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**Allied Cooperative
is pleased to
announce that
Online Bill Pay is
now available to
our customers.**



Customers may access the bill pay program at www.allied.coop by clicking on Customer Accounts at the top of our home page. Farm and business accounts can also make payments on their account utilizing the MyGrower app, also available on our website.

To access the payment portal, customers must first register for account access. Once account access has been granted, login instructions will be sent and a customer can begin making online payments. Payments may be made via an ACH electronic funds transfer utilizing your bank account with no fee. Payments may also be made with credit or debit card, though there is a 2.9% convenience fee on all credit and debit card payments.

We also encourage you to sign up for e-statements. E-statements are a convenient way to receive your monthly statement. They reduce mailbox clutter, provide faster delivery and increase security for your account. To sign-up for e-statements, email your request along with your account number, name and email address to A/R-statements@allied.coop. ■

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A LETTER FROM OUR CEO



At our annual meeting I stated that our number one challenge in 2022 has been our ability to hire qualified employees for our business. We are not alone in this. The COVID-19 pandemic set off a nearly unprecedented churn in the U.S. labor market. Widespread job losses in the early months of the pandemic gave way to tight labor markets, driven in part by what's come to be known as the "Great Resignation". The nation's "quit rate" reached a 20-year high last November.

The combination of low unemployment and few employee candidates has put pressure on our existing staff as we continue to provide products and services to our members. We greatly appreciate our dedicated employees stepping up to the plate to overcome some of the challenges related to this issue.

As this trend does not appear to be going away anytime soon, we are continually looking for new ways to improve our efficiency in order to positively shape the future of how we serve our members. We recently launched a new MyGrower App which greatly improves the way our farmer members can obtain the data they need to operate their business through an automated program. We also implemented Online Bill Pay which will not only help in our efficiency, but is a real convenience for our customers as well.

Another efficiency measure we are taking comes in the form of a fiscal year end change. Our Board of Directors made the decision to change our fiscal year end date to September 30th, instead of January 31st. While there will be some added complexities this year as we will have a short year and will need to make adjustments, in the long run having the year end in September will be a blessing to the accounting department who won't have to juggle year-end and tax-time all at once. Plus our inventories should be at their lowest, which will make the process of counting much more efficient for all involved.

As a member, this adjustment will have very little impact on you or your business, except that our annual meeting and Board election will no longer be in June – but will be instead held in March.

As a business we face many challenges, and yet we are coming off of our strongest year ever as a cooperative. I am convinced that by focusing on our efficiencies we can continue to thrive and meet the needs of our members. American poet Douglas Malloch once wrote "Good timber does not grow with ease; the stronger wind, the stronger trees."

If you or someone you know is looking for a rewarding job with great benefits, we encourage you to consider a career with Allied! We've got some great opportunities for the right candidate.

Sincerely,

Tim Clemens, CEO

ALLIED SUPPORTS AREA LIVESTOCK SALES

Mike Soley
and Palynn
Lindner.



The Wisconsin county fairs' junior livestock auctions are the culmination of a year's project for 4-H and FFA members. These young men and women have selected, fed, and groomed steers, lambs, poultry, rabbits, goats, and pigs as a learning and business venture. The project is then brought to the fair to be judged, graded, and sold. Support of the auction provides recognition for young adults to earn college funds, purchase more animals, and receive practical training in business and agriculture.

Allied Cooperative supports our area youth by bidding on their animal projects in these auctions. We receive requests prior to the fair from young people across our trade territory, asking us to bid on their animals. And though we can't purchase every animal we receive requests for, we try to support the children of our members whether in making a purchase or in helping to raise the price in the bidding process.

This year Allied Cooperative has showed its support at fairs and other livestock sales in the following counties: Buffalo, Marquette, La Crosse, Portage, Columbia, Monroe, Trempealeau, Jackson, Adams, Juneau and Waushara. In addition we will be at the Vernon County Fair on September 17th.

By supporting youth livestock projects, we have the opportunity to make an investment in the farm community of tomorrow. We congratulate all of our area young people on their achievements. ■

Mickey Gumney and
Ella Kubisiak



Fun Facts about Pigs:

Pigs are smarter than dogs,
pigs can run up to 11 mph,
and pigs don't sweat.





