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Fall 2013



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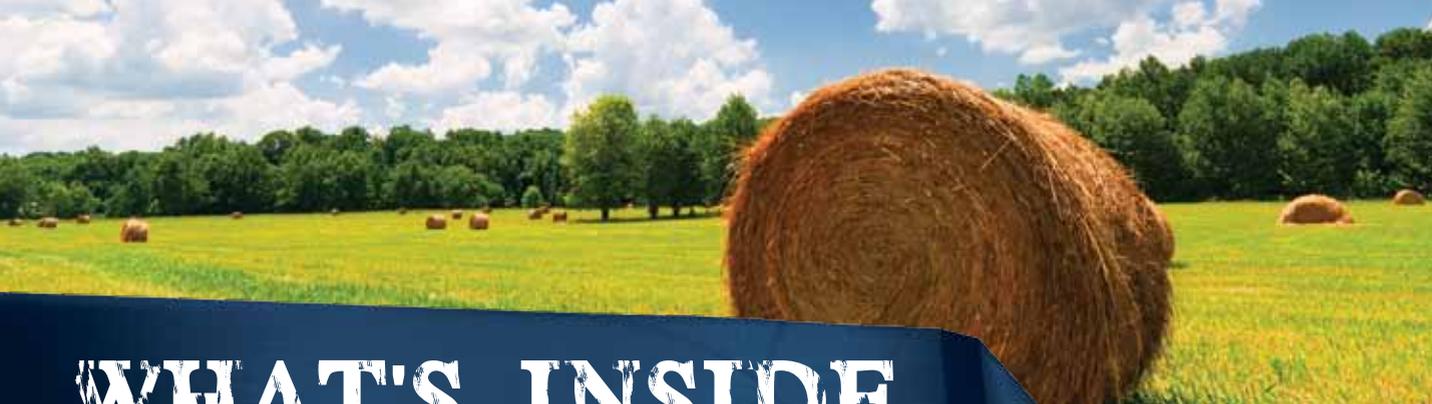
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Operations To Better Serve Our Patrons

It has been another growing season that we all will remember for years to come. Mother Nature again decided to throw a wrench in our spring. Again, we watched our producers persevere through the challenges as we saw some quick cropping changes here and a shorter variety seeded there. We won't let Mother Nature beat us; but one always hopes that moving forward she will start to cooperate with us a little more than she has in the past few years.

One item of focus that is frequently on my mind is positioning Dakota Agronomy Partners for continued success; not only for the business, but also for the producers that we serve. Our goal is to be here for the long-term support of your production needs. As these needs change and grow, we aspire to be here to meet and exceed the expectations that our patrons depend on us to provide.

Beginning this fall, Souris River Coop will join with us in our agronomy businesses.

By now, you may have seen a new look for Dakota Agronomy regarding our logo. As we move forward, our goal is to stay ahead of the times in technologies, products, services and many other things. We feel it is also very important to focus on our image, so by creating a more modern logo we found this to be one way to show the advancements of the business that we continue to strive for.

You have also probably heard of the conversations between Souris River Coop and Dakota Agronomy Partners regarding agronomy assets. Beginning this fall, Souris River Coop will join with us in our agronomy businesses. This partnership is one that the Board of Directors and I are very excited about for a number of reasons. Souris River Coop has a natural fit geographically to align with our existing three locations. Having the fertilizer hub plant in Minot will better serve these new locations that include Lansford, Antler, Newburg, Kramer and Souris. Coinciding with this, Dakota Agronomy will acquire an agronomy location in Mohall that, in the past, consisted of Green Ag/Enerbase as one business and SunPrairie Grain as another. On the seed front, CHS SunPrairie Grain, Souris River Coop and Dakota Agronomy Partners are trying to create a form of unification which would in-turn create even more of a consolidated approach to the producer. This would streamline any programs offered, as well as create one agronomy billing statement. By combining all of this together, we will create synergies that will be unmatched. I believe this is needed to sustain a valuable business for our producers for years to come.

As always, we want to make sure that our service is our biggest asset to you, the producers. The people we have on our team are striving to provide you with the products and assistance that you need in a timely, effective manner. We have a passionate group of people that enjoy serving you. As we grow in numbers, we are excited to collaborate with each other to provide our patrons with the best knowledge and advice we can give. As always, thank you for your continued support this season and we look forward to serving you in the future.



Terry Herzig
General Manager
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MESSAGE FROM YOUR BOARD



Greg Marshall
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I would like to thank all of the patrons that attended the Enerbase annual meeting on March 26th. We couldn't have the meeting without you. Congratulations to the grand prize winner, Shirley Holesherer, who won \$1,500 worth of Enerbase gift cards. Congratulations also go to all of the \$1,000 scholarship winners; JaCee Aaseth, Brian Bloms, Mitchell Leroy, Shawn Marshall, Brittany Nelson, Ashley Nickle, Garret Roen and Jeremy Wirtz.

I would like to review some of what was discussed at the annual meeting.

2012 was a record year for Enerbase. We had record sales of \$213.8 million and record total net savings of \$10,541,478 (Local savings of \$6,312,904 + profit from other business units of \$1,466,855 + patronage received of \$5,951,229 – other items of \$46,988 – income taxes of \$3,142,522 = \$10,541,478).

The Enerbase board and management decided to exit the joint venture with Green Ag of Mohall. Enerbase had a 40% ownership, with an option to purchase the

remaining 60% at a later time. The board determined it was not in the company's best interest financially to continue with the venture.

Enerbase is purchasing the Aemsco property and a portion of its wholesale assembly, parts and warehousing business on the north edge of Minot. It is not just a new location, but includes a new business venture and room for expansion. We will begin those operations November 1, 2013. One of the first things to be moved to that location will be the oil warehouse, which is currently located in the Bridgeman Building downtown. One of the existing buildings at the Aemsco property will be remodeled and added onto in order to accommodate the new facility.

