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# WINTER PROJECTS PREPARE CO-OP FOR SPRING





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Allied Cooperative's agronomy division is looking forward to the season ahead. Throughout the fall and winter months the co-op has been busy updating facilities and equipment, expanding our technology and growing our education so that we are better equipped to meet our customers' needs.

Photo by Nate Peterson: Plover construction in mid-February. Our new fertilizer building in Plover is progressing nicely and is expected to open later this spring. The new plant will be able to store 14000 tons of dry fertilizer and will feature state-of-the-art mixing and high-speed blending. With more bins and a larger capacity, we will be able to carry more products and better serve our customers.

Construction of the new fertilizer blending tower in Adams is nearing completion. The new tower is replacing one that was put up in 1996 that has exceeded its life expectancy. It is expected to be complete in time for spring and will have automated blending. This should allow for trucks to load quicker and more efficiently.

With a fleet as large and diverse as Allied's, keeping equipment in peak condition isn't just a priority, it's a commitment to our patrons. Every year, agronomy

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## A MESSAGE FROM OUR CEO



Rob Larson, CEO/General Manager

We recently recognized our employees' work anniversaries in a brochure distributed to our staff. It was amazing to see that we have 167 employees that have worked for our co-op for more than 10 years. We have 72 employees that have worked for us for more than 20 years. We even have an individual who has worked for us for more than 50 years.

Those numbers are rare in today's workplace. In fact, according to the US Department of Labor, the average tenure

for today's worker is just 3.9 years. To me that says a great deal about the quality individuals we have on our team.

#### **Our Progress**

As we look back on our first year and a half as a company, we have accomplished much including improved safety programs and strong efficiencies throughout our administration and divisions. So far, through the first five months of our 2025 fiscal year, we are doing very well. We have strong unit growth and our financials are solid. We are anticipating good organic growth throughout our organization and are very pleased with our progress as a company.

Because nothing is more important than the safety of our employees and our customers, we have made significant investments in our safety culture. We have made vast improvements in our facility security across the organization, through the installation of cameras. This has improved our ability to investigate and correct issues, reducing the risk to employees and customers. We have installed forward-facing dash cameras in our fleet vehicles which provides alerts to our drivers and reduces distracted driver incidents. Long-term goals for this project will include reducing motor vehicle accidents and improving our overall loss ratio. Finally, we

implemented a new safety management system which has improved our incident management protocols and provides real time data for our managers. These investments have positioned us for the present risks we see in the workplace today and also provides a foundation for sustainability in the future.

#### **Future Projects**

Progress continues on our new fertilizer tower in Adams and it will be ready for spring. We will be wrapping up the Plover fertilizer plant project in early summer 2025 and will begin the planning process of constructing a new 8,000 ton fertilizer plant in West Salem. We recently purchased property right next to our existing location in Galesville and are preparing for a plant expansion there in the near future. Along with that we will be making major improvements at the Auburndale grain site by adding an additional 3,000 bph dryer, new distributor, increasing the receiving leg speed and adding a larger receiving pit. The addition of these new facilities with new technology will be a huge benefit to our members. We are able to fund most of these projects using our existing working capital.

#### **Annual Meeting**

We will hold our annual meeting on March 11th at 10:30 a.m. at the Eagle's Club in Marshfield. Invitations were sent to members along with voting instructions for our annual Board of Directors election. This year's election will take place online. It's a really simple process that will save your co-op time and money, though if you would prefer a paper ballot you can request one by contacting our office. Please do take the time to vote.

#### Thank you

As we head into our busy spring season I would like would like to renew our commitment to you, our members, and our owners. Everything we do—every order, every delivery, every service—centers on the satisfaction of our members, and making you more efficient at what you do. We look forward to serving you and thank you for your continued trust and patronage!



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## Annual Meeting Just Ahead



**by John Vehrenkamp,**Board Chairman

e are looking forward to our annual meeting on March 11th where we will share the highlights of our first-year post-merger. What a year it has been! While our management and entire staff has worked to build a new cohesive culture at our co-op, so has your Board of Directors. There has been a lot of time and energy spent developing our synergies through building trust, sharing knowledge, and aligning goals. Having a positive board culture will enhance our effectiveness and lead to better decisions. I am really pleased with the progress we have made both as a Board and the cooperative as a whole.

#### **Capital Management (Cash Patronage and Equity redemption)**

There are many benefits of belonging to a co-op—patronage refunds being one of those benefits. Allied Cooperative recently mailed patronage checks to our members. These checks are our member's net share in the earnings of our cooperative. This amount varies from year to year based on the success of the cooperative and capital expenditure needs. Patronage is paid in two ways—cash and equity.