FERTILIZER MARKET REPORT

by Joe Spinler.
COO

Fertilizer Markets' Wild Ride... I tend to look back at past articles when I write my column so I don't sound repetitive. Last year, I opened up with "higher and higher" as it related to our fertilizer markets. I guess one could say that is exactly what happened and we have not retracted lower and lower as many thought we should. We saw a wild ride these last few months. Some of this was certainly supply driven, some was inflation driven and some, probably all, was driven by the world. Unrest in the Ukraine and what that has done to natural gas supplies and fertilizer production has certainly had an impact. I also talked about whether \$5.00 corn would support 60 cent nitrogen? Now we wish we would see 60 cent nitrogen and hope we don't see \$5.00 corn.

Well as one might hear or say, it doesn't do any good to talk about the past as it is over, but we must not forget it. In general I would describe the market as flat especially as it relates to phosphates and potash. Nitrogen products have softened off their highs from this spring, but are not really to the levels they were last fall yet and my thoughts are they won't get there.

Will this fall be the time to apply fertilizer? I would argue the answer is always yes, fall fertilizer has tremendous benefits from a workload stand point. We had a horrible spring with everything getting ready to go at the same time. When you have the majority of your product applied in the fall it saves everyone time, and when you are not applying fertilizer you can be planting. Please visit with your agronomy advisor and see what kind of program you can put together to get some products applied this fall, even if you still have to apply your nitrogen next spring.

We will have fall pricing available and will try and get some spring pricing out as soon as we can price a complete book of business. Remember, many of our suppliers won't look that far out -- especially on NH_3 and other products that we cannot hold. Please also note that Allied is looking for employees in all departments and we would appreciate you sending any candidates that might be interested our way. Thank you for your past and future patronage. ■

The Seed Cycle Never Stops



by Dan Bergman,
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It feels like just last week farmers were finishing planting corn and soybeans followed by the whirlwind process of returns. Now we are already into the harvest/fall seeding mode with conversations starting for next springs planting plans.

Allied has a good supply on hand for any late alfalfa seeding needs. A great supply of winter rye (cleaned & germ tagged) has arrived and a fresh supply of Croplan winter wheat will be here soon. We have a wide range of other cover crops available to order. Winter triticale, tillage radish, clovers, pre-mixes, etc. We also can order custom blends to fit your specific needs. Please reach out to your local Allied agronomy salesperson or location to discuss any of your fall seeding and cover crop needs.

Allied also carries a wide range of seed for wildlife plots, lawns, ditches, pathways, and pastures. If you have any of these "fun" projects going on, Allied is here to help with those needs as well.

Allied will be holding our annual yield contest again. Sponsored by our suppliers of Asgrow, Brevant, Croplan, Dekalb, Enogen and NK. If you

purchased one of these brands of corn and/or soybeans for the 2022 growing season from Allied, please reach out to your agronomy advisor as you begin harvesting. We can come to your farm with one of our weigh wagons to assist in gathering your yield data to enter you into Allied's yield contest. We also have a drive across scale for checking your silage corn.

Collecting your yield data, especially sides by sides is important for all of us and our suppliers as we assist in helping you make planting plans for 2023. Our categories are silage corn, dry and irrigated corn, and soybeans. Prizes will be awarded for 30-ton silage club, 220-bushel corn club and 60-bushel soybean club as well as 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place awards for each of those categories. We plan to recap and recognize these accomplishments along with our suppliers at a banquet with great food, door prizes and entertainment.

We hope each of you can take the opportunity yet this season to enjoy time with your family and friends. We wish you a safe and productive harvest.

A LOOK FORWARD INTO 2023 GRAIN MARKETS



By Rich Dahlke,
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Location Manager/
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Summer 2022 is quickly coming to a close and harvest will soon be here. The USDA's last report tried to give us a glimpse into what we can expect for this year's crop size and, from this, we can somewhat predict what we can expect for what kind of marketing environment we will be working in in 2023. It may seem early to be thinking about next year's marketing strategy when this year's crop is still in the field, but the predictions the USDA makes often give us a barometer as to what commodity price activity will look like going forward into next year.

Here are some highlights from the last report:

The USDA raised what's left of last year's corn ending stocks by 20 million bu to 1.53 billion bu. High prices have a way of destroying demand. Looking forward, the USDA is predicting this year's corn yields to be 175.4 bu which is slightly below trendline and slightly lower than last year's yield of 177 bu per acre. After some easy math The USDA's ending stock number for next year is 1.388 billion bu—15 million less than last year. If this prediction is true, prices for corn will stay strong because of the shrinking ending stocks.