One of the most difficult decisions the board made this year was to discontinue the Buhler/Versatile line of power equipment. It is something previous boards have struggled with for many years. There are numerous reasons behind the decision. The Buhler/Versatile business with Enerbase ended August 1, 2013. The tractor remained open through the end of July 2013. We



will also no longer handle the MacDon line of equipment. We will continue to offer parts for Versatile, Bourgault and MacDon as long as each of those companies will allow.

Enerbase does have commitments for the purchase of the downtown shop, Nodak building and Bridgeman Building. Those sales will be used to offset a portion of the Aemsco purchase. Your manager and board of directors continue to look at how to best transition the different parts of the business to the new Aemsco location. It will require some remodeling and new construction in order to accommodate the company's needs. We will continue to do business as usual at the downtown location until the time comes for each piece to be moved. Many decisions are yet to be made.

In Washburn, a new seed treatment facility is being put in place behind the c-store. Enerbase has also purchased the agronomy assets of Falkirk/Hazen. It should be a good fit with the Washburn and Underwood facilities. The area south of Lake Sakakawea continues to grow in sales and importance for Enerbase. A board member will be added from that district at next year's annual meeting. Should you be interested in serving your co-op in that position, please

let a manager or board member know of your intentions.

Enerbase just recently acquired property along the corner of Highway 83 North and County 10A on the north side of Minot. It includes lots west and north of the recently acquired Aemsco property. It will be the location of a future c-store, truck fueling station and underground bulk fuel storage plant. The property includes additional lots that will allow Enerbase to attract the types of businesses that will complement the needs of its customers. Enerbase has a firm commitment from a tire sales and repair company that will be located near the c-store location. Keep an eye out for additional info to come as it develops.

Please pay special attention to the Fuel Guide provided by the NDFU in this issue. You may want to read it more than once. It gives an explanation of Ethanol blends of gasoline being sold today and why the changes occurred. It also addresses using the blends in older vehicles and seasonal equipment.

Thank you for your continued patronage with Enerbase.



CONSTANTLY IMPROVING TO SERVE OUR PATRONS BETTER

You could have made a lot of money last fall betting me that I would only get half of my acres seeded because it would be too wet! Some of our trade area saw most of its acres seeded and some saw very little. As dry as the conditions were last fall, it is amazing how the area can change in a relatively short period of time.

As producers, how do we deal with Mother Nature's mood swings? In my opinion, I really don't think it changes much from year to year. We plan, prepare, execute and hope for the best outcome. Not every year can be a banner year, but we approach each one like it could be.

At SunPrairie Grain, the game plan is very much the same. The producer board and management have been planning and preparing, not only for this year, but also for the next several, to improve this business and your own operation.

The board is very pleased about two projects currently underway. In Bowbells, construction has begun on our largest project to date at SunPrairie Grain. This \$7 million, 25,000-ton fertilizer plant will be shuttle train capable and



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will greatly enhance the agronomy division in our northern area. In the future, this will give us a better fertilizer supply and faster delivery to producers. In Minot, construction is also underway on a new consolidated office building. The site, which is located north of Kroll's Diner and Ward County Crop Insurance, will bring our Grain Marketing, Seed, Dakota Agronomy Partners and Administration divisions all under one roof. We believe going forward, this will improve our business by allowing better communication between departments and provide the producer with a "one-stop shop" for his/her needs. The board looks forward to the completion of the Bowbells project in late winter and the Minot office this fall.

A new website also was implemented recently, which we hope will provide timely information to you in a "new and improved" format.

This cooperative's success depends on our exceptional employees and your continued support. From the producer board, I would like to thank you for your business, and wish you a good summer and a safe harvest!

A SHORT HARVEST



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As harvest approaches, it looks like we will once again experience a short harvest.

With much of DAP's trade territory going unplanted once again, Dakota Agronomy's crew had a short, yet very busy, spring. Some very long days were logged in to keep up with the producers' frantic pace to get as much as possible planted in the short window that we had. Thanks to the crew at DAP for their hard work and dedication.

Looking ahead, the fall harvest may be short, but DAP will be ready for any preharvest burndowns and spraying those prevent plant acres that will be seeded to winter wheat. So call ahead to your local agronomist and get those acres booked.

