



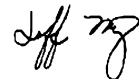
General Manager's Letter...

On behalf of our 65 employees at Ag Plus, I want to thank you for allowing us the opportunity to serve you. As we mentioned in our last newsletter, we're striving to increase your profits through new products and services. You have opportunities today in marketing and technology that our forefathers went without and we want to make sure you're aware and able to take advantage of them.

This spring has brought several challenges to all of us. Fuel and input costs are at record highs. At the same time, who would have thought that we would see corn, soybean, and wheat prices hovering at the current levels we are experiencing. The risk and challenges associated with today's agriculture have grown significantly. However, opportunities in agriculture exist and the rewards have grown. How we manage those opportunities is the crucial part of yours and our success.

This year, Ag Plus is planning for a change that will affect you. Technology has changed at a rapid pace over the last decade. Has Ag Plus done its job in keeping up with technology? We certainly feel we have through our products and services. How have we done on our accounting software? Not so well. Effective August 1st, we will transition to a new accounting software that will help our organization streamline accounting applications and bring efficiencies to Ag Plus. How will this affect you? Statements and invoices will look different, procedures will be adjusted, and you will see change. We hope this change will assure you that we have taken the appropriate due diligence steps to secure an accounting software package that will benefit you and Ag Plus. Our employee group is excited and encouraged by this change.

I am excited with the challenges and changes in our company and agriculture. Opportunities are greater today than in the past for your success. Ag Plus believes it is a privilege to be a part of your operation and help you attain your goals. Please take the next few minutes to review the different sections of this informative newsletter and contact any of our locations to assist you. I thank you for making our success possible.



Jeff Mize, General Manager

Golf Outing!

Ag Plus has scheduled its 3rd annual golf outing for employees and customers for Friday, August 23rd. Everyone is invited and great golf skills are not a requirement!

The day will begin with a light lunch at 12:15PM followed by a shotgun start at 1PM. Lunch, golf and a steak dinner following the golfing will all take place at the Donald Ross (Fairview) Golf Club, 7102 S. Calhoun St., Ft. Wayne. In addition to lunch and dinner, refreshments will be served throughout the afternoon.

This event is limited to the first 144 golfers who sign up. You are asked to pay a \$20 registration fee and in turn will be rewarded a \$25 Ag Plus gift card for participating. In addition, each golfer will receive various golf supplies and door prizes will be awarded. Special awards for closest to the pin, longest drive, longest putt, etc., as well as prizes to the teams with top scores will also be presented.

Registration for this year's annual golf outing begins August 1st and is open to those 18 years and older. Plan to register no later than Monday, August 18th. Please contact your local Ag Plus location for more information or to register for the outing.

We hope you will join us for an afternoon of fun and fellowship; an opportunity for us to get to know you, our customer, better!



2008 Scholarship Winners

Ag Plus was pleased to award two annual scholarships again to local students pursuing a career in agriculture. The annual scholarship program awards a \$500 scholarship to two students enrolled to attend or attending any two or four-year college in their agriculture curriculum. This year's scholarship committee had a very difficult task of choosing between eleven strong applicants from northeast Indiana. The 2008 recipients were Jennifer Springer and Christy Penner; both strong leaders in their community and active in agriculture.

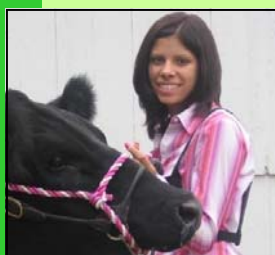
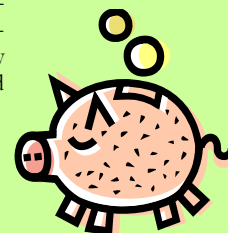


Christy Penner

Christy Penner is a freshman at Purdue University majoring in Agriculture Communications. She is the daughter of Vern Penner and the late Sharon Penner of North Manchester. Christy plans to pursue a position in public relations with an agriculture company upon graduation. While at Purdue she continues her involvement in Agriculture Communicators of Tomorrow, Emerging Leaders, intramural sports, and enjoys cheering for the Boilers. Christy also enjoys

soils judging and dairy judging.

