



DEWITT COUNTY PRODUCERS

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In Our Store

- We have received a **new shipment of cool season crops**. We have Kale, Broccoli, Cauliflower, and Cabbage available. **Pricing is \$2.85/6 pack**. We have also received **Red Lasoda and White Kennebec seed potatoes**. **Pricing on the seed potatoes is \$.60/LB**. The best recommendation for planting is to cut out the eyes and let them dry for 2-3 days prior to planting. Then, place them about 2-4 inches deep and about 12-24 inches apart with the eye side up.
- We will start using Facebook and Instagram to promote events that we are involved in and supporting. These will also be platforms where we advertise sales, giveaways, and store events. Please **"Like"** our pages to get more information on our events.

In the Yard

We are approaching the time of year to start getting our yards in order. Here are a few things to consider:

- Start off the New Year with a pre-emergent herbicide schedule if you are consistently trying to get rid of grassy and broadleaf weeds. Products to consider are **Barricade (\$12.75/50LB)** and **Dimension (\$27.05/35LB Bag)** to **combat broadleaf and grassy weeds**. **Surflan XL (\$74.50/50LB Bag)**, **Amaze (\$21.75/10LB Bag)**, and **Balan (\$31.00/40LB Bag)** to **combat grassy weeds**. You will need to continuously apply a pre-emergent herbicide in the October-November months. You can also include an additional application in the May-June time frame.
- Apply a fertilizer that will green up the yard and get it kicked off well. The best fertilizer to start off with is **15-5-10**. **Pricing is \$13.75/50LB Bag**. In the next few months, another application of 19-5-9 or 21-7-14 should follow.
- We have a new supply of individual **handheld gopher applicators**. These are a good solution if you do not have the equipment to treat gophers. This applicator will dispense a controlled amount of poison in your yard or fields. This is also a safer solution to minimize your contact with the poison. **Price is \$43.50 Each**.
- We are also at the time of year where 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 (\$10.75/GAL)**.

In the Pasture

- We are starting the time of year where you should be testing your soil. We can send off the **soil samples**, or you can send them off yourself. The cost if we send them off is **\$5.00 + freight**, and we send them off every Monday. These soil tests can help you determine the best fertilizer blend you need. Please ask someone at the front counter for more information.
- I mentioned in last month's newsletter that we would be adjusting fertilizer prices. Examples of these changes are: **Liquid Fertilizer 32-0-0 \$245/Ton** and **Dry fertilizer 21-0-0 is \$282/Ton plus application or spreader rental**. These prices are based off the current market conditions and could change if major adjustments to ingredient cost occur. Please ask someone at the front counter for pricing on other blends available.
- We have received a new shipment of **Gopher Bait**. **Pricing on the Blue Bucket is \$162.00/45LB Bucket**. We are getting in more **three-point gopher bait applicators**. **Pricing will be \$1,295.00 each**.
- We have received request for **AG Lime** to reduce the acidity of customer's soil. We have lime available that we can either apply for you or you can rent a spreader to do so yourself. **Current pricing on the Superfine AG Lime is \$42.35/TON plus application or spreader rental**.
- February is the month to start applying Pre-Emergent Herbicides. The main product that we recommend is Prowl H2O. I highlighted this product in the November 2017 Newsletter. **Prowl H2O** should be applied only to established grasses at a rate of 1.1-4.2qts/acre plus surfactant. The ground should be left undisturbed for 45-60 days after pre-

emergent treatment. **Pricing for this chemical is \$128.53/2.5 gallon jug.** Prowl is a non-restricted product and does not require a license for purchase.

- If your hay fields have an abundance of winter weeds or undesirable plants, you may want to consider an application of Glyphosate (Roundup Equivalent) to kill those plants before they get too large.

In the Animal Pen

- Roberts Sharpening Services will be passing through to sharpen blades for stock show clippers. They will be stopping by the morning of February 12, 2018. If you are interested in getting some blades sharpened, either drop them off before 5:00PM on February 11, or let us know in advance so we can plan accordingly.
- We have started carrying the larger **Purina Wind & Rain Mineral Tubs**. The tubs are 225LB, and we carry them with and without fly control. **Pricing for the mineral tub with the fly control is \$142.80/225LB Tub. The mineral tub without the fly control is \$102.95/225LB Tub.**
- We have been notified by Purina and other feed vendors that there is a Vitamin A shortage for the near future. The shortage arose from a large world supplier having issues with their production facility. At this time, we do not plan to adjust any feed prices, but it could become a reality if the disruption continues. The expectation is that the facility will be back up and running within the next 6-12 months.

In the Great Outdoors

We have a wide selection of protein deer feeders to get your deer off to a good start. Feeders available are:

-200# Buck Boss Protein Feeder= **\$261.95 Each**

-500# All Seasons Protein Feeder = **\$479.75 Each**

-600# Buck Boss Protein Feeder = **\$555.75 Each**

What we are doing

We are staying busy getting ready for the upcoming fertilizer/spray season. We have spent some time going through our machines to replace worn out parts. With any rental equipment, breakdowns can be expected. Our goal is to have the machines in the best shape possible for you to operate.

What is coming up in our area?

-February 10, 2018 – 5:00 PM – Central DeWitt Wildlife Management Association Banquet – **Cuero VFW Hall** = Banquet to award all winners and members of the management association. Dinner will be served at 6:00 PM.

-February 12, 2018 – Roberts Sharpening Services – **DeWitt County Producers** = Robert will be here to sharpen any clippers that you need for the upcoming stock shows

-February 16-17, 2018 – 5:00 PM – Yorktown Stock Show – **Yorktown ISD Bus Barn**

-February 24, 2018 -10:00 AM – Cuero Livestock Show Grand Opening – **Friar Ag Center (Cuero, TX)** = Stock show will get kicked off with more events to follow. Stock Show runs from February 28, 2018 – March 2, 2018.

-March 2, 2018 – 5:00 PM – Cuero Livestock Show Auction – **Friar AG Center (Cuero, TX)** = Evening begins with a social provided by Cuero Young Farmers.

-March 3, 2018 – 4:00 PM to 11:00 PM – Cure Kenny Jacob Fundraiser – **Goliad Auditorium** = This event is to raise money to aid in his battle against Kidney Cancer. Dinner will be provided from 5:00 PM-6:30 PM with a silent auction, live auction, and dance. Donation of \$20 gets you dinner, drinks, and dancing. Any questions contact Shawn Jacob 361-649-7588. (Raffle tickets for sale at DeWitt County Producers)

Manager's Words

With the first month of 2018 already behind us, we will be further in the year before we know it. We are going to make some changes in 2018 to be more involved with the communities we serve and events that make them special. We will increase our support to fulfill our mission of **Feeding Animals and Feeding Plants**. Starting next month, we will start some new marketing efforts to make our business more visible and prosperous in the future. I appreciate everyone's support on the changes being made, and we look forward to the remainder of the year.

Thank you for your business,

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