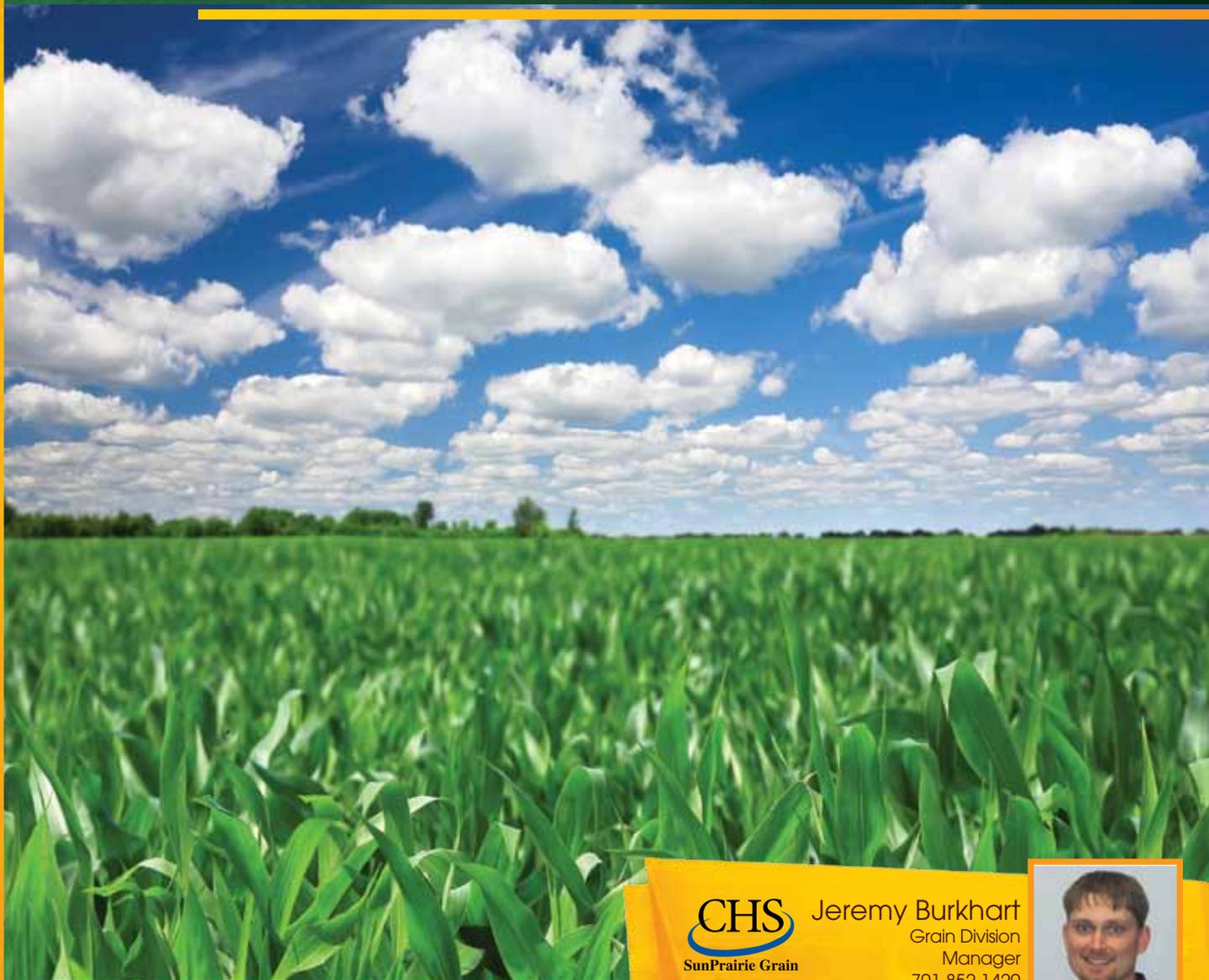
The board of directors is very excited about a couple of projects that we are in the process of completing. First, our expansion in Glenburn will be completed this fall with our new dry fertilizer plant. Completion of this project should be in late fall if all goes as planned.

The second project the board is excited about is the merger with Souris River Coop's agronomy division. This project should be completed by August of 2013. DAP's General Manager, Terry Herzig, will have more on the merger in his article in this issue of Prairie Partners Outlook.

On behalf of the board of directors, I would like to thank all of the patrons of Dakota Agronomy for your continued support, and hope that you have a safe and bountiful harvest on those acres that you did get planted.

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FALL MARKET UPDATE

We had yet another wet, frustrating spring and now we move onto another smaller harvest. At least it is not as bad as 2011. Even though we did not get everything planted in our area, this does not translate into higher markets. Corn is king and the current estimate from the USDA indicates that most of the corn acres in the US were seeded. Decent rains have been helping crop development and it looks like we could possibly produce over 14 billion bushels of corn. These corn numbers will keep all markets in check.

The US wheat crop has its issues with decreased acres and a poor winter wheat crop, but the question is will it

be enough for wheat to go out on its own and go higher? Global wheat production estimates make me think the answer to that question is “probably not,” as other top wheat producing countries are not having any major crop issues to speak of.

The rest of the summer will likely be spent with the markets focusing on weather, mainly watching the corn belt and the conditions of the corn crop. If we see heavy movement of old crop grain in July/August we will do everything we can to move those bushels out and create ample space for harvest. The railroad should be close to on time through the summer, with plenty of



extra cars if we need to get them ordered in. If all goes well, we will have plenty of room for new crop to come in right from the field. New crop malt barley will in all likelihood have to be stored on-farm and then scheduled to be hauled in later in the fall. Also, one last time, if you

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have any contracts with us and did not get it seeded please let us know so we can get those cleaned up.

As a reminder, we offer a mobile app for smart phones called the Dynamic Pricing Platform (DPP). This is an app that has updated futures and cash prices listed for SunPrairie Grain that also allows you to place offers to sell from your phone. We still send out three cash bid texts per day as well as a morning grain commentary. If you are interested in any of these services please give us a call. We recently launched a new website and hopefully finding marketing news and pricing is easier than before with this new tool.

