



DEWITT COUNTY PRODUCERS

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JANUARY 2020 NEWSLETTER

In Our Store

- With the turn of 2020, most customer Ag & Timber Card have expired. Please make sure to bring or mail in a new copy of your card to the store. We need this updated card to take the tax off of your purchases. If you have any questions, please let us know.

In the Yard

- There is still not much going on in our yards. The broadleaf weeds, clover, and thistles will soon start taking off. If you have some problem areas in your yard, consider using: **Fertilome Weed Free Zone \$31.05/QT**, **Bonide Weed Beater Ultra \$20.15/Pint**, or **Bayer Season Long Weed Control \$14.65/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.

In the Pasture

- We are starting out 2020 dry. With the dramatic difference from this time last year, many of you are left with areas that could use a good drink of water. The one thing that never seems to suffer is the weeds. If you want to get a head start on the weeds and grass burrs in your hay fields, try one of two approaches, or both:
 - 1) Apply pre-emergent herbicide on your fields. 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 \$125.81/2.5 gallon jug**. Prowl is a non-restricted product and does not require a license for purchase. The biggest key to a pre-emergent herbicide is the preparation. You should have these problem areas free of tall or thick standing grass before applying the pre-emergent herbicide.
 - 2) 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 before the weeds, undesirable plants, and grass burrs get above 3"-6".
- **Thistles** will really start to take off in the pastures and fields within the next month. **You can eliminate them with an application of Grazon Next before the thistle blooms. The rate of application should be 1.5-2 pints/Acre or 2 OZ/Gallon of water plus surfactant. If you can catch them early, an application of 2-4-D at the rate of 1 QT/ Acre or 3.2 OZ/Gallon of water plus surfactant should be sufficient.**
- If weeds were not enough to contend with, many of you have a problem with gophers as well. **We are getting in a new supply of Gopher Machines and Gopher Bait if you want to start treating them.** On average, you should be putting out about 2LBS/Acre of Gopher Bait, depending on your application pattern and machine.

In the Animal Pen

- We are making one change to the feeds we make in our feed mill. The **DeWitt Creep** will appear in a new color bag. **The bag will be green and black instead of the red, white, and blue.** We will continue to provide the red, white, and blue bag for our DeWitt 1-2 and DeWitt 1-3. If you have any questions or concerns, please let us know.
- In the past we provided mouse and rat **“Throw Packs”** (THE YELLOW ONES) that many of you used and preferred for your barns, attics, and buildings. They were discontinued due to regulations on their use and packaging. We have found a new supplier for this product. These Rat X and Mouse X “Throw Packs” will arrive in our store within the next few weeks.
- We have started carrying **High Country Bull Mineral Feeders**. These feeders can provide a good weather resistant option for your mineral blocks, loose mineral, and stock salt. **Cost for this product is \$151.75/Each.**

In the Great Outdoors

- In the process of completing our inventory, we found a few **deer blind stands** that we would like to get rid of. **We have 1 (10FT) and 1 (5FT) stand available for sale. Price for the 5FT is \$220.00 and 10FT is \$286.00.**
- We are getting in a new supply of feeders from All Seasons. We will get Protein Feeders, Corn Feeders, and more Road Feeders. We should see them within the next few weeks if you need one.

What is coming up in our area?

-January 4, 2020 -6:00 AM-8:00 AM Check-in - 3rd 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 \$25/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 18, 2020 – 6:00 PM – Cuero FFA Booster Club “Cattleman’s Ball” = The Venue – Cuero TX = Social hour starts at 6:00 PM followed by a dinner, silent auction, and dance provided by Jake Hooker and the Outsiders. For more information, contact Greg Nemec at 361-275-1245.

-January 25, 2020- 35th Annual DeWitt County All Breeds Bull and Female Sale = Cuero Livestock Commission- Cuero TX =The day will start with the bull sale at 11:00 AM with the females selling immediately afterward. Come out early to view the sale animals and visit with the breeders. For any questions, contact Anthony Netardus at 361-275-0816.

Manager’s Words

As the manager, I would like to take this opportunity to share some goals we have set for the upcoming year:

1. **Make the price on feed from our mill more competitive with others in the area.** While we have made good strides with our feed mill products, we realize that some changes can be made to get the pricing down. We will work on the changes necessary to achieve this goal.
2. **Provide consultation on feed and pasture management in a timely manner.** We understand that some of you have questions and need advice. We will make changes to help you answer those questions at your places and have someone dedicated to help you.

As the year turns, it will bring new opportunities and obstacles. We look forward to a new year of business serving you and helping you meet your property needs.

Thank you for your business,

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