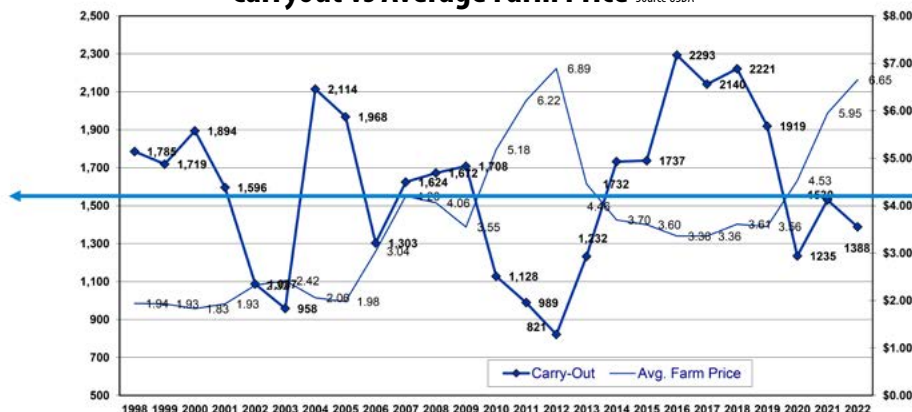
For soybeans, the USDA ending stock number for what's left of last year's crop was 225 million bu. Up 10 million from the last report. Again, high prices may have destroyed some demand. For the oncoming crop, the USDA is guessing the ending stock number to be 245 million bu. They are using a yield of 51.9 bu per acre and 88 million acres planted. A 245 million bu ending stock number is certainly not the smallest we have seen, but is on the lower side when looking at the last 10 years. Like corn, if these predictions are true, bean prices will be fairly good as well.

I don't mean to oversimplify. There are many factors that go into how the market arrives at a price for our commodities. Things like weather, the geo-political uncertainty surrounding Russia and the Ukraine and China's intentions toward Taiwan have huge effects on the markets, but to me the ending stock number is a bit more predictable and accessible to us. Ending stocks is simply the amount of grain that does not have a home. A safety net if you will. As your safety stock pile become less, uncertainty and volatility grows, causing upward price activity. We can even plot this on a graph. I like to show our growers this whenever I get the chance. It shows the correlation between ending stocks and price.

From the graph below, we can predict that a 1.388 billion bu carryout will give us an average farm price of about \$6.65. Again, this is not a "for sure" prediction. Many things can still change going into next year, but we can look at it as a barometer as to what we can expect our grain to be worth going into next year. Have a safe harvest. ■

Carryout vs Average Farm Price

Source USDA



ENERGY ASSISTANCE

Worried about the cost of heating your home this winter? Households with low to moderate income may be eligible for assistance from the Wisconsin Home Energy Assistance Program (WHEAP). WHEAP provides assistance for heating costs and energy crisis situations.

Funds are limited, so apply early while money is available. The amount of assistance you receive depends on the size of your household, income level, and heating costs. We receive the check directly from the state, credit your account and send you a statement.

WHEAP also offers counseling for energy conservation and budgeting for energy costs, community resource referrals, and emergency furnace repair/replacement.

Apply for energy assistance online at www.energybenefitwi.gov or call 800-506-5596 for assistance.