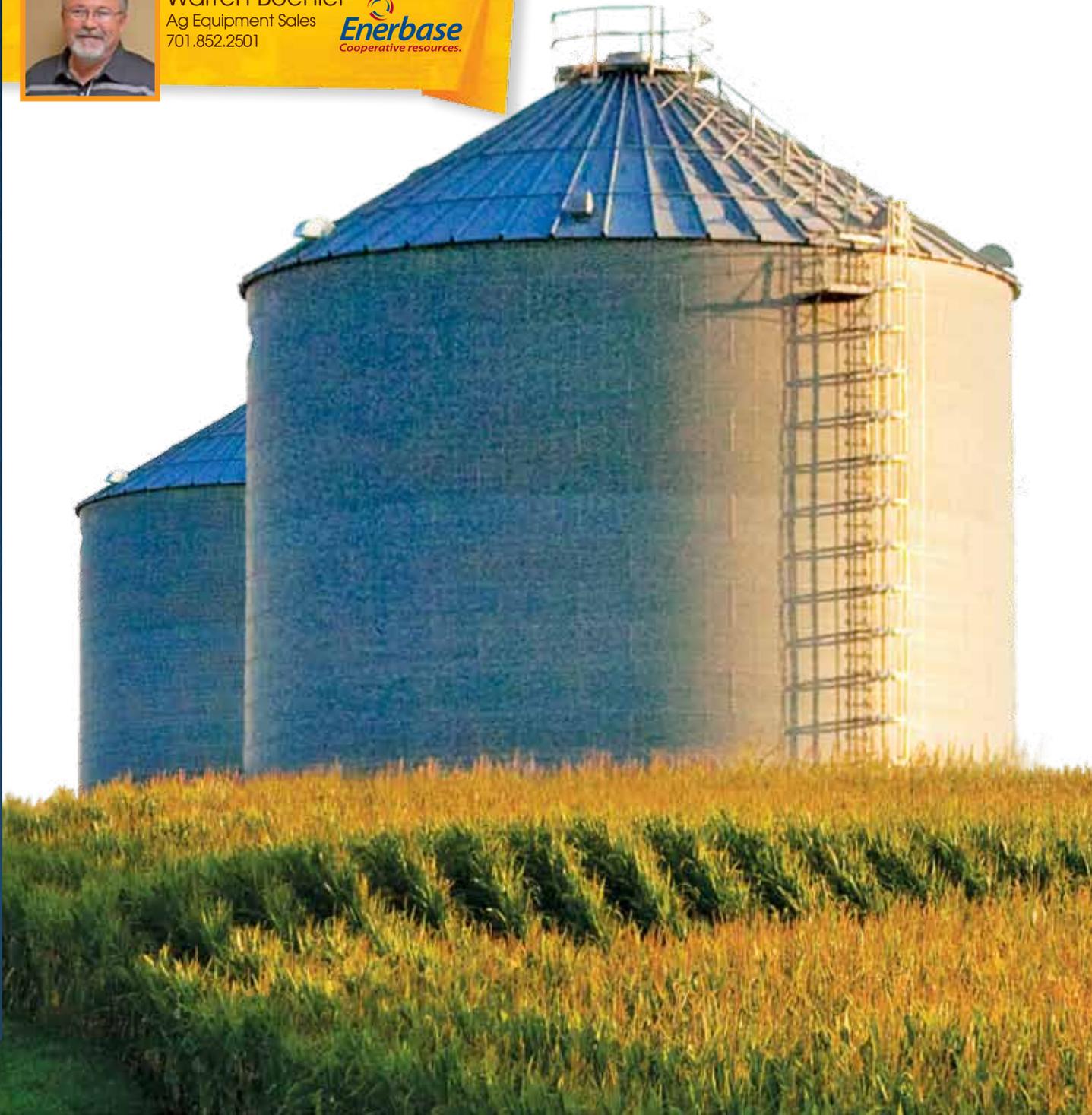
Updates from the

EQUIPMENT

Sales Department



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Hopefully as you're reading this,

seed is in the ground, the winds are calm, your spraying is done and the crops are coming up nicely. It was a very late, wet spring and everyone was scrambling to get things done as time and weather permitted. We can't control Mother Nature but should be thankful for the plentiful moisture. Sometimes we have to take it when it comes, even when the timing isn't perfect.

We've had a little time here to catch our breath in the Ag Equipment Sales department, but things will cut loose again shortly. Grain augers, grain storage bins, grain carts and header trailers will be on many farmers' wish lists and we can help supply them before the harvest season gets into full swing.

Ron Johnson and I are the two new additions to the Ag Equipment Sales department here at Enerbase in Minot. We both began working here in mid-November. Ron has years of experience selling, servicing and delivering equipment, bins and parts. Many of you have worked with him in the past. He's proven to be a great asset to the company. I also have years of selling experience, but none of it has been ag related. Ron has been a great source of knowledge and a mentor for me. I'm striving to learn as much as possible as quickly as I can. Our goal is to provide prompt service and quality equipment at the best prices available through our suppliers. We'll assist in making your job easier and more profitable.

As with many other companies, Enerbase is making some major changes. The relocation to our new site on the north side of Minot is a very exciting, yet challenging, time for the company. Enerbase will begin the transition of operating at the Aemsco facility on the first of November and continue to make plans into 2014 as time permits. Other major changes will be seen in our Ag Equipment Sales department. Effective August 1st we will no longer

be a Buhler/Versatile tractor dealer, and we've recently discontinued handling the MacDon line of new equipment. Our tractor shop will be open through the end of July, but will be closing since the shop building and property has been sold. These decisions have been tremendously difficult for the board of directors and management to make, but feel it is in the best long-term interest of the company. We will continue to offer parts for Versatile, Bourgault and MacDon as long as we are able, or until another dealer for these lines is available in the area.

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Although we'll no longer be handling some of the lines of power equipment we previously did, we'll continue to sell short line equipment. Grain augers from Farm King, Sakundiak (Meridian) and Wheatheart, as well as Batco conveyors will still be available. Engines and parts for the augers will be in stock as before. Grain carts, seed tenders, header trailers, land rollers and bins will still be sold and on hand. Post pounders and snow removal equipment will still be offered at the same low prices that have made us a go-to source for local patrons and neighboring states and Canadian customers.

Although some major changes are coming, you can count on us to be here, offering the same great service and equipment that you've come to expect from Enerbase. Thank you for your continued support.

ENERBASE IS GIVING UP TO EIGHT \$1,000 SCHOLARSHIPS FOR HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS.

