



DEWITT COUNTY PRODUCERS

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MAY 2019 NEWSLETTER

In Our Store

- This month we donated a gift certificate to Pet Adoptions of Cuero's Designer Purse Bingo. This event is sure to help them with their many financial obligations from vet bills and care of their many pets.
- **We decided on a date with Dickie and his family to have a retirement party at the store. The event is open to all customers who would like to come by and thank Dickie for his many years of service. We will have hamburgers, drinks, and cake in celebration. The event will take place on Friday, May 10, 2019 at the store from 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM.**
- With the summer heat already here, we have a new supply of **outdoor hats** in store. These hats range in size and style to meet your needs. **Cost on the hats is \$6.45 Each.**

In the Yard

- With the warmer weather, the snakes have started to appear. We have a few products in store that can help you deter them from certain areas. We have **Snake Stopper by Bonide**. This natural ingredient product can be applied around houses, barns, and gardens to repel them. It should be applied every two weeks or after heavy rains. **Cost for this product is \$13.70/4LB Jug.** Another option is **Dr. T's Snake A Way**. This proven product has been shown to effectively repel snakes. **Cost for this product is \$14.50/4 LB Jug.**
- We are consistently asked about natural weed killers that can be used in the garden. The product called **Dr. Earth Final Stop** can be used to control broadleaf weeds, crabgrass, and any undesirable plants. This non selective weed killer works best in full sunlight and can provide results in minutes to hours after application. **Cost for this product is \$18.95/Gallon.**
- If your yard has struggled over the years, you may need to consider a soil sample. If your yard has a low pH, you can consider an application of **Pennington Fast Acting Lime**. The ideal range for your pH level should be 6-7. **Cost for the 30LB Bag is \$13.99/Each.**
- We are now carrying liquid **Medina Horticulture Molasses**. This product provides a natural food source for the microbes in the soil. This product is recommended for all plants and turf. **We have it available in gallons for \$9.00/Each.** Recommended application for yards is 3-12 OZ/1000 Sq Ft on yards or 1 OZ/gallon of water as a stimulant.

In the Pasture

- Last summer, Texas Agrilife and DOW Chemical showcased a new chemical for the control of Pricklypear called **MezaVue**. This product has finally made its way into our store. The main features of the product are a quicker burn down time and a visibly faster kill than other chemicals in the past. The mixture rate is 1 QT/Acre for broadcast application or 1.3 OZ/gallon of water for an individual plant treatment. **This is a restricted product and is available in gallons for \$108.81/gallon. Remember to use a surfactant.**
- As you drive the roads in our area, you can see smutgrass on many places or highway right of ways. One control for this invasive grass is **Velpar L** made by DuPont. Use at a rate of 1.75 oz -5.75 oz per individual plant (*when the applicator gun is used*) or 2.75 pints – 4.5 pints when mixed with 25 gallons of water per acre. The variance in the rate is dependent on the soil the plants are located in. There are no grazing restrictions, but you should not harvest the treated area for at least 38 days after application. This product should be applied when there are good, consistent rains in May- June, and the plant is actively

growing. You will see the grass around it temporarily discolor after application. This is a non-restricted product. **Cost is \$110.00/ 2.5 gallon. The applicator gun is \$67.27/Each.**

- The old saying *April showers brings May flowers* also seems to be true for weeds. **If your weeds/flowers are getting over 8"-12" in height, the rate of Grazon Next should be upped to the full quart.** The higher rate should allow for control on the tougher plants and provide residual for the plants coming behind it. If you are using a hand sprayer, you should be using about 3.2 oz /gallon of water plus surfactant.
- As you get your first cutting of hay or clean off your fields, consider an application of 12-16 oz of Roundup to your hay field to clean off undesirable plants and grass burrs. You should do this within 10 days of cutting your field to prevent stunting or hurting your desirable bermuda grass.
- When you drive your fencelines and pastures, keep a lookout for young brush and vines growing. Now is a good opportunity to apply **Pastureguard HL 1 gallon/100 gallons of water or 1.6 OZ/gallon of water plus surfactant. This non-restricted product is available in quarts \$35.10/Each, gallons \$114.40/Each, and 2.5 gallons \$281.03/Each.**
- We should also pay attention to **Dewberry Vines and McCartney Rose (Rosehedge).** We should treat **Dewberry Vines after the fruit drop with Chaparral Herbicide 6.6 OZ/100 Gallons of water for spot spray. McCartney Rose should be treated before the bloom with 6.6 OZ/100 Gallons of water for spot spray.**
- We are no longer able to get the TNT+40 28,000 round bale twine. This product has been discontinued since it was not popular from our supplier. There are two options available for round bale twine: **Bridon Stinger 20,000 FT (Blue) twine \$44.70/Box and Bridon Ultima Max 20,000 Ft (Orange) \$35.85/Box.** They both have UV protection and high tensile strength.
- Now is a good time to get ahead of the summer flies. You should be looking at sock oilers, dust bags, and fly treatments like **Cylence \$98.98/Gallon, Prolate \$70.42/Gallon, Brute \$127.54/Gallon, and Saber \$190.90/Gallon.**

In the Animal Pen

- Our price on 3/8" Creep, 1/4" Creep and Ranch Hand Sweet have changed. You should see new prices going forward.
- **We have received a new crop of square bales. Pricing on these square bales is \$8.65/Each.**

What is coming up in our area?

-May 5, 2019 - 10:30 AM -1:30 PM - Gruenau Hall Sausage Feast = **Gruenau Hall- Yorktown, TX=** Old Style German Cooking with plates to go or dine-in, plus sausage for sale. For more information, call 361-215-2272.

-May 10, 2019 – 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM – Dickie’s Retirement Party = **DeWitt County Producers =** Lunch provided

-May 12, 2019 – **MOTHERS DAY= Don’t forget to thank the MOMS in our lives for all they do.**

-May 19, 2019 – 11:00 AM -1:00 PM – St. Michael’s Catholic Church Festival = **Cuero, TX=** Roast Beef plates to go or dine-in, plus a live auction and much more. For more information, call 361-275-3554.

-May 27, 2019 – 11:00 AM = DeWitt County Vietnam Veterans Memorial Day Ceremony = **DeWitt County Vietnam Veterans Memorial Site–Yorktown, TX.** Ceremony is followed by a drawing for the gun raffle.

-May 27, 2019 –**CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF MEMORIAL DAY.** We will reopen on Tuesday, May 28, 2019 at 7:30 AM.

-June 10, 2019 – June 14, 2019 -9:00AM -12:00PM (8th Annual Cowboy Camp) = **Chisholm Trail Heritage Museum –** Ages 7-12 are able to attend. For more information visit: www.chisholmtrailmuseum.org

Manager’s Words

We are happy that the month of April is behind us. While the beneficial rains were welcomed, the month brought many challenges to our spray operation. We had one liquid truck that required a new wiring system and one dry truck that had a major oil leak. Those who are on our spray list also share our frustration. We appreciate your patience and share your concern on turnaround time. We are making every effort to complete your application as soon as possible. On a positive note, we have our second dry fertilizer truck being repaired to keep that part of our operation going. We have also added a few new faces at the COOP in the last few weeks. I will personally apologize to each of you if you asked me for something or if I seemed short in my answers for a question. We have struggled over the last few months to find good employees who truly want to work. For those of you who are business owners/managers, I am sure you share the same frustration. My goal is to have employees who can meet your needs and make us a better business. We are looking forward to a prosperous and productive May. If you have any questions or concerns, please let me know.

Thank you for your business,

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