



Fall 2017 Newsletter

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Flock-Tober is Almost Here! The 2017 Flock-Tober promotion is almost here. Starting on September 5th we will have the 2017 metal signs for your coops. This year the promotion is offering one free metal sign with your purchase of a Purina Layer Feed. Limit one sign per transaction, per day, while supplies last. During the week of September 11-16, 2017 and the week of October 9-14, 2017 we will be offering a Flock-Tober promotion, when you purchase 5 bags of Purina Layer feed you will receive the 6th bag free. This offer cannot be combined



with our normal frequent purchase baker dozen program. If you are new to Purina Feeds you can sign up for the Feed Greatness Challenge by visiting bit.ly/FlockChallenge for coupons and helpful tips for your flock.

Sign up for our email updates! Stay in touch with Hamel Co-op and sign up for our email updates by emailing us at

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and we will add you to our contact list. Or by scanning this code. Sign up for daily grain bids, general information, sales and offer, events, or choose which information that you would like to receive.



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Book your fall soil sampling now! We are working with SGS Laboratories in Hamel, IL for soil sampling. They are currently running a special discount for all orders placed before September 15th. Orders place prior may be eligible to receive a \$0.25 per acre discount. We can help you with any of your soil sampling needs.



Interested in VRT? We can do that!!! Our Terragator is VRT ready. Need help with your fertility recommendations? Amy is a Certified Crop Adviser and works closely with SGS to ensure the correct prescription for your VRT and fertilizer recommendations for your farm, lawn, garden, or plot. Call Amy today to book your fall soil sampling. Don't forget to be on the lookout for information about our plow down fertilizer program for this fall.

Harvest Hours! Hamel Co-op Grain Company is normally open Monday – Friday from 8 am to 5 pm and on Saturdays from 8 am to noon. During harvest we have extended hours for our grain customers. These hours fluctuate based on customer needs. Please discuss your harvest needs with Amy at 618-633-2215.



Upcoming Events at Hamel Co-op!

September 4, 2017 – Closed for Labor Day
September 13, 2017 – Merschmann Seed Meeting
September - October 2017 – Purina Flock-Tober
November 23, 2017 – Closed for Thanksgiving
November 24, 2017 – Open Noon – 5pm only
December 23 - 25, 2017 – Closed for Christmas Holiday
December 30 – January 1, 2018 – Closed for New Year's Holiday

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 Monday – Friday: 8am – 5pm
 Saturday: 8am - Noon



It's Time to Order Your Fall Wheat and Seed for 2018!

It is once again harvest time, and that is always the time to start ordering seed for next year. We are carrying the Merschmann Seeds line of wheat for this fall. We will have Katie 14 available floor stocked for you and your wheat seed needs. We also have other great varieties available to order now. Stop by and talk to Amy for all of your seed needs.

We have been a Dekalb & Asgrow dealer for the past 27 years. We will continue to have these brands. Dekalb & Asgrow have great yielding options and a variety of traits and non-traited seed that will have a positive impact on your farm. We also have the AgriGold brand in our portfolio to give our customers some more options, and it has been very successful. In 2017 we added the Merschmann Seeds to our line up for the customers looking for Liberty Link hybrids and varieties. This has proven to be a great addition to our current line up. Now is the best time to order your corn & soybean seed to take advantage of the early pay discounts with all of the different brands. Stop by or call Amy to see what hybrids and varieties will work best on your farm.

Thank you for your continued seed business.

Fall Plow Down Fertilizer and Deferred Pricing on Grain. Fertilizer - This year we will again be offering the Fall Plow Down Program for fertilizer. The guidelines for the fall plow down program are as follows:

- Fertilizer applied in the fall of 2017 for the 2018 corn or soybean crop. Ton price will be established and billed on the day of application.
- If paid in 30 days of application there is a 2% discount.
- If deferred payment of plow down fertilizer, payment is due March 31, 2018.

Grain - This year we will be offering grain programs as we have in the past. The Deffered Payment (DP) program for corn & soybeans, this is where the grain is established at delivery and the payment is deffered until much later date. The Price Later (PL) program is when the price on the grain is not determined upon delivery, and left open to price at a later date. Please designate the program upon delivery. If program is not specificed upon delivery grain will be priced upon delivery and paid in a timely manner. Here are the guidelines for the Price Later (PL) program.

- Rates will be set based on terminal basis levels.
- Rates will be set as a flat fee per bushel through

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- A monthly rate per bushel will be set for DP holdings from January thru August 31, 2018. DP Grain must be priced by August 31, 2018.
- There will be NO forward pricing on PL grain.
- Availability of PL contracting will depend on bin space at Hamel Coop and conditions at the terminal markets.

This is the same program we have run in the past, the only change is in the terminology of the programs.

Remember Farm Safety During A Busy Harvest!

Over the past few years we are hearing about a lot of farm related accidents locally. We all work 365 day a year and sometimes close to 24 hours of the day. Certain seasons push you to the limit. You are in a hurry and tired. Accidents on your farm are avoidable. Here are some tips to reacquaint yourself with some safety issues.

- Tractor and farm equipment safety. Equip all your tractors with rollover protective structures (ROPS). Display the slow moving vehicle (SMV) symbol, Illinois requires it. Wear your seat belt at all times, in fact, if you roll over, ROPS can actually kill you if you are not wearing your seatbelt. Avoid driving near ditches and embankments. Most rollovers occur in these areas.
- Wear proper clothing. Loose clothing, jewelry, or anything that dangles can get caught in machinery. Besides the possibility of dangling jewelry getting caught in machinery, metal jewelry is a conductor of electricity. Long hair: Pull long hair back so it does not interfere with your work or get caught in machinery.
- Get adequate rest. It is tempting to sacrifice sleep to get your work done, but that is when accidents happen. Reaction time slows down when you get tired, making the risk of injury more possible. Don't work yourself into a accident. Consider alternating jobs during the day so you stay alert and focused. If you are drowsy during the day. Take a short nap to refresh yourself.
- Remember to talk to your kids about farm safety. Establish a safe place for kids to play. Teach your kids to respect farm animals. Do not allow kids to play on farm vehicles and equipment.

All of us at Hamel Co-op wish you and your family a safe and bountiful harvest.

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