Two scholarships will be used toward a degree in an accredited trade school with no specific trade in mind. The other six will be used for attending any accredited four-year school.

The only requirement to be eligible is that either the applicant or his/her guardian is a current patron member of Enerbase. In order to be a patron member you must have done at least \$500 worth of business in the current year. You can download an application from our website, www.enerbase.coop. If you have any questions call our office at (701) 852-2501. Deadline for submission is February 20, 2014.

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BRITTANY NELSON
DAUGHTER OF TODD AND JANICE, GLENBURN, ND



ASHLEY NICKLE
DAUGHTER OF RODNEY AND JANET, SURREY, ND



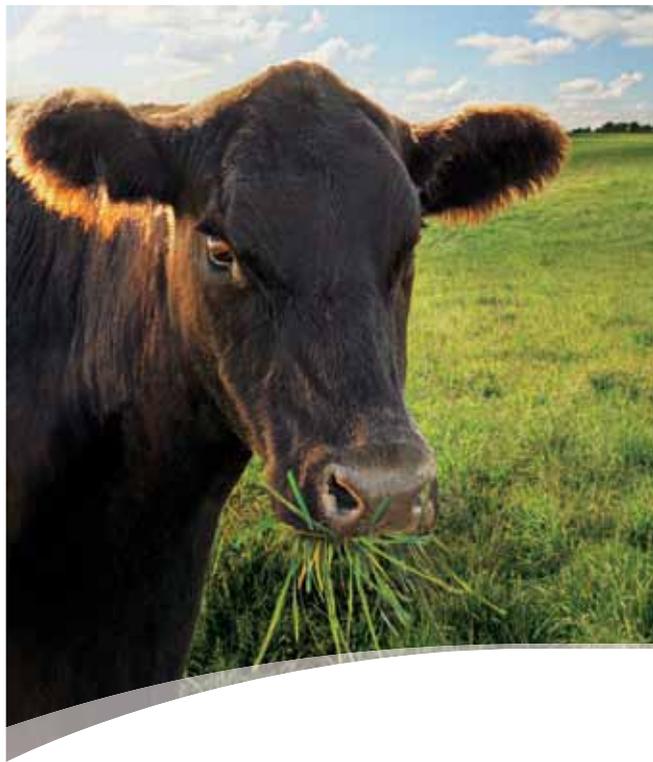
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Fuel Guide



Confused About Ethanol & Octane Numbers? **READ THIS.**

Most gas stations sell fuel that is blended with alternative fuels. This is called reformulated gasoline. It most often is blended with ethanol produced from corn or other renewable sources. Gasoline that contains ethanol is labeled at the pump dispenser.

Is ethanol safe for vehicles and other motors?

Yes. Hoses, gaskets, seals and components installed in or on vehicles including autos, boats and motorcycles manufactured after 1996 are usually compatible with 10% concentrations of ethanol. For older motors and seasonal vehicles, a premium grade fuel stabilizer additive is suggested to avoid fuel separation, absorb excess water, increase fuel economy, and clean the fuel tank to avoid sediment buildup that can clog air filters.

What is E10 and E85?

E10 is a blend of 10% ethanol and 90% gasoline and is legal for use in any gasoline-powered vehicle. More than 95% of U.S. gasoline contains up to 10% ethanol to boost octane, meet air quality requirements or satisfy the Renewable Fuel Standard law that mandates use of renewable fuels to reduce our nation's dependence on foreign oil and fossil fuels.

E85 is a high-level ethanol-gasoline blend containing 51-83% ethanol, depending on the season and altitude. Drivers can use E85 in flexible fuel vehicles, which are specially designed to run on gasoline, E85 or any mixture of the two. E85 users usually experience a 25-30% drop in fuel economy due to ethanol's lower energy content.

How much ethanol am I getting when the pump sticker says, "Contains Up To 10% ethanol?"

Between 1-11% ethanol by volume in North Dakota. Dispensers posted with "10% Ethanol" must contain between 9-11% ethanol by volume.

What do the numbers mean at the pump?

The numbers (or octane rating) are a standard measure of how a motor performs. The higher the octane number, the more compression the fuel can withstand before detonating. Fuels with a higher octane rating are used in high-compression engines. Most cars are designed to burn regular unleaded gas with an octane rating of 87 (check your owner's manual).

What is the difference between "unleaded," "super" and "premium" gasoline?

These labels define different octane levels. In North Dakota, gasoline can be labeled as:

OCTANE	LABEL
87	Unleaded
88	
89	Super, Plus, Midgrade
89.5	
90	
91	Premium, Supreme, High Test
92	
93	

Can I buy ethanol-free gasoline?

Premium, supreme and high test gasoline do not contain ethanol, but pay attention to labels at the pump. In the near future, North Dakota fuel retailers will only have access to 85.5 octane gasoline through pipeline refineries. By law, retailers in North Dakota must sell no less than 87% octane. To achieve that requirement, a higher premium gasoline (91% octane or greater) will be blended with ethanol. So less expensive octane fuel that was once ethanol free will no longer be available at the pump.

Why won't refineries be supplying 87% octane to retailers anymore?

Government regulations play a part in this business decision. To ensure that the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) is achieved, each gallon of biofuel has a Renewable Identification Number (RIN) attached to it. For example, biodiesel has a 1.5 RIN value compared to corn ethanol at 1 RIN. Companies that refine, import or blend fossil fuels must meet certain RFS quotas by submitting proof of RIN purchases to the Environmental Protection Agency. This is to verify the amount of biofuel being blended with fossil fuel in America. As a result, refiners are blending lower octanes and less premium gasoline to obtain RINS which adds to the price at the pump.

Is there enough ethanol available for blending?

