

MIDWEST

NEWSLETTER

CO-OP



AUGUST 2022

GENERAL MANAGER'S MESSAGE



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Thank you to all who attended our open house at the Head Office in Teeswater! It was great to see everyone, and we had a great BBQ sponsored by our partners at FCC. Preparations continue as we work towards launching Midwest Co-op in September. Thank you in advance for your patience as we work through the details. The amalgamation is a large project; staff will be working diligently over the next few months to bring everything together.

As we go to print, we have seen some rain, but as seems to be the new norm, it has been quite variable, both geographically and from a volume standpoint. Crops are looking pretty good, but timely rainfalls would be welcome. Lawns and gardens would also benefit from a good rain, there are many reports of crispy lawns out there! Your local Midwest store is a great source for products to spruce up your yard once the rains come. It won't be long until mums and other fall décor arrive.

Your Crop division is still busy! Bean fungicide is complete, and we are gearing up for corn fungicide applications and pre-harvest burndowns. We have a helicopter lined up again this year to assist the two ground rigs we have on our team. Don't forget to get soil samples lined up on that wheat stubble! Your Energy division is busy with summer maintenance and inspection projects. You may see some of our service vehicles popping by to get inspections completed on your fuel storage equipment. We take the safety of your family farm, your home, and your business very seriously! Call us if you need tanks painted, levelled, or for hose, filter, and pump repairs.

Have a great summer. It sure is moving fast! Have the fun you have missed with families and friends over the last three years, and let's move forward with the anticipation and confidence that agriculture and rural communities are known for!

As always, thank you for your continued support,

CREDIT NOTES

Equal Billing Plan

Convenient equal payments for your home heating bills. Interest free from September to June annually.

Monthly payment options:

- Automatic withdrawal via Pre-Authorized Payment
- 10 postdated cheques

If you are interested in Equal Billing, please contact Jackie Ziegler at 1-800-667-3056 or 519-338-2331 or Marilyn Moffat at 519-392-8692.

August 31st marks our year-end! To help us wrap up the year, please arrange to have your NWC/HBC account balance paid in full by our due date of August 20th. Payments can be made by cash, Interac (debit card), online/ telephone/ATM banking, personal cheque (accounts in good standing), or sign up today for our pre-authorized payment option! We cannot accept E-Transfers at this time. To ensure your payment is credited to your account in August and to avoid late payment charges, we encourage you to make/ mail your payment within three business days of our due date of August 20th. All NWC/HBC locations will be closed on September 1st for year-end inventory.

September 1st marks our first official day as Midwest Co-operative Services Inc. North Wellington Co-op and Huron Bay Co-op have a proud history of service to our members, communities, and industry. That is something that will not change!

ENERGY NOTES



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Summer is upon us! We are currently working on keeping everyone topped up while accommodating some well-deserved staff vacations. August also means it's time to start thinking about home heating programs for this coming heating season.

Propane Fixed Price: This program continues to become more popular each year! The fixed price program protects you by locking your price from October 1st until April 30th (throughout the cold months). If you had a contract last year, you will be automatically renewed and will not be required to send anything back to us again this year. You will receive a letter with the amount of propane and the rate of the propane we have you booked for; you then have 30 days to contact us with any changes or cancellations. If you did not have a fixed price contract last year, you will receive a letter with information about the program. We encourage you to give us a call or email with any questions or to take advantage of the program. New contracts must be received to the energy office by the end of September for the October 1st start date.

Equal Billing Program: The Equal Billing Program allows you to make interest free, equal payments over ten months for your home heating deliveries. We use previous data to calculate your monthly rate, and you can set up your payment plan in several convenient manners. If you are interested in either of these programs and have not yet taken advantage of them, call the energy team today!

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CROP NEWS

Hi all,

With wheat coming off the field, it begs the question, "should I plant a cover crop and what cover crop should I plant?". Residue from **field crops** assists in protecting the soil surface from crusting and decreasing runoff, but what about your costly nutrients and more? The benefits to **cover crops** are endless! Cover crops alleviate soil stresses such as drought, saturation, erosion, compaction, nutrient loss, and more. Improving soil porosity, biological activity, crop diversity, and nutrient retention are crucial to our operations today.

Some mixtures are oats/peas, oats/radish, fall rye, or winter barley. All of these crops have their purpose. Some are used for ground cover and weed competition, some are nutrient scavengers or nitrogen fixers, and others for feed.

Oats are relatively cheap and provide good ground cover. Oats are also killed off in the winter.

The oat/pea mixture provides a C:N ratio that promotes soil building. Oats/peas also compete aggressively with weeds. The peas add a nitrogen credit to your soil as well.

Radish assists in breaking up compaction layers, improving air and water movement through the soil profile.

Fall rye has become more popular; it can either be taken off in the spring for feed or planted into green. There are many experiences where the best soybean yields for producers were planted into a rye crop, as there seems to be a slow release of nutrients from the cover.

Winter barley grows a deep fibrous root system and matures earlier than winter wheat.

Cover crops are a great way to preserve soil fertility, reduce compaction, and improve the overall soil structure. There are many cover crop mixtures out there. Talk to your Crop Specialist about the mixture that best suits your operation and needs.

By: Clayton Dietz, Crop Specialist

GARDEN CORNER

Hopefully, everyone has been enjoying the great weather and experiencing all the outdoor summer activities! If you haven't yet had the opportunity to get your hands dirty, it's not too late! There is still ample time left to grow, harvest, and maintain your gardens around your home. Here are a few tips and tricks for August gardening:

- Harvest any early season crops to make room for late season planting.
- Free your garden from weeds and other unwanted growth. Add some nutrients back into the soil with compost/manure and fertilizer.
- Direct sow seeds of cauliflower, cabbage, broccoli, beets, peas, spinach, kale, and lettuce. Seeds may be planted in containers and moved around the garden to avoid the hot summer sun.
- Weed and mulch around the flower beds. Mulch helps keep weeds at bay and adds nutrients to the soil.
- Plan out your garden beds for spring flowering bulbs that need planting in the cooler fall months. Our stores will have a great selection of bulbs in September.
- Collect any annual flower heads that have gone to seed, dry and store seeds in an airtight container for next year's planting.
- Deadhead perennials such as roses, hostas, daylilies, delphiniums, and veronica to encourage a second set of blooms.
- Start pruning back any overgrowth of your shrubs. Remove unwanted or dead plants in your gardens to make room for new perennials, trees, and shrubs to plant during the cooler temperatures. Warm soil and cool air will stimulate root growth and help your plants survive the cold winter months.
- Now is the time to gather fall flowering annuals like mums, asters, pansies, violas, ornamental peppers, and marigolds.
- Mid-August is the best time to start checking your lawn for bare patches that need an application of grass seed or sod. Remember not to cut your grass too short during the hot months to avoid drying out.
- If you notice any crops or flowers under attack by pests or diseases, now is the time to consider Integrated Pest Management (IPM) system in your garden. IPM is a great way to combat pests and diseases while maintaining a healthy ecosystem. If you are unfamiliar with IPM, there are great selections of resources online. Also, contact one of your local garden centre specialists if you require any assistance with pest/disease issues in your garden.

By **Katy Gampel – Garden Centre Specialist, Harriston**

EMPLOYEE UPDATES

We would like to welcome the following people to our team;

- Christopher Martin-Store Clerk, Mount Forest
- Nick Gutscher-Store Clerk, Mildmay
- Elinor Lawrence-Store Clerk, Hanover
- Will Stroeder-Store Clerk, Mildmay
- Gabrielle Gowing-Store Clerk, Mildmay

**WOODSTOVE PELLETS
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THIS IS AN EARLY ORDER, EARLY TAKE SPECIAL OFFERING. ALL PRODUCTS SOLD AT THIS PRICE MUST BE GONE BY SATURDAY OCTOBER 8TH, 2022. *DELIVERY AVAILABLE*



Fill the hungry calf gap.

Milk from a lactating beef cow provides about 50% of the nutrients that a three to four month-old calf needs for maximum growth. The remaining nutrients must come from pasture and supplemental feeding if the calf is to maximize its genetic potential for growth. While calves can consume grass, they are unable to eat enough of it to meet daily requirements for optimal development. This is called the "hungry calf gap."

Creep feeding is a method of supplementing the diet of young livestock who are still nursing. It can help mitigate nutrient deficiencies while providing supplemental energy and protein to maximize growth in this demanding development window, giving you greater returns when you market calves.

BosBuilder EXCELERATOR Rough 'N' Ready Vintage

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Complete, high energy, easily digestible feeds, fortified with the vitamins and chelated minerals necessary for minimizing the hungry calf gap. Enhance forage utilization by providing energy in the form of highly digestible fibre, provide extra protein, chelated minerals and vitamins for weight gain prior to weaning.

CONTACT YOUR LOCAL CO-OP REPRESENTATIVE FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE BENEFITS OF CREEP FEEDING.

SEPTEMBER CLOSURES

North Wellington Co-op and Huron Bay Co-op will be closed on September 1st for Inventory as we switch over to Midwest Co-operative Services Inc.

North Wellington Co-op and Huron Bay Co-op will be closed on September 5th for Labour Day. The Teeswater Gas Bar will remain open for regular business hours.

<p>SLATED WOODEN COOLER 56 QT 5985102</p>  <p>SALE \$159.99 REGULAR \$244.99</p>	<p>MOUNT FOREST CLEARANCE</p>	<p>WOODEN COUNTRY COOLER 54 QT 5982023</p>  <p>SALE \$99.99 REGULAR \$139.99</p>
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CALENDAR

We have had great feedback on calendars that we have produced from member and customer photos. We would like to do this again for 2023. **Please forward your digital photos to jkaufman@huronbaycoop.ca, that show livestock, crops, gardens, homesteads, equipment or your connection with the co-op.**

Auburn 519-526-7262	Dundalk 519-923-2014	Harriston 519-338-2331	Mount Forest 519-323-1271	Teeswater 519-392-0090	<p>WWW.NORTHWELLINGTON.CA</p> <p>WWW.HURONBAYCOOP.CA</p>
Belgrave 519-357-2711	Durham 519-369-2415	Markdale 519-986-2031	Owen Sound 519-376-5110	Walkerton 519-881-3697	
Chesley 519-363-2017	Hanover 519-364-4777	Mildmay 519-367-2657	Teeswater Gas Bar 519-392-6480	Wlarton 519-534-1840	