MyGrower Account Access



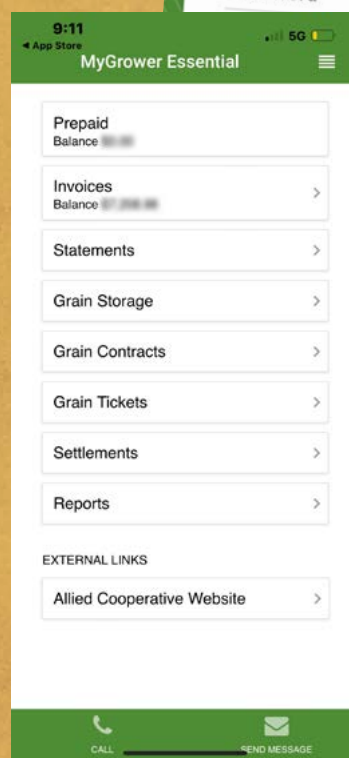
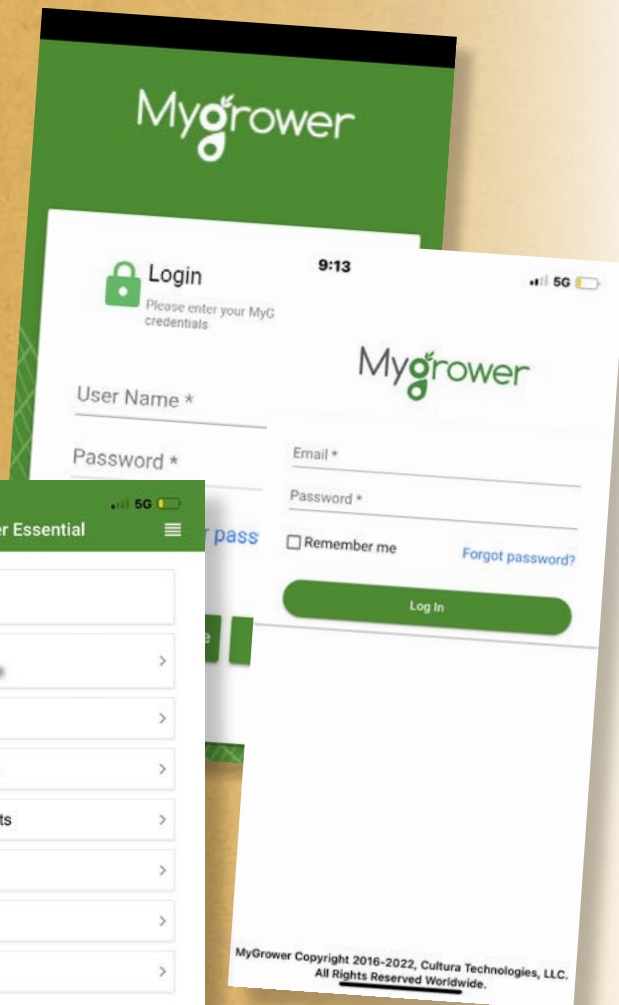
by David Rappa,
Director of Grain

As we prepare for fall harvest, I would like to highlight a new tool for our grain accounts that can give you 24-7 access to all the account information you need. If you haven't noticed yet we have upgraded from the iView account access platform to MyGrower.

The MyGrower portal provides even more options than our previous platform. The MyGrower portal gives customers access to scale tickets, including weights and grades. All tickets are uploaded at the end of every hour. Other common inquiries you will have access to are grain contracts, grain settlements, and grain bank balances. You can even generate custom reports based on specific date ranges for ticket deliveries and grain settlements.

One of the new report options available in MyGrower is proof of yield statements for crop insurance agents. Some other new features of the portal include the ability to access your Allied account balance, billing statements, and invoices. If you choose to set up an ACH payment option you can also pay by invoice, or account balance through the portal.

To access the MyGrower portal simply go to our website www.allied.coop. On the main page in the upper right hand corner, click on the customer login tab. To sign up for the MyGrower portal you will first need to request access with account information. Once access is granted you simply sign in with your username and password. ■



MyGrower Account Features

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Settlements (PDF)
Invoices (PDF)
Prepaid Balance
Make ACH payments
Run reports such as "Proof of Yield" (PDF)
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Maintaining Your Fuel Tank

Managing the impact of water in your fuel storage tanks is the foundation of proper tank maintenance. A significant amount of water in the tank will likely cause problems including oxidative degradation (rust, scale), particulates and microbiological growth. Follow these guidelines:

- Tilt tanks to direct water and debris away from the outlet.
- Pressurize tanks to keep vapor and air inside.
- Drain and remove all contaminants every three months (or as often as needed.)
- Install proper filtration systems on bulk tanks.
- Filters: All engine manufacturers equip their engines with fuel filters to protect the fuel system. You should replace these filters according to the manufacturer's recommendations. Some manufacturers also provide filters with drain valves and recommend periodic draining of any water that may accumulate from condensation and careless handling in storage or vehicle tanks.
- Clean pump screens regularly.
- Sample fuel for quality assurance purposes quarterly.
- Clean fuel tanks annually.