Yes. With the tremendous increase in corn yields and more than one billion tons of cellulosic biomass in the U.S., the possibilities for ethanol production are staggering. By 2022, the nation's transportation fuel supply must be blended with 36 billion gallons of renewable fuel. By 2032, we could produce 140 billion gallons of ethanol per year, which would replace 90% of our nation's gasoline usage, virtually eliminating our need for fossil fuels used in automotive transportation.

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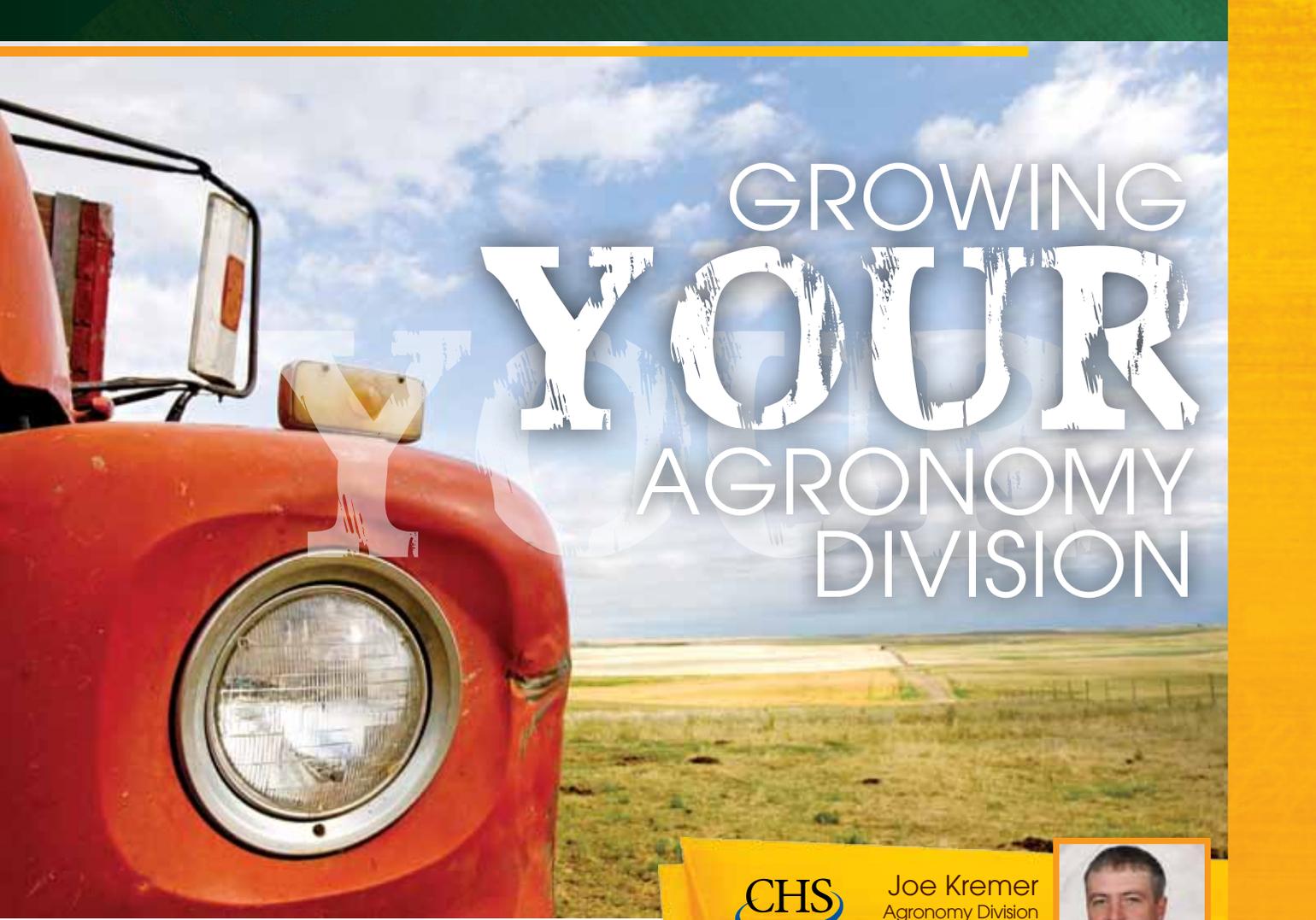
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The SunPrairie Grain Agronomy

Division was blessed this year to do some major expansions to increase our assets we use to serve you, our customer. First we began the building of a crop protection product warehouse and office complex in Lignite which should be complete in August 2013. This warehouse has a heated shop, cold storage and a nice office complex with a full kitchen so we can have numerous breakfast meetings throughout the winter. Our second project was to add a 60,000-gallon anhydrous bullet at our plant north of Bowbells. This was completed on April 15th, with some minor adjustments being done this summer. This was a blessing this spring as shipments were always behind and we were able to keep product on hand throughout the planting season. Our third major investment was to add another 120-foot Case sprayer, so now we are running six sprayers and two floaters. Our fifth project we have underway is a state-of-the-art fertilizer plant. This plant will have a load-out tower that will load semis in seven to 10 minutes, where currently it takes us an hour. With this new plant we will be able to store 26,000 tons of dry fertilizer. The plans are to purchase fertilizer in 65- to 85-car unit trains.

Throughout the next couple months make sure you are in contact with us about Yield Point.