Ag Plus believes that students expressing leadership abilities and an interest in agriculture are needed to fill a variety of positions in the agriculture industry. The scholarship program Ag Plus offers is our way of encouraging students to pursue their dreams to study and to work careers in agriculture-related fields.



Jennifer Springer

Jennifer Springer is currently a junior attending Purdue University with a concentration in Agriculture Economics and Farm Management. She is the daughter of Larry and Teresa Springer and 2005 graduate of Dekalb High School. She hopes to return to their family farm and this summer has an internship as a grain buyer. Jennie enjoys staying very active in many activities on campus and within

her community. Her activities include 4-H, FFA, Ag Ambassador, Block and Bridle, Grand Prix Senior Board, Junior Beef Cattle Association, and working on campus.

“Farming,” Demanding Efficiency!!!!

AgPlus has taken the approach that our customers today need to know where their crop dollar is the most efficient. To facilitate this, we have put several test plots out in an effort to replicate field conditions just as you would put them out. Most plots are replicated across the field.

Plots include the following:

Both Syngenta Corn and Bean seed plots.

Soybean Plots

Residual herbicide program followed by Roundup vs. Roundup followed by Roundup

Fungicide Plot on soybeans sprayed at stage R3 replicated in 90' strips across the field vs. Nothing.

Micro Nutrient Plots, such as Manganese, Boron, and Foliar Feeding Products.

Insecticide trials included in the above treatments.

Corn Plots

Row Starter plots using different rates of application, and also testing different rates with Zinc and Asset.

TSM Corn plant food plot vs. University recommendations, with and without pelleted Lime. This is Replicated on a 70 acre field every 70'.

Residual Herbicide vs. Roundup only; determining the value of residual products and also nutrient loss from weed pressure.

Wheat Plots

One Pass Nitrogen program vs. Two Pass Nitrogen program; 28-0-0

E.S.N. with Urea; E.S.N. is a temperature and time released product. This plot uses E.S.N. and Urea together to try and mimic a two pass 28-0-0 program into one pass.

Fungicide with Herbicide Early vs. Only Herbicide vs. Second Fungicide application at Flag Leaf.

We are also trying two new exciting products on wheat at flag leaf to prevent head scab.



News YOU Can Use POET Opens Ethanol Plant in Indiana

Excerpts from “Hoosier Ag Today with Gary Truitt”

On April 17, in Alexandria, POET hosted a grand opening ceremony for their 23rd ethanol production facility. "POET's new ethanol plant in Alexandria further strengthens Indiana as a national leader in the production of biofuels," said Lieutenant Governor Becky Skillman. "Governor Daniels and I congratulate POET on the grand opening of their second plant in our state. This plant will stimulate our agriculture industry, create new jobs to Madison County residents and provide a clean and home-grown fuel to Hoosiers."

Indiana corn farmers - through investment of their corn checkoff dollars - have made a major commitment to promote the use of ethanol in our state," said Chris Novak, Executive Director of Indiana Corn Marketing Council. "The grand opening of POET's second ethanol plant in Indiana represents the many positives that a robust biofuels industry can bring to our state, including a new market for area corn farmers, new jobs, a cleaner environment and less dependence on foreign oil." "We appreciate the support POET has given Alexandria," said Mayor Jack Woods. "Their contribution to the community has been immense."

POET Biorefining - Alexandria will utilize 22 million bushels of corn from the area to produce 65 million gallons of ethanol and 178,000 tons of Dakota Gold Enhanced Nutrition Distillers Products™ per year. Ethanol marketing for the facility is provided by POET Ethanol Products and byproducts are marketed by POET Nutrition. Rail access is through Norfolk Southern. The \$115 million facility employs 42 people with an annual payroll above \$2 million. For more information, go to <http://www.poetenergy.com>.

Spring Plant Protection and Feeding



Kill Dandelions & Other Weeds Now

Now that we are into May, it's time to start thinking about weed control. Ag Plus is your source for weed control products. Some of the brand names we carry include: Trimec Classic, Trimec Plus, Speed Zone, Surge, and many others. Let our qualified sales staff assist you in your weed killing needs.

Control for the Emerald Ash Borer

Bonide's Annual Tree and Shrub Insect Control is a systemic insecticide that will provide up to 12 month control of the ash borer as well as other listed insects. The product moves up through the tree or shrub providing year-long insect protection.