For more information about tank maintenance or to learn how Cenex fuels can benefit you, please contact one of our certified energy specialists:

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Tomah Office Manager Retires after 42 Years



When Connie Storkel went to work at Tomah Co-op Oil Association in 1980, there was no way she could anticipate how the co-op system would be such a big part of her life. She started her co-op career working in the hardware store. Back in that day the co-op was much smaller and everyone pitched in to get the job done. It wasn't long before Connie found herself pitching in in the office doing data entry—an experience that soon opened the door for her to do data entry at the Mauston Farmer's Co-op.

On September 8, 1981 she joined the Mauston Farmer's Co-op team. She started out entering daily sales invoices on an old Singer data entry terminal (not to be confused with the sewing machine). The data was entered and then transmitted via phone line to Centrak Services, which was part of Cenex. Centrak compiled all the data and printed the general ledger and statements, then mailed them to the co-op for distribution. Eventually the co-op purchased their first IBM computer and Connie recalled how exciting that was back then.

"After a few years I started doing accounts payable, payroll, general ledger, patronage, along with a long list of other tasks," said Connie. "A lot of good memories and good times were made at Mauston Farmer's Co-op."

"In 2001 when Mauston and Adams started the merger process, I was given the opportunity to become the Office Manager for Tomah Co-op Services," she said. "It was a good move for me personally. Everything we did as a family—school, doctors, dentist, banking—it was all in Tomah." So she accepted the position and resumed her career at Tomah Co-op Services, where she has remained through the 2012 merger of Tomah and West Salem, and then the 2013 merger that created Allied Cooperative. "I feel I have come full circle; I started my career at Tomah Co-op and am ending it at Allied Cooperative, Tomah branch."

"I have seen a LOT of changes over the last 42 years. But the one thing that has not changed are the people," said Connie. "Customers and co-workers alike—you build lifelong relationships with a lot of them. Co-op is family." And while she has enjoyed her time at the co-op she is ready to spend more quality time with her husband, Steve, her daughters Dana and Stacy and her five grandchildren. "I plan on seeing my grandkids a whole lot more. You never know what tomorrow

brings. Retiring is bittersweet. The cooperative system has been my life and I have enjoyed everything I have done over the years, but it's time for the next chapter in life. I wish Allied only the best going forward."

Connie was a tremendous asset to our company and she will be missed. We thank her for her 42 years of service and wish her a happy retirement!



Sampling for Soil pH



by **Matt Selenske**,
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Something that often gets overlooked is soil pH. As we start our fall soil sampling season, one of the most cost effective things a grower can do is make



sure your pH is where it needs to be for each crop. Soil pH should generally range from 6.0 to 6.8 in mineral soils, but different field crops require different soil pH levels for optimum performance. Soil sampling regularly and applying lime to maintain recommended pH levels should be the first step growers take to assure crops have sufficient availability of nutrients.

Sampling every field at least once in a rotation is important to managing your land for optimal crop production. The results that you receive will contain information regarding nutrient levels as well as underlying soil characteristics such as buffering capacity and current pH levels. This information is critical for making nutrient and liming recommendations. Lime is fairly inexpensive and it helps the uptake of all the other nutrients in your crops.

Allied Cooperative can help you ensure you pH is right where it needs to be. From soil sampling to making lime recommendations to spreading, our team can help manage your land for optimal crop production. Whether you prefer straight rate or variable rate technology, we can help you with the maps and make recommendations to ensure that you are maximizing your fertilizer investment and getting the most production out of your soil.

Contact your agronomy advisor for more information or to have your soil tested. ■

Got Wasps or Yellow Jackets?



Yes, wasps and yellow jackets need a warm and cozy place to hang out, however, under the lid of your propane tank isn't ideal when you want to check on the level of your propane—or when you need your tank filled.

To deter them from visiting your tank, and keeping our LP drivers safe when it's time to deliver propane to your site, try spraying some WD-40 under the lid.

There are other methods to keep clear of these pesky insects, however, we have found WD-40 is a convenient solution. Whatever method you choose, we greatly appreciate you keeping our LP drivers safe from any surprises when they lift the lid at your location.

Stop by any of our retail locations to pick up your ammunition—uh, can! ■



Wood Fuel Pellets Available



Heating season is just around the corner – and that means it's a good idea to make sure you're ready to for whatever Mother Nature brings! The industry has experienced shortages over the past few year, so it is recommended that if you heat with wood pellets that you stock up now so you're ready for whatever comes your way.