One last thing we are working on to launch yet this fall is Precision Ag. We have been training Matt Brauer for the last year to take on this role to help customers get the perfect placement of fertilizer and seed in their fields. We are also making a major investment in the near future on a floater that has a three-bin system to precisely place the nutrients you want in your field. We are doing this by zone sampling areas of your field and using topography maps. It is also useful if you have yield mapping on your combine that we can implement in our process. The more information we put into getting this accurate, the better it is. We will also be able to make a program for your air seeders that has the capability to do precision seeding. We call our program Yield Point. Throughout the next couple months make sure you are in contact with us about this. We will have many meetings on this in the upcoming months. Also keep in mind that soil testing will begin as soon as the crop is off.

tasty RECIPES

TOMATO CUCUMBER FETA SALAD

Submitted by Kayla Burkhart

6-8 Roma Tomatoes
2 Cucumbers
1 Red Onion
1 Bunch Cilantro, chopped
1 Container of Crumbled Feta Cheese
Balsamic Vinegar to taste
Olive Oil to taste
Salt & Pepper to Taste

Dice the tomatoes, cucumbers and onion then mix in a large bowl. Add the chopped cilantro, feta, balsamic vinegar, olive oil, salt and pepper. Serve immediately or refrigerate for a fresh, cool summer salad!

PIZZA BURGERS

Courtesy of Cooks.com

6 Hamburger buns
1 lb. Hamburger
6 Slices of American cheese
1 c. of shredded mozzarella cheese
1 1/2 Jar of pizza sauce
Garlic Salt
Pepper

Preheat oven to 350. Separate buns in half. Place on baking sheet. Ground hamburger in large skillet. Drain. Add pizza sauce and mix together. Spread hamburger mixture on each bun.

Cut cheese slices in half and put on buns. Add a dash of garlic salt and pepper.

Bake about 15 minutes. Feeds about 6-8 people.



Sudoku Puzzle

Easy Puzzle 1

	4	3		8		7		
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Easy Puzzle 2

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	2						7	
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		7	6				3	
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	3	6			2		9	7

Medium Puzzle 3

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		3			7	1	9	6

Medium Puzzle 4

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THINGS TO THINK ABOUT WHEN PLANNING FOR 2014

When I was growing up, one of my favorite things to do in the fall was to help my mom take lunch to the field. Our family would sit on the tailgate of our pickup, smell the freshly cut stubble and talk about the day's happenings. After that I'd climb up into the combine with one of my parents, sit on the toolbox (pre-buddy seat) and if I was good, they'd let me swing out the auger when we would go to dump our hopper! As I've grown a little older, this time of year remains one of my favorites. Few things can compare to seeing all the work that has gone into a growing season come to fruition by spending time in the field with your families, and seeing the work you put into the ground repay you by providing another year of productivity. As we enter into this fall and begin to think about 2014, I want to mention some opportunities to maximize your production for the next growing season.

Because of the amount of fallow we had this summer, many producers are looking toward winter wheat as an option to get something growing this fall, and to alleviate some of the planting pressure in the spring. I'm going to highlight a few things to keep in mind as you are starting to grease up your drills to get them back in the field for another planting season.

Seed Treat:

This in general is a great idea, however, when seeding a crop in the fall that we want up and out of the ground with a healthy plant going into dormancy, we have seen great benefits with the addition of seed treatment. There are a few different routes to go, so I will highlight some options to help you pick the best fit for your operation.

- There are products that will give you control of seed and early season disease pressure. These will help to set the crop up for a great growing season and allow for the suppression of diseases that affect young plants, thereby allowing them to grow with the opportunity to put energy into making a bigger, better plant.
- Wireworm treatments are available if that is a problem you have found. If you are seeding into any CRP ground, adding wireworm to the protection list is more than likely going to help you out. Nipsite Suite and Raxil MD Extra W are good options when going the wireworm treatment route.



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- Another option to consider is to add Stamina to your seed treatment. This product shares the same active ingredient as Headline Fungicide. When adding it to a seed treatment, plants tend to pop out of the ground quicker and handle cold stress better than non-treated fields.

- Plant Growth Regulators (PGR's) – These are something quite new to our area, many of you have used products such as Ascend in corn and soybeans; the use of PGR's has also shown great results in small grains as well. By adding Ascend to your seed treat mix, plants are given the best chance to get up and out of the ground quickly and promote leaf and root growth to get your plant better prepared to handle whatever this winter may throw at it.

Fertilization:

This time of year we often question the best method to getting the proper fertilization down. Should the entire product go on in the fall? Should we split N applications for our winter wheat acres? What other nutrients are important for growth? The answer to the first two questions varies with what works best on your particular farm. We like to see split applications to provide winter wheat with adequate nitrogen in the fall, while still minimalizing the N loss by coming out in the spring and spreading the second half in the form of urea. Another important nutrient strategy is to use a good amount of phosphorus in your starter fertilizer. Phosphorus is important for root growth and promotes big, healthy plants. Also, the addition of potash (potassium-chloride) would be a great idea to consider. Potassium is a disease fighter, and we often find the addition of chloride

to soils in this area, which are typically low, allows the plants to keep a lush, green color and absorb the most amount of sunlight possible. We do provide soil testing in the fall and tissue sampling throughout the growing season if you are ever questioning what may be in your soil or what may be coming up short. Plant nutrition is one of the most pivotal pieces in the growing season puzzle. Making sure you get the right fit and doing so economically is important to us.

Yield Point

Another avenue I would like to mention is the direction Dakota Agronomy Partners is headed in the advancement of Precision Ag in this geography. We are very interested and excited to assist any of our patrons in their desire to pursue this avenue of technology. Variable rate fertilizer and seed application is growing greatly as the technology in equipment has allowed for us to put the right products in the right places to give each and every plant what it needs to make the most of where it is in the field. Yield Point is the name that CHS has branded as our Precision Ag umbrella. This encompasses many different aspects, and you will be hearing more of this in the future, as we are very excited to announce the addition of it to our company. If you have any questions about implementing variable rate into your operation please contact us and we'd be glad to POINT you in the right direction!

