



FROM THE FEED MILL

Wheat harvest is quickly approaching and it looks like the crop has made it through the winter in pretty good shape. This year we will have Excel 357 available in bags or bulk bags. It is very important to book your seed needs early, as there appears to be a very robust wholesale market and I will be taking advantage of opportunities to move my inventory out as quickly as possible.

Although delayed, corn and soybeans look to be off to a pretty good start, swing by the Dairyland plot on route 45 at the north edge of Paxton and check out next year's selections. While you are there take a look at the alfalfa plot on the south side of the field. All of the varieties are looking very good and have been tested for yield and protein from the first cutting.

I will be ordering small seed for waterways and pastures in late July or early August. Be sure to study your FSA contract to get the right seed so you do not jeopardize your reimbursement from the FSA.

John Schweizer, Feed Mill Manager

CROP REPORT DATES:

JUNE 9:

Crop Production/USDA Supply/Demand

JUNE 30:

Grain Stocks/Planted Acreage

JULY 12:

Crop Production/USDA Supply/Demand

AUGUST 11:

Crop Production/USDA Supply/Demand

**ARE YOU FARMING NEW GROUND THIS YEAR?
DID YOUR GRAIN SPLITS CHANGE?
If so we need to know prior to harvest!**



Once again we would like to remind all of our patrons that we would appreciate it if you would inform us of any NEW accounts we need to set up for you prior to harvest! This would include any new or changed grain splits. We should have your grain splits set up the

same as the FSA offices have them. We can also add your FSA farm numbers to your existing farm splits or set up different 100% grain ID's with your farm numbers on them. Please let the location you settle grain with know of the additions/changes **PRIOR TO HARVEST!** Or you may email one of the offices with your information!

Thank you in advance for your cooperation!!

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**REMINDER:
CHARGING ACCUMULATED STORAGE/DELAYED PRICING CHARGES 8/29/11**

Grain that is still stored in Ludlow Coop on 8/29/11 will have storage charges that have accumulated charged to the patrons accounts receivable and will be due the 25th of September 2011. The charges will be included in the August 2011 accounts receivable statements and mailed to patrons. Ludlow Coop started this procedure in August 2010 and will continue following the procedure.

New Crop 2011 rates will be available in late August and posted on our website - www.ludlowcoop.com or you can get a copy at any Ludlow Coop Facility!

2011 New Crop rates will go into effect on any old crop grain that is not sold prior to September 1, 2011

**Ludlow Coop
Fiscal Year End
6/30/11**

**RAILROAD TIES
AT THE
PAXTON LOCATION
\$5.00 EACH**

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LOCATION FOR MORE
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PATRON GRAIN STATEMENTS

Enclosed with this brochure is your patron grain statement. **The information on this statement pertains to your grain account as of 2:00 p.m. TUESDAY**

JUNE 7, 2011. We are sending this information to you in order for you to double check your records to ours. The statement details your grain that is on open storage/delayed pricing/hold etc. Also included on the statement are the open contracts of grain you have sold through Ludlow Coop for future deliveries or to be applied to your bushels that are in the elevator already. The dates are shown by month and year for the delivery period of the contract in which the grain was sold. For example, if you have sold grain for 2011 harvest delivery the dates are shown as 10/1/11-11/30/11.

GRAIN IN THE ELEVATOR AND OPEN CONTRACTS.

When you look at your grain statements the bushels in storage or on delayed pricing are NOT reduced by any existing contracts for future delivery periods. We cannot apply grain sold for a future delivery period until the 1st day of that delivery period. For example, if you put 10,000.00 bushels in Delayed Pricing this past harvest and have 5,000.00 bu sold for July 2011 your statement as of today will show 10,000.00 bushels storage and an open 5,000.00 bushel July 2011 contract.

We are asking that patrons please look over the statements and if you find any errors please contact our Buckley/Ludlow/Danforth/Piper City offices immediately! Please do not wait until a later date.

Thank you for your assistance,
Office Staff

“New” Locomotive for Paxton by Bruce Bastert, GM



We purchased a new locomotive.... well a new locomotive to us. It's a 1957 vintage EMD (Electro Motive Division of GM) switcher, a model SW1200. This puts it about 10 years newer than our existing locomotive. This should help us to more efficiently load rail.

It takes two pieces of motive power to load a train at Paxton in the required time. We have been pushing empty cars into position with a railcar mover and pulling the heavier loaded cars with a locomotive. We have been moving a second railcar mover between Ludlow, Piper City and LaHogue. We are loading cars at least at two of these locations every week and sometimes at all three, usually at least twice a week.

Now we will use both locomotives at Paxton. This will free up a railcar mover so that we can split the two railcar movers between the other three rail loading locations. This will reduce the cost associated with hauling them around. It will also provide the added benefit that now, if either a locomotive or a railcar mover breaks down we should be able to move things around and keep loading.

The “new” locomotive started life out west on the old Great Northern Railroad which is now the Burlington Northern Santa Fe. It has been reconditioned moved to Paxton from Burlington, Iowa by way of Chicago. The existing locomotive is also an EMD switcher, dating from the 1940's. It came from the Peoria and Pekin Union Railroad – and yes that is known as the “P and PU”.



NEW CLASS OF STOCK: THIRD PREFERRED

At the 2010 Annual Meeting, the stockholders approved an Amendment to the Articles of Incorporation creating a new class of stock called **Third Preferred Stock**. The Amendment further authorizes the Board of Directors to establish and issue shares of Third Preferred Stock in series. Accordingly, the Board of Directors has established 2000 shares designated as Third Preferred Stock Series A. The Stock will be primarily offered to existing stockholders and patrons of the Company as well as local residents. The Stock will pay a fixed non-cumulative dividend of 4% per annum based upon the Par Value thereof when and as declared by the Board of Directors. The holders of such shares shall not be entitled to vote at any meeting of stockholders.

The initial Issue Date of the Stock will be July 1, 2011 and will be available for purchase until 2,000 shares have been sold, or until withdrawn, whichever first occurs. The initial dividend declared on the stock will be prorated from the date of purchase to the end of the company fiscal year. Stock will be issued at a Par Value of \$500.00 or any multiple thereof with a minimum purchase of 5 shares (\$2,500) and a maximum purchase of 200 shares (\$100,000). All proceeds of the issue will be used for the general working capital in connection with storage, purchase and sale of agricultural commodities and supplies.

The Board of Directors believes the sale of Third Preferred Stock provides an opportunity for its members and the community at large to invest in the local grain cooperative. The rate of return is better than other investment alternatives currently available and allows the cooperative to access capital at a rate that is below current borrowing rates. For the year ended June 30, 2010, the Company paid dividends on all classes of preferred stock at the stated rates which has been the practice since 1993. A prospectus will be available for your consideration in late June.