



# DEWITT COUNTY PRODUCERS

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## In Our Store

- In 2018, we will start being more active with the Pet Adoptions of Cuero to fulfill our mission of **Feeding Animals & Feeding Plants**. Through this effort, we will be doing more with the organizations and events that support this motto. Each month we will be doing something to help Pet Adoptions of Cuero. **This month we will be gathering cleaning supplies in store that we will donate.** Items that they are interested in are: pine-sol, bleach, spray cleaners, paper towels, wipes, and/or funds to help with vet bills. You can drop off the cleaning supplies in our store or donations in the bucket located on the counter.
- We are selling tickets for **DeWitt County Vietnam Veterans Raffle**. They are available in store for **\$5.00 Each**. (13 Rifles and packages to be given away)
- We will start doing a monthly giveaway in store. Items include ice chests, lawn chairs, insulated cups, caps, t-shirts, and audio speakers. We will post the items for each month on our Facebook and Instagram pages. To enter for a chance to win, you will need to comment on the picture and share it with your friends. At the end of each month, we will have a drawing. You can also put your name in the store bucket. We ask that you only enter the drawing once per month.

## In the Yard

- We have a new supply of **Purple Martin Bird Houses** in stock. The benefits of the Purple Martin bird include the reduction of mosquitos, flies, and moths. The best recommendation is to place the house 15-20FT above the ground, within 100 FT of your house in an open area and near a permanent water source. All the houses have 12 rooms and are in metal or plastic. **Metal ones are \$75.25 each, and plastic ones are \$45.00 each.**
- We are in the time of year to apply an application of **slow release fertilizer**. We have the **EZ Gro 19-5-9 \$17.03/40LB Bag** and **APF 21-7-14 \$15.53/50LB Bag**. Both of these will be good to carry you through the next few months. You can follow up with an additional application in late June if your yard needs the additional push for the remaining summer.

## In the Pasture

- We are still applying Prowl H2O Pre-Emergent Herbicide. The window to complete this and still have its effectiveness is closing. If you still plan to have some applied, please let us know as soon as possible.
- We have a limited carry over of **Sorghum Almum** seed from last season. Price is **\$65.62/50LB Bag**. We have a new supply of **Sweet Graze III** seed in store **\$25.86/50LB Bag**. If you are interested in seed, please let us know so we can have it available.
- In an effort to be more competitive, we have adjusted our **chemical/fertilizer application rate down to \$6.00/Acre** if it is completed with our truck. To make sure we are making the most of our time on the road, we are charging a \$100 minimum for acreage less than 17 Acres. We have made this change to compensate for our travel time and time in the fields.
- If you are getting geared up to start spraying weeds, consider the following suggestions: (1) Spray when you can have the most effect on weeds coming up and those that already exist. Everyone's goal is to spray as few times as possible to minimize cost. (2) Apply 10-20 gallons of your mixture per acre to get the best coverage. Make sure the vegetation is adequately covered.
- When you mix your chemicals, the mixing order matters. Best recommendation is to fill your sprayer with about ½ tank of water you will use, add the herbicide you are using, add your surfactant, and continue agitation. The final step is to add the remaining water needed and continue agitation until use.
- If you have an abundance of winter grass and weeds, you can spray your hay fields with roundup to help get rid of them. The recommended rate for broadcast spray is 12oz/Acre. You can also add a quart of 2-4-D as well if you want to get the harder to kill broadleaf weeds. You will also want to use surfactant.

- We have been informed by many fencing product suppliers that their cost is going up. This cost is getting passed along to us as well. We purchased a good inventory of wire, gates, and t-post prior to these price increases. If you plan to build fence in the near future, be sure to purchase the supplies before prices go up. We will not be able to hold the supplies in store once they are purchased.

### **In the Animal Pen**

- **Impact Professional Senior**- Purina Impact feeds have expanded to a professional line for their dealers only. This feed is manufactured without corn or corn byproducts. This is a pelleted 14% protein feed and sells for **\$16.50/50LB.**
- In an effort to provide you with more choices for your pets, you will love that we have started carrying **Exclusive Dog Food.** These chicken & brown rice formula feeds have exceptional ingredients and are free of corn, soy, wheat, artificial flavors, and preservatives. These feeds are available for puppies, adults, and for all stages of life. We have samples in store of each if you would like to try them prior to purchase.
- With the many increases in product cost that 2018 brings, we are also experiencing an **increased cost in our Positive Feed Tubs.** This cost is increasing due to the shortage of the vitamins used and increased shipping cost. Examples of the new pricing are: **All in One No Fly Tub = \$92.76/Each, All in One W/Fly Tub = \$110.95/Each. We still offer a \$1.00/Tub discount on the purchase of 8 or more, and the 2% cash/check discount will still apply.**
- We have updated the look of the feed bags used in our store. The changes include more vibrant and noticeable colors. One of our many goals includes increasing the awareness of our store and what we do.
- It is the time of year where you should start considering wormers and vaccines. We are still not getting a supply of Ivomec Plus, but we have a new supply of pour on wormers and other vaccines. The manufacturers are also providing some rebates for item purchases. Stop in the store to see what is available.
- Since we are at the end of the show season, we will be having a sale on the show feeds left over. Stop in the store to see what is available.

### **In the Great Outdoors**

- We have a few spring seed mixes available from our suppliers. We do not keep much on hand and recommend that if you are interested, please let us know so we can have it for you. Most spring food plot mixes have iron & clay peas, soybeans, lab lab, sunflowers, and sorghum.

### **What we are doing**

This summer, we will be hosting a summer intern in partnership with Purina Feeds. We will use this opportunity to educate our members more on the products we carry and discover ways that we can help you better. This individual will be moving to the area for a 3-4 month timeframe and will be looking for a place to live. If you have a ranch house or rent house that you would be interested in renting, please let us know so we can help them out.

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

**-March 24, 2018 –9:00 AM – 4:00 PM** – Cuero Main Street – Market on Main = **Cuero Main Street** = Events include shopping, dining, and a farmers market. For more information visit : <https://www.cueroainstreet.com/events/>

**-March 24, 2018 – 5:30 PM** – Meyersville WMA Spring Meeting = **Waskow Camp House Party Barn** = Dinner will be served at 6:30 PM and meeting will start at 7:00 PM. Chicken Fried Steaks, Mashed Potatoes/ Gravy, and Green Beans on the menu. Please bring a side dish or dessert to compliment.

**-April 6, 2018 –10:30 AM -12:00 PM** – Henneke Fish Farm = **DeWitt County Producers.** Call or stop by for your orders.

### **Manager's Words**

From the January newsletter, I have an update on the goals that we would like to achieve for 2018. The goal of "Improving the lead time and availability of our liquid and dry fertilizer application and weed spraying" has been reached. Our COOP has purchased a new liquid fertilizer/chemical spray truck to increase our lead time once you get on our list. We did not add a new truck in addition to our current ones, but replaced the one driven by David Smith. The old truck was consistently needing repairs and prevented us from keeping a consistent spray schedule. This will be a positive move for our organization and will benefit you as the customer and our long-term goals.

**Thank you for your business,**

**Willis Braden**

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