Our 2024 fiscal year's financial results have been strong, and we have made excellent strategic progress. Following the requirements of the Cooperative Bylaws, the Board of Directors approved a patronage pool of \$14,990,000 from the 2024 earnings. Of this amount 55% is paid in cash, or \$8,245,000 (taxable to the patron) and 45%, or \$6,745,000, is issued in non-qualified equity which is taxable to the co-op not the patron. Non-qualified equity is not scheduled to be revolved, but remains in the member's name in case the co-op were to decide to do something with it in the future.

The Board is working towards the goal of revolving all qualified equity in 7 years+. This year we will revolve around \$5 million of equity, with checks going out in March. This is an additional \$1 million over our budgeted amount due to our performance and cash position. That's a total of \$13.2 million cash to be shared with our members.

Both Allied (legacy) and ProVision Partners (legacy) cooperatives have a history of strong returns to its members. In fact, over the past 10 years our members have received over \$83 million in cash patronage and equity revolvement. If you include what will be sent to customers this February and March that number will be over \$96 million. That is a significant return and a great reason to do business with our cooperative. The capital management plan is driven by financial performance and capital needs. The plan is reviewed and approved by the Board of Directors annually.

As we look ahead to spring, I want to remind you that the co-op's staff is here to help you make the most of your growing season. Reach out to them for help and have a safe planting season. On behalf of the Board of Directors, I would like to thank you for your ongoing support of your co-op.

## Welcome to Spring!



**by Joe Spinler,** Executive VP jspinler@allied.coop

As I was trying to think of a catchy title for this article, the only words that came to mind were "Uncertainty" and "Uncharted Territory". All that being said, we certainly hope we know what the tariffs will or will not be by the time you read this article as we will be past the 30-day extension. At this time, we will not even speculate as to what will happen with those.

Fertilizer markets are strong and will continue to be strong, as we head into spring. Are we going to plant more corn acres? As of now it sounds as though there are going to be more corn acres. Couple that with lower imports on products to date, along with slower demand and high interest rates, and it begins to set us up for possible shortages or just-in-time inventory.

Nitrogen, phosphates and ammonium sulfate are all posed to run higher and also be in short supply if we plant 91 million plus acres of corn. Please communicate your needs with your agronomy advisor as we head into spring so that we are prepared for your needs.

Communicating goes hand in hand with farm planning and making maps of your fields. The time to do this is through the winter and prior to spring—not when you are ordering the product. This helps us ensure we have the proper amount of time to sit down with you and help alleviate mistakes if everyone is busy during the rush of spring. We want to make sure we get the right products on your farms, and having a plan and a field map is the best way to do that.

We appreciate your business and will continue to work hard to earn that business now and in the future.

## Farm Planning: *The Key to Success*



**Ginny Block,** Agronomy Advisor gblock@allied.coop

hen thinking about your 2025 growing season, it's important to get a farm plan in place. Each season brings new challenges and new ideas to your farm. A farm plan is a roadmap that can help you identify these challenges and ideas and navigate the complexities of farming. Having a plan in place is beneficial to your operation in more ways than one.

As you put together your plan, it is the right time to consider and discuss options that can help improve your farm's outlook for the next season. Before you look ahead, however, it's important to take a look back at the prior growing season to see what worked and what didn't and make adjustments. Some growers recognize problems on their farm, but may not take the time to sit down and get to the root of it. During farm planning we are able to dig deeper into options that present solutions. Whether we're looking into better weed management, soil sample results, or fertilizer programs, your co-op's agronomy team is able to come up with solutions for your farm.

Another factor to consider in farm planning is your farm's productivity. It is crucial to have a plan in place



come spring. Being organized and having mixes ready can save you time and money in the long run. By having your farm plan ready, you're able to reference it at any time and order your correct needs accordingly. In addition, when your Allied Cooperative agronomy advisor has your plans as well, it makes the ordering process smoother and less stressful for all. It's important to remember that the farm plans we create together are only as good as the communication we receive. If there are any revisions to your plans, it is best to communicate those changes to your agronomy advisor as soon as you know of them.

With commodity prices being on the lower end going into the 2025 growing season, it's more important than ever to know where your bottom line is at. By creating farm plans early, you are able to create a budget for the growing season. Knowing your total input cost can help you down the road if any in-season problems arise. The farm plan will help you to know exactly where you're at and if you can afford to protect the crop further.

Farm plans can be the start of success for your farm. If you haven't already done so, reach out to your Allied agronomy advisor to start working on your 2025 farm plan.

## WPVGA Recognizes Pest Pros Manager



Matt Selenske of