As you wrap up your 2013 growing season and start to enter the next, please stay safe. Enjoy your harvest this fall, and take some time to smell the freshly cut stubble.

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My name is Ricky Aberle and

I have been with Enerbase a little less than one year. My career has been in agricultural finance, mostly working with flourmills. I also managed ConAgra's international grain trading and vessel freight business in the Caribbean while managing the finances of their Puerto Rican businesses. I lived in Puerto Rico for 12 years which was

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a wonderful experience. My wife and I decided we wanted to finish raising our kids in North Dakota where we are both from. Ideally I wanted to work for a company that was progressive and interested in strategically growing. This is why I chose to work for Enerbase. I am excited about what lies ahead for Enerbase. We are very well positioned, both financially and with the proper personnel, to continue to take advantage of opportunities.

I have seeded my garden twice already because of all the rain, and like you and your crops, now I need some sun for my garden to grow. I am looking forward to meeting more of our customers and getting more involved with the community. If you are at our downtown offices and have a few minutes please don't hesitate to stop by and say hi.

A NEW ADDITION To The Ryder Team

Hello everyone. Let me start off by introducing myself. My name is Seth Larson and I graduated from North Dakota State University with a Bachelor's degree in Crop and Weed Sciences this past May. I grew up on our family farm, which is located four miles southwest of Ryder, ND. I am excited to be joining the team here at Dakota Agronomy. For the past four summers I have interned here in Ryder so the surrounding area and all of the faces are familiar to me. I look forward to serving the community in which I grew up in. On that note I want to discuss a few of the important things that growers should remember to do this fall.

Jumping into this spring was a little frustrating, as I know you all shared my frustration with rain, but I think that years like this are a learning experience for everyone. Planning ahead for the following spring sounds easy, but we all know that there is much more to it than that. After harvest this fall, take the time to plan your seed and fertilizer needs for the following spring. We know that this can change with weather patterns like everyone faced this last spring, but having a good game plan can make changes easier later on. Another thing for growers to remember this fall is to get your fall burndowns taken care of. This can save on some spring headaches if you can get ahead on your weed control.

With this past spring as wet as it was and farmers trying to seed every chance they could, we were not able to make as many pre-plant applications, which led to a large amount of weed pressure in the fields. This is key for your crop to get a healthy start next spring. I also want to point out that fall applications of fertilizer are a good way to get a jump on the following spring. With harvest here and everyone working hard it can be difficult to remember, or to even start thinking about, what lies ahead. Putting forth the effort can be the difference between a low-yielding or a high-yielding crop next year. Remembering these key points is a good way to manage your time in the spring of 2014. I look forward to seeing new faces and meeting new people and wish you all the best of luck in harvest this year.



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I am excited to be joining the team here at Dakota Agronomy.



SudokuAnswers

Puzzle No. 1

2	4	3	1	8	5	7	9	6
9	7	1	3	2	6	5	8	4
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4	3	2	9	6	7	1	5	8
6	9	8	5	1	3	4	7	2
7	1	5	8	4	2	6	3	9

Puzzle No. 2

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6	1	2	5	9	3	7	8	4
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8	5	1	9	3	7	2	4	6
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Puzzle No. 3

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1	7	9	2	6	3	5	4	8
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Puzzle No. 4

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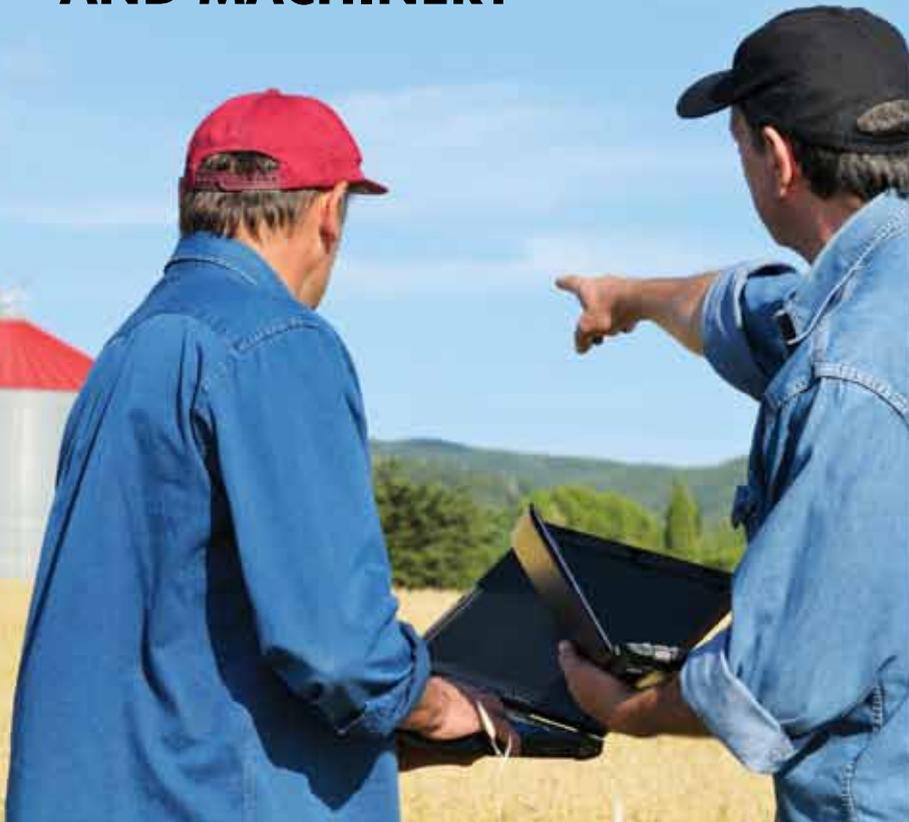
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