



# DEWITT COUNTY PRODUCERS

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## JUNE 2018 NEWSLETTER

### In Our Store

- **This month, we will hold a pet adoption day at our store.** This will be in partnership with Pet Adoptions of Cuero. **This will take place on Saturday, June 9, 2018 from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM.** Cost for adoption will be \$30.00 for larger dogs and those over 3 years old. Small dogs will be \$100.00-\$125.00 each. Cost of the dogs includes all shots, tests, flea treatment, fresh bath, and will be spayed or neutered. They will have a great selection of larger dogs for all our customers who have plenty of wide open spaces to roam.
- Our summer intern, Breanna, is making progress and is off to a good start. She has received some beneficial information from Purina to hold feeding seminars and feeding trials. As a reminder, she will be calling to invite customers and members to events and asking questions about the services we provide and what we can improve. I ask that you give her the best information you can to make our organization better.
- We have a new item in store. This is **Tie Down Tow Cable**. This item can be used for towing items in your pasture or around your house. **Cost is \$44.05/Each.**

### In the Yard

- Some good ideas and tips to keep your yard looking its best in the hot summer months are: 1) Mow using the top setting and not too short. You should be mowing no more than 1/3 the overall height of your grass at one time. This can also help provide more shade for the roots which may allow you to water less. 2) Water early in the morning to prevent the possibility of fungal diseases. Fungal diseases can appear as yellowing areas and areas of dead grass.
- **Within the first few weeks of this month, we are in a window of pre-emergent herbicide application. You can treat for grassburrs or a spectrum of broadleaf weeds and grass weeds. The products to use are Barricade (\$16.00/50LB Bag) and Dimension (\$27.05/35LB Bag) to combat broadleaf and grassy weeds. Surflan XL (\$67.50/50LB Bag), Amaze (\$20.50/10LB Bag), and Balan (\$31.00/40LB Bag) to combat grassy weeds.**
- **Toward the end of the month, we will also be in another application window for slow release fertilizer.** We have the EZ Gro 19-5-9 \$18.25/40LB Bag and APF 21-7-14 \$15.53/50LB Bag.

### In the Pasture

- We have finished the majority of spraying for fertilizer and weeds. In speaking with our drivers, there are a few observations from this spray season that I would like to pass along: 1) We were able to cover more ground in a quicker timeframe with two fully operational liquid trucks. The addition of our new truck made a big difference in servicing you faster. 2) Some fields need a hog, fire ant, and gopher management program. 3) It is hard to spray or fertilize exactly on the day that you would like. We have truck repairs and customer request that prevent us from knowing exactly where we will be every day and what time we will be there. Through the course of the last few months, we had damages to our trucks from the rough fields. We ask if your place needs some attention that you make arrangements to improve it for us all. There will be some places that we will not be able to spray/fertilize again until something is done. We appreciate all the business you have given us and look forward to the future business.
- We have a surplus of empty 30 gallon plastic drums. These drums arrived to us with chemicals used for brush and weed management. We will not charge for them, but there needs to be an understanding that whatever you do with them after they leave is your responsibility. Please come and speak with me if you are interested.
- **Toward the end of this month, we will be approaching a window for spraying mesquites. The best recommendation is to use Sendero Herbicide. You add this product to water, and spray on the leaves of the plants. Mixing rate is 1QT Sendero /25 gallons water, 8OZ Surfactant, and 8OZ-16OZ of blue marking dye if desired. If you are mixing by the gallon, use 1.3OZ Sendero/ Gallon of water, 1/3 OZ Surfactant, and 1/3-2/3 OZ Marking Dye. Cost on Sendero is \$165.00/gallon. The mesquites should have a dark green color and an elongated bean for the product to be most effective. The basal treatment mixture (recommended by DOW) is 1QT Remedy and 3 QTS diesel to a one gallon mixture.**

### In the Animal Pen

- In an effort to provide products that are more price competitive, we have decided to make creep feed again. This **DeWitt Creep** has some components of the past mixture, but is a dry mixture without the liquid molasses. We have a few customers who have tried the feed and are pleased with the results and look of the feed. The feed tested at 14% Protein, 2% Fat, and 18% Crude Fiber. It is designed to be fed free choice or .5% -1.5% bodyweight and with a forage source and fresh, clean water. This creep feed will be available bagged or bulk. **Cost of the feed bagged will be \$7.78/50LB Bag or \$287.81/Ton + delivery.**
- For those who may have limited grass or hay to feed, consider looking at starting a creep feeding program. **A creep feeding program can help reduce the stress on the cows and also eliminate another mouth competing for the same forage.** This can also reduce the nutritional requirements that your cows will need. An effective creep feeding program can start with **Precon Complete B30 Feed \$10.90/50LB Bag** if the calves are transitioning from full or partial use of the cow as a food source. Other products that can be used for older calves is **3/8 Creep Pellets \$8.79/50LB Bag or Accuration Limiter 1 Pellets \$10.05/50LB Bag.** For more information, stop in the store or call. We will also have a Purina Feeding Seminar on June 21, 2018 to share these strategies. Please stop in the store for more information on the seminar or to sign up.
- For the month of June only, we will have a special on **8 Way Blackleg 50 Dose \$22.44 or 10 Dose \$4.80.**
- We have a new supply of **T&S Cube Feeders.** They are increasing the cost on their future orders. If you are interested, we have **2 Electric -3000# Feeders \$5,400.00, 1 Ground Driven -3000# Feeder \$5,400.00, 1 -Truck Model 1000# Feeder \$2,850.00.**

### In the Great Outdoors

As we get later in the year, the availability of local corn goes down. **We had to adjust the cost of our corn to \$6.40/ bag** to accommodate this change. We look forward to the new crop of corn so we can provide it to you at the best price possible.

### What we are doing

We are planning some events for this summer. Our plan is to have a customer appreciation event in early July. We will also have feeding seminars in June as well. Look for flyers in the store for the upcoming events.

### What is coming up in our area?

**-June 9, 2018 – 9:00 AM -12:00 PM** – Pet Adoptions at the COOP = **DeWitt County Producers** = We will have Pet Adoptions of Cuero at the store to display some of the large dogs for adoption. Stop by or send your friends who are looking for a good companion. Any questions, give us a call 361-275-3441.

**-June 12, 2018 – 3:00 PM** –DeWitt County Row Crops Tour CEU= **Gruenau Hall** = CEU event provides 3 HRS for \$5.00/person. Cost includes sausage supper and beverages. For more information, contact DeWitt County Extension Office at 361-275-0816.

**-June 14, 2018** -Fishing with the City of Cuero Parks Department = **Cuero Municipal Park Lake** = They provide the bait and a hotdog lunch. All you need to bring is your fishing poles.

**-June 21, 2018 – 6:30 PM** – Purina Feeding Seminar = **St. Michael's Fellowship Hall – Cuero, TX** = Program will include some summer feeding strategies and options to save you cost on feeding your cows. If you are interested in attending, call the store and let us know, or stop by to sign up. Dinner will be provided.

**-June 23, 2018 –9:00 AM-1:00 PM-** Downtown Farmers Market = **Downtown Cuero** = There will be produce, fresh herbs, plants, homemade treats, live cooking demonstrations, and much more. For more information [www.cueroainstreet.com](http://www.cueroainstreet.com) .

**-June 28, 2018** - Free Paddleboat & Kayak Rental = **Cuero Municipal Park Lake** = This is a great idea to spend time with your kids or grandkids.

### Manager's Words

We have achieved another goal set for 2018. The goal we have achieved is "Increase the feeds made in our mill". I have mentioned in the section "In The Pasture" that we started making creep feed again. If you have any questions, stop in the store to see a sample. We have received some scattered beneficial rains. While we are not out of our dry spell, some people are in better shape than they were last month. Let's hope June will bring rain to benefit all.

**Thank you for your business,**

**Willis Braden**

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