garden Centre Specialist is only a phone call away to help you with any questions or ideas that you may have.

## Hanover Store Giveaway

The North Wellington Coop- Hanover Branch had a draw for a gift basket for the month of December. Approximate value \$100.00! Thank you all for shopping at the Hanover Branch and entered to win.



Pictured from (L-R) Dana Davidson – winner, and Sheila Petty - store clerk

## Grower Pesticide Safety Courses

**Mount Forest: Friday January 22, or Thursday March 18 – Mount Forest & District Sports Complex - FULL**

**Harriston: Tuesday, February 23- Harriston Legion – FULL**

**Additional Date: March 12- Mount Forest & District Sports Complex.**

Each day will consist of 2 half day courses with 1 hour of instruction and exam writing. There is a max of 9 people per session, sign up early to book your spot.

If you are certifying for the first time, you can self study on your own, then write the exam at this course.

Cost of the course and exam is \$105 payable to the University of Guelph. Payment must be received before the day of the course by either mailing a cheque to Ontario Pesticide Education Program in Ridgetown, or paying online with a credit card.

Books are available at our Harriston and Mount Forest Branches in advance or on the day of the course.

For more information or to register, contact Justine Lennox at 519-338-2331 or the Mount Forest Branch at 519-323-1271 or [www.opep.ca](http://www.opep.ca)

## New Regulations & Farmers

**Ontario farmers who buy and use Class 2 or 3 pesticides on farms must be certified.**

**Ontario farmers who mix, load or apply Class 2 or 3 pesticides under supervision of a Certified Farmer must be trained. New - starting January 1, 2021**

The classification of pesticides in Ontario is changing on January 1, 2021. Starting on January 1, 2021, farmers need to be certified to buy and use Class 4 pesticides as well as Class 2 and 3, or trained if working under the supervision of a Certified Farmer.

To become a Certified Farmer, you must:

- participate in a Grower Pesticide Safety Course and pass the open-book test with a mark of 75% or more, AND
- be 16 years of age or older, AND
- be a farmer as defined under Regulation 63/09 of the Ontario Pesticides Act.

The certification fee is \$105 (no HST) per person. Anyone is welcome to take the course and only those who meet the required age and farmer definition will be issued a certificate.

## From the Feed Pen



# Blueprint

## MILK REPLACERS

100%  
organic  
trace  
minerals

- IMPROVES GUT HEALTH AND FUNCTION
- REDUCES RISK OF DISEASE AND MORTALITY
- IMPROVES GROWTH PERFORMANCE AND EFFICIENCY
- HELPS DEVELOP CALF'S NATURAL DEFENSE SYSTEM
- INCREASE DAIRY PROFITABILITY

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THAT WANT HEALTHY GROWING CALVES TODAY  
AND HIGHER HERD PRODUCTIVITY TOMORROW.



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