



# DEWITT COUNTY PRODUCERS

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AUGUST 2018 NEWSLETTER

## In Our Store

- This month, we will take **\$1.00** from each bag of dog and cat food sold and donate it to **Pet Adoptions of Cuero**. Last time we did this, we were able to donate over \$100.00. Let's work to beat that this month. **This will apply to all Red Flannel Dog Food, Red Flannel Cat Food, Country Acres Cat Food, and Exclusive Dog Food.**
- We have started carrying **Diesel Exhaust Fuel** for sale in the store. This product is available in 2.5 gallon jugs. **The cost is \$8.20/2.5 Gallon.**

## In the Yard

- We are in the time of year where our yards are being put to the test to remain healthy. You should consider applying a soil activator: **Medina Plus or Medina Soil Activator**. It is formulated to be "Yogurt for the Soil." We have it available in quarts and gallons. **Medina Plus (\$15.95/GAL) or (\$5.45/QT) or Medina Soil Activator (\$12.00/GAL). Usage should be 4-6 oz per gallon of water.**
- We are also getting into the time of year where you may start seeing little white moths in your yard. These may be sod webworms. If left untreated, they can damage your healthy yard. Best way to detect them is to walk through your yard or pay attention as you mow for them flying off. If you see these, **the best recommendation is to apply liquid Bifen I/T three times in a 15 day period.** This application rate will help break the growth and reproduction cycle of the moth. **\$28.45/Qt or \$52.25/Gallon.**

## In the Pasture

- If you have been travelling through your fields, you will notice the Huisache plants are good and healthy. In order for us to spray them, they will need to be less than 3 ft tall to have the best effect. We will start looking for this application time frame in late September and October. If you have acreage that we need to help you get under control, give us a call to get on our list.
- We have reached the end of the spray window for Mesquite Spraying by a foliar application. If you choose to continue spraying them, do so with the common basal treatment of Remedy and diesel. **The basal treatment mixture (recommended by DOW) is 1QT Remedy and 3 QTS diesel to a one gallon mixture.**
- We have preordered some oats and ryegrass for the upcoming fall. In speaking with our suppliers, there will be a shortage of ryegrass this year. I would suggest if you have an interest in a certain seed or quantity, please let us know this month so we can have them available. We are unsure of the exact variety of ryegrass available. We will carry the TAM 411 oats again this year. **Cost for the TAM 411 Oats will be \$19.00/50LB Bag.**
- I get asked the best ways to clean out a sprayer before you use it for another product or putting it up for the year. A simple cleaning method is Dawn Dish Soap and water. In speaking with Wylie Sprayers and DOW Chemical, here are some other good recommendations to follow:
  1. Rinse and flush application equipment thoroughly after use. Dispose of rinse water away from human or animal water sources.
  2. Rinse a second time, adding 1 quart of household ammonia or tank cleaning agent for every 25 gallons of water. Circulate the solution through the entire system so that all internal surfaces are contacted (15 to 20 minutes). Let the solution stand for several hours, preferably overnight.
  3. Flush the solution out of the spray tank through the boom or nozzle.
  4. Rinse the system twice with clean water, recirculating and draining each time.
  5. Spray nozzles and screens should be removed and cleaned separately.
  6. If you are putting your sprayer up for the year, put enough **Zero Degrees Washer Fluid** to fill up your spray wand, all hoses, and spray booms. The use of the Zero Degrees Washer Fluid will help keep the seals lubricated for future use and will protect your hoses, strainers, and guns for the upcoming cold weather. **We carry the washer fluid in store for \$2.35/ 1 gallon jug.**

- We noticed that the pricing on our Ranger Gates were not competitive to other suppliers in our area. We have adjusted our pricing to be more competitive. Stop in to get the gates that you need.

### **In the Animal Pen**

- We have an older inventory of **Capstat Trace Mineral Rapid Charge with DMF for Cattle** that we would like to get out of our inventory. This probiotic product can be used for cattle who have stopped eating or who may be bloated. Most people that use this product are raising show animals or doctoring a sick cow and needs to get their rumen going again. **Cost of this product is \$12.00/ 300 gram tube.**
- With the lack of rain over the last month, the forage quality of our grass has greatly decreased. Consider filling up your liquid feeders to supplement the change. Products available are **Accuration 32-10 Hi Fat Liquid \$.21/LB, Westway 33-1-3 Liquid \$.15/LB, and Westway 33-1-3 Liquid with fly control \$.17/LB.** Our trailers are available for you to take, or we can deliver for extra cost.
- Many show projects have been purchased or are being considered for the 2019 season. We have a few show feeds that carried over from last season. The products available are **Sunglo Sumo (An aggressive source of fat and milk products to ensure immediate acceptance and improved bloom and consumption) \$35.00/ 25 LB Bag, Sunglo Full Tank (Designed to increase the capacity of the stomach or rumen) \$22.00/50 LB Bag, and Sunglo To the Fullest (Used as a supplemental forage source for cattle, goat, sheep, and equines) \$18.00/ 40 LB Bag.** These feeds have been housed inside our store to help extend their shelf life.
- We have started carrying **Republic Ropes.** These roping ropes are made in Sweethome, Texas and are increasing in popularity due to their focus on consistently producing quality ropes. Stop by the store to see what we have available. If you do not see one you want, ask, and we can order it.

### **In the Great Outdoors**

-We have received our display for **the US Solar Mount Pond Aerator.** It is located outside the double doors in the warehouse. **This cost on the model displayed is \$4,247.07/ Each.** If you would like to see the product on demonstration, make sure you attend the DeWitt County Ag Tour listed in the calendar of events below.

### **What we are doing**

Brianna is winding down her summer internship with Purina. We greatly appreciate the feedback you gave her and will share all the information with our membership when received. If you would like to still schedule a farm visit or give her some feedback, please do so within the next few weeks.

### **What is coming up in our area?**

-**August 4, 2018** – 10<sup>th</sup> Annual World Series of Cuero=**The Venue on Church Street** = 125 E Church St- Event starts at 11:30 AM with lunch. Events included casino, live auction, raffle and more. For more information, contact the Cuero Chamber of Commerce at 361-275-2112 or visit [www.cuero.org](http://www.cuero.org)

-**August 6-8, 2018** - Annual Beef Cattle Short Course =**Texas A&M University –College Station TX**- This program will allow you to expand your knowledge of the beef cattle industry and get information on the most current issues facing the producer. For more information visit: <http://beefcattleshortcourse.com/>

-**August 30, 2018 –5:00 PM – 8:00 PM** – DeWitt County Ag Tour = **Event Registration Starts at 393 Heine Bade Rd** = The tour provides 2 CEU Hours for private and commercial applicators. Stops include: K-Line Pod Irrigation system, Prickly Pear Control Demonstration, and US Solar Mounts Pond Aerator Demonstration. Event includes a sausage dinner at no cost. For more information, contact DeWitt County Extension office at 361-275-0816.

### **Manager's Words**

Things are quickly drying off without measurable rain in our near future. We had a good mesquite spray season and look forward to cooler weather. Continue to make sure your animals have the supplements needed to keep them healthy.

**Thank you for your business,**

**Willis Braden**

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