Allied Cooperative is stocked with a variety of brands, including Dejno, Marth and Indeck pellets. Wood pellets are available at Mindoro Country Store and Tomah Country Store. ■

6 Signs You Need to have Your Car Battery Replaced



Your car battery is the unsung hero of your on-the-go lifestyle. Day in and day out it gives your engine the spark it needs to get going. But a car battery has a lifespan just like any other car part and you don't want to be stuck when it finally bows out. Here's a few signs to look out for so you can spot when your battery is going bad, and the best solution for replacing it.

NOT STARTING

This one speaks for itself. If you get in the vehicle and nothing happens when you turn the key, there is a high likelihood that the battery is completely drained. Before you decide that it is indeed a dead battery you need to check the battery connections. Grab your owner's manual and find where your battery is located. While many are still located under the hood, a fair number of manufacturers have chosen to locate their batteries in places such as under a seat, behind the bumper, or even in the trunk. Once you locate the battery identify the positive and negative terminals via the symbols on the battery case. Try to give each battery cable terminal connection a twist to verify if it is firmly attached. Sometimes the terminals can loosen leading to a no-start condition. If a connection is loose use a battery wrench to tighten it up. If both connections are firm then the next step is a jump start or some time on a battery charger. If neither of those bring it back to life then it is time for battery replacement.

SLOW STARTING

A dying battery won't have the necessary voltage to give the starter a good constant turn. While it may have enough power to rotate the engine, there may not be enough electricity left to actually fire off the different systems. On a modern vehicle things like the fuel pump, ignition system, and various computers all need a portion of the battery's power in order to start the engine. If the engine is slow to start but does eventually catch, the weak battery can then be recharged by the alternator. But the problem won't go away on its own. Eventually the battery will weaken to a point where even being recharged by the alternator won't hold enough power to start the next time.

ELECTRICAL GREMLINS

If you have ever played with a children's toy that has old batteries you may have noticed it doesn't always act the way you expect it to. Movements may be slow, sounds may be garbled or it may stop and start erratically. The same can happen to your vehicle's electrical system if the battery is going bad. Erratic or low voltage from the battery, especially in a modern vehicle, can cause havoc. The various onboard computers are designed to take readings from systems

across the car and depend on certain constants. A sensor that uses variations in voltage being returned from a sensor trusts that the input voltage is a certain level. If that input level is already low then the output voltage will be an even lower reading leading to a potential cascade of incorrect information.

CORROSION

Find your car battery and give it a visual check. You are looking for a greenish-grey crumbly buildup on the connections. If the battery clamps have a heavy coating of corrosion then it is a fair sign that the battery hasn't been changed or maintained in a while.

PHYSICAL DAMAGE

Car batteries can lead a tough life depending on where the auto manufacturer puts them. A battery under a car seat or in the trunk will lead quite a different life than one under the hood by the radiator. Batteries are much better protected now than they were decades ago, but damage can still occur. Vibration caused by driving on rough roads can shake loose the actual components inside the battery, disrupting connections or even allowing components to touch that should stay separated. A loose or missing battery hold-down can also lead to unnecessary vibration or physical damage to the case. Extreme cold weather can actually freeze the battery and lead to a cracked battery case. Any damage to the outside case is cause for immediate replacement as the risk of leaking dangerous sulfuric acid is too great.

AGE

While your battery does not have an expiration date on it like the milk in your refrigerator, it does have a few tell-tale signs to calculate the approximate age and in-service time. The most obvious date is the purchase date sticker. If the purchase date is older than five years then you are probably due for a replacement.

BUYING A NEW BATTERY

When it comes time for replacement, the best solution for peace of mind is a AAA Premium battery. Rugged construction and optimized smart circuit design mean a direct electric power path that delivers stronger starts and higher cranking amps. Water loss is held to a minimum thanks to the calcium-calcium alloy construction that reduces outgassing. You'll have plenty of emergency power when you need it the most. Each AAA Premium battery is backed by a three year free replacement warranty and a three year discounted warranty. AAA Premium batteries are available at both the Adams and Mauston NAPA stores.

If you have any questions regarding your battery, stop by the Adams or Mauston NAPA store for a free battery test. If the battery is discharged but still technically sound, we can charge up the battery so you can be on your way. If the battery fails the test, we can help you find a suitable replacement.