New Repellent Products Available

Ag Plus now carries repellent products from the Liquid Fence line. These products are all-natural and environmentally safe repellents. We stock the dog and cat, deer and rabbit, and goose repellents.

Espoma Products Provide 15 Necessary Nutrients

The Espoma product line has a food for every need: Holly-tone for acid loving plant, Garden-tone for your vegetables, and Plant-tone for flowers, bulbs, roses, and shrubs.

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Matt Mang - Yard Whisperer

Turf Corner

Meet Our Summer Interns

John Gibson

Along with sports, fishing, and camping, John Gibson enjoys listening and playing music as well as spending a lot of time working on the farm. As a student at Purdue University, John plans to graduate in May of 2009 with a degree in Ag Systems Management and will be using his background to be a Crops Management Consultant working to assist consultants, salespersons and location managers this summer with Ag Plus. John joins us from Claypool.



Katie Trump

Although she enjoys participating in sports and cycling, Katie Trump spends much of her time at Ag Plus. This will be her fifth summer and she has also spent her Christmas and spring breaks with us.



Katie is working on a Public Financial Management degree with a minor in General Business at Indiana University, Bloomington, and expects to graduate in 2010.

Responsibilities at Ag Plus include working at the main office assisting with accounting duties and miscellaneous office duties. She also works annually at the Indiana State Fair in the cattle barn.

Christy Penner



Christy Penner's focus on public relations and agronomy this summer will keep her busy at Ag Plus. Hailing from North Manchester, Christy plans to graduate in 2011 from Purdue University with a degree in Agricultural Communications. Her involvement in Agricultural Communicators of Tomorrow, Ag Ambassadors, and the Emerging Leaders Program will certainly prove beneficial! In addition to these responsibilities, she is also involved in the Christian Campus House, is a Tippecanoe Villa Volunteer and participates in intramurals. Add to that her time riding horses and with family, and Christy's plate is pretty full. We welcome her resources!

Nicole Barthel

Planning to graduate from Michigan State University in December, 2009, Nicole Barthel will be focusing on crops management and livestock production consultation this summer with Ag Plus. Her double major in Crop and Soil Science and Animal Science will guide her. An active member of the MSU Rodeo Team and Club, she presides as its vice-president and runs barrels and does team roping for the team. Nicole says, "I am really interested in animal nutrition. In particular working with livestock producers to come up with alternative feeding plans that would require less grain in an effort to reduce production costs in light of the rising demand for corn and ethanol production." Recently engaged, Nicole is planning a January, 2009 wedding.





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Raber Ag
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South Whitley Ag
 (260) 723-5141
 (800) 533-2268

Woodburn Ag
 (260) 632-4221 (elev.)
 (260) 632-5685 (agron)

Dixon Grain
 (260) 623-3105

New Haven
 Turf Center
 (260) 749-5139

Fuel/LP Gas/Energy
 (260) 749-5139 or
 (800) 448-3965

**Co-op membership not
 required. All
 customers welcome.**

Safety Means Slow-Moving Vehicle Signs

Chuck Croy - Ag Plus Risk Manager



Spring is a busy time of year for our customers and certainly for Ag Plus Agronomy, Petroleum, and Lawn Care branches, and as this is being published, many of our customers and neighbors will be involved in field work and planting activities. All of our customers and Ag Plus employees need to put safety first during this busy spring season.

During the spring we see a significant increase in the use of Slow Moving Vehicles (SMV's) such as farm equipment and Ag Plus equipment used for field work activities. As these SMV'S use our local roads and highways, we must all remember to SLOW DOWN and share the road when approaching; these vehicles are traveling at 25 mph or less.

SMV signs are required by law on self-propelled or towed equipment when traveling on roads at speeds of 25 MPH or less. The sign must be visible for at least 500 feet to the rear. Approved SMV signs have a front label identifying the manufacturer and the American Society of Agricultural Engineers (ASAE) standard.

Properly mounted, the sign is centered two to six feet above the ground. It should point up, perpendicular to the direction of travel. It should be clearly visible day and night to approaching or trailing vehicles. The SMV emblem is *not* a substitute for warning lights and reflectors. They make your equipment more visible. Keep these pointers in mind to have a safe and productive spring.

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