



# DEWITT COUNTY PRODUCERS

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As they say, all good things must come to an end. For the past 42 years, Dickie Goebel has worked at DeWitt County Producers. He has taken a leave of absence since July to have both of his knees replaced. With this change, he has decided to retire effective January 1, 2019. On behalf of all the board members, employees, and members, I would like to thank him for his years of service. We plan to have a meet and greet retirement party when we can find a best date. I will either post signs in the store with a date or share the date in the next newsletter.

## In Our Store

We have made some changes in the way items are displayed in the store. In the past, we have marked each item with an item number and a price. This has created an issue when there is a price change. We have now marked the front of the shelves with an item number, description, and price. This change will ensure we are giving you the correct price and let us know when we are out of a product to reorder. We hope this is a good change and improves your shopping experience.

## In the Yard

There is still not much going on in our yards. The broadleaf weeds, clover, and thistles are really starting to take off. If you have some problem areas in your yard, consider using: **Fertilome Weed Free Zone \$30.50/QT, Bonide Weed Beater Ultra \$20.15/Pint, or Bayer Season Long Weed Control \$26.50/QT.** As with any other herbicides, it is recommended that a surfactant is used. The best way to apply these products is with a pump up sprayer, targeting the plants directly.

-We will soon have a shipment of seed potatoes. Continue to watch in store, or ask for their arrival date.

## In the Pasture

-As mentioned in previous newsletters, we will start applying AG Lime this month. If you have a need for this, please let us know so we can get you taken care of.

**-Many will start to see thistles really take off in their pastures or fields. You can eliminate them with an application of Grazon Next before the plants bloom. The rate of application should be 1.5-2 pints/acre or 2 OZ/Gallon of water plus surfactant.**

-Preparation should also start for an application of pre-emergent herbicide. If you have problem areas with weeds, grassburs, or undesirable grasses, this may be a good option for you. The biggest key to a pre-emergent herbicide is the preparation. You should have these problem areas free of tall or thick standing grass. You can remove this tall grass by grazing, shredding, plowing, or a controlled burn. The pre-emergent herbicide creates a blanket over the ground, and as plants come up from seed, they are killed by the herbicide on the top of the soil. This product will work best if it can make contact with bare ground or short grass. The main product that we recommend for pre-emergent control is Prowl

H2O. **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 \$123.30/2.5 gallon jug.** Prowl is a non-restricted product and does not require a license for purchase.

### **In the Animal Pen**

-Our DeWitt Creep Feed has continued to increase in popularity. We have some customers who like to get a full pallet at a time. If you are interested in full pallets, we suggest calling and ordering it ahead of time so we can have it available for you.

**-We have restocked our Moorman's Show Feed. We have a new supply of 18241, Hi Fat 18%, Hi Fat 16%, Low Fat 15%, and Showts (Show Oats).**

-We have continuously been asked about treatments for algae in water troughs. We have a new product in store- **Stockplex Natural Stock Tank Care Tablets.** You will place one tablet/15 gallons of water. **Price is \$22.75/140 tablet container.**

### **In the Great Outdoors**

With deer season winding down, it has proven to be a challenging year for deer hunters. With the abundance of acorns, winter grasses, and other forage, many were left with piles of corn under their feeders. Attention should turn to protein options for next season. We will bring in some new items in the next few months to give you a variety of protein options.

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

**-January 5, 2018 -6:00 AM-8:00 AM Check-in-** 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual TNT Swine Showdown – Prospect Show = **Friar Ag Center – Cuero TX** = Two ring show pig prospect show hosted by Ty Luddeke and Trent Watson. Cost is \$20/Head/Ring with cash, banners, buckles, and plaques given away, along with prizes for showmanship. For more information, contact Ty Luddeke at 361-649-4517 or Trent Watson at 361-275-4151 or trent@watsonag.com.

**-January 24, 2018 - 6:00 PM-** Presentation by R-Calf CEO Bill Bullard = **Teaghlach Meadows -2099 Spies Rd Yorktown TX 78164** = This event will cover a variety of topics including Beef Checkoff and Country of Origin Labeling. Event will start with a social hour and a meal will be provided at 7:00 PM. For more information or to reserve a spot, contact Stayton Weldon at 361-275-4644.

### **Manager's Words**

I wanted to take the opportunity to thank our customers for allowing us to close for the increased number of days toward the end of December. This gave our employees some much-needed time to be with their families and friends. We have continued to set some goals for 2019:

1. **Increase the quality of our customer service.** While all our employees do a good job, we have identified some areas of improvement to make our interaction better.
2. **Make feed more accessible to customers.** With more customers turning to bulk feeders and looking for easier feeding plans, we will provide some new changes and options to help.

As we make these changes, we will be sure to share them with you.

**Thank you for your business,**

**Willis Braden**

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