PROPANE SAFETY



JEFF BUNKER
Director of Energy

Propane has quite a remarkable safety record, due in large part to the stringent codes and regulations developed by the propane industry and the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA). And while propane is a safe fuel source, it is always important to familiarize yourself with the safe use and practices of your propane system, as well as what to do if you smell propane.

WHAT HAPPENS IF I SMELL GAS?

Propane gas has no odor. Propane companies add a harmless chemical called mercaptan to give it its distinctive “rotten egg” smell. If you smell propane, no matter how strong or weak the smell, follow these important steps:

1 NO FLAMES OR SPARKS! Immediately put out all smoking materials and other open flames. Do not operate lights, appliances, telephones, or cell phones. Flames or sparks from these sources can trigger an explosion or a fire.

2 LEAVE THE AREA IMMEDIATELY! Get everyone out of the building or area where you suspect gas is leaking.

3 SHUT OFF THE GAS. Turn off the main gas supply valve on your propane tank if it is safe to do so. To close the valve, turn it to the right (clockwise).

4 REPORT THE LEAK. From a neighbor's home or other nearby building away from the gas leak, call your propane retailer right away. If you can't reach your propane retailer, call 911 or your local fire department.

5 DO NOT RETURN TO THE BUILDING OR AREA until your propane retailer, emergency responder, or qualified service technician determines that it is safe to do so.

6 GET YOUR SYSTEM CHECKED. Before you attempt to use any of your propane appliances, your propane retailer or a qualified service technician must check your entire system to ensure that it is leak free.

WHAT HAPPENS IF I RUN OUT OF GAS?

Don't run out of gas! Serious safety hazards, including fire or explosion, can result. If an appliance valve or a gas line is left open when the propane supply runs out, a leak could occur when the system is recharged with propane.

Air and moisture could get into an empty or depleted storage tank, which can cause rust build-up inside the tank. Rust can decrease the concentration of the odor of propane, making it harder to smell.

If your propane tank runs out of gas, any pilot lights on your appliances will go out. This can be extremely dangerous if not handled properly.

A leak check is required. In the state of Wisconsin, a qualified service technician must perform a leak check of your propane system before turning on the gas.

Check your tank gauge. Avoid running out of gas by knowing what is in your tank. We would like to remind you to check the levels in your LP tank. It's always best to start the season with a full tank. Not only does it help you manage expenses throughout the year, but can help to ensure that you are prepared should there be any shortages during the crop drying season.

If access to your tank is difficult, ask us about installing a tank monitor. We have a couple of great options, including the Mopeka Pro (photo shown here) which adheres to your tank magnetically and sends the tank levels to your phone via Bluetooth technology.

Sign up for scheduled delivery service. You can avoid the hassle of a run-out situation by signing up for our scheduled delivery program. An 8¢ per gallon discount is given to all customers not on another contract due to the efficiencies gained. While on Scheduled Delivery you will never receive any after hours call fees or leak check fees. When on Scheduled Delivery we come based on past history and current temperatures. We do ask that you periodically check the fuel gauge and call us when the gauge is between 20 and 30%.

Who to call. Contact the LP office closest to your home. In Arcadia call (608) 323-3311. In Adams call (608) 339-3394. In Tomah call (608) 372-2458. In West Salem call (608) 786-1100.

After Hours/Emergencies. If you experience an after hour's emergency, call your local LP office and follow the voice-mail prompts for emergency LP service. The phone will be forwarded to our on-call emergency LP technician / LP drivers. ■





IT'S TIME FOR FALL GRILLING!

Don't let a chill in the air keep you from your favorite way to cook! There's nothing better than crisp fall air mingling with the smell of a delicious meal cooked up on the BBQ. Allied wants to be your grilling partner and we have the products you need to make your cookout a huge success!

Gas Grills – Allied Cooperative has LP filling stations at the Ace Hardware in West Salem, Adams and Mauston NAPA stores and the Tomah Country Store. We also have LP exchange services at Cenex Pump 24 and Mindoro Country Store.

Grilling Equipment – Whether you're looking for gas grills, charcoal grills, pellet grills, electric grills or smokers... Allied Cooperative's Ace Hardware store has the area's finest selection of grills. They are also a Traeger Gold Dealer—which means they have the best selection of Traeger grills available.

Grill Accessories – Stop by Ace Hardware for all of your grilling accessories, including charcoal, covers, utensils, rubs, sauces and more. You'll also find grilling pellets from Traeger and Weber in an assortment of flavors, including cherry, pecan, bold blend, brisket blend and more. Or stop by the Tomah Country Store for America's Choice Premium Barbecue Grilling Pellets in natural hardwood flavors like pro-blend, apple, hickory and mesquite. ■



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Tips to Keep Squirrels Out of Your Bird Feeder



Squirrels can be a challenging bird feeder pest. Squirrels are smart, athletic, and persistent, so you often need to present a variety of obstacles to deter them from your feeders. Here are a few ideas to keep your bird seed, well, for the birds.

1. Squirrel Proof Your Bird Feeder

If you already have a bird feeder up and are seeing frequent visits by squirrels, you may need to reassess your set up. Squirrels are great jumpers, so raise your feeder 4 feet from the ground and at least 12 feet from objects that allow them to leap to your feeders. These "launch pads" include roofs, fences, tree branches, utility lines and even parked cars.

Another helpful feeder add-on is a squirrel baffle. These clear plastic domes are made to block squirrels from climbing up poles or down hanging lines. They're also slippery, so a squirrel that lands on one slips off and falls to the ground.

2. Use Thistle or Safflower Seed

You can also change the bird seed you use. Squirrels love sunflower seeds, peanuts and mixed seed, the most common bird food available. They are not fans of thistle (nyjer) seed or safflower seed, which many bird species will eat. Northern Cardinals love safflower seed.

Another way you can thwart the squirrels, is to mix cayenne powder in with your regular bird seed. This hot spice keeps squirrels away but birds don't even notice it.

3. Pick the Right Feeder

Look for feeders that include weight-activated shutoffs. These feeders allow birds to feed normally, but when a squirrel climbs on them the trigger activates, and the food is sealed inside until the squirrel leaves the feeder.

Other options include caged feeders, which allow small birds to reach the bird seed, but not squirrels. Some feeders also have built in squirrel baffles or perches that collapse under the squirrel's weight.

Be sure to shop at your local Allied Cooperative retail store for all your bird feeding food and supplies. We are your local bird feeding experts! ■







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GRAIN DRYER GAS SEASON APPROACHING

The leaves on the trees are changing colors and with that grain dryer gas season will be starting. If you have not already filled your LP tanks for the upcoming season now is the time. Please contact your local Allied Cooperative office in advance of starting your dryer systems. Calling in advance will help improve scheduling and ensure that we provide timely deliveries to your dryer tanks.



BOARD REPORT



John Vehrenkamp,
Board Chairman

At our annual meeting the end of June I reported that in all divisions we were focused and showed a positive bottom line during our 2022 fiscal year. I am extremely proud of our cooperative for the hard work and dedication that we have showed despite the adversity we have faced over the past couple of years. We plan to continue on this path next year and beyond.

As we look toward the future, we do have an immediate need on our Board of Directors. One of our directors recently stepped down due to increasing business responsibilities. This has left us with an empty seat in District 5 (area east of Wyeville and north of Hwy. 21). This seat has traditionally been in the vegetable grower segment of our trade territory. If you would be interested in serving on the Board, please contact Allied Cooperative at (608) 339-3394, ext. 2225. It would be a great opportunity to be part of the Board without making a long-term commitment. This seat will be up for election in March 2023.

Finally, I would like to congratulate and thank Connie Storkel for 42 years of service with our cooperative. That is an amazing accomplishment. Connie has served us well. On behalf of the Board, I wish her nothing but the best in her retirement!

**Thank you for your continued support
and have a safe harvest season!**

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

As a large cooperative with five divisions and multiple locations, Allied Cooperative employs a diverse staff in a number of different career fields. If you are interested in joining the Allied Cooperative team, please visit our website at www.allied.coop. There you will find a list of current job openings and an application. We look forward to hearing from you!

Allied Cooperative's employees play an important role in our success as a cooperative. As a cooperative, our core values are teamwork, integrity, dependability, efficiency and service to others. If your values match ours, we'd love to talk to you about career opportunities with our co-op. Come see what Allied can do for you!

For an up-to-date list of openings visit www.allied.coop/careers. For more information on any of these openings call (608) 339-3394 or email jobs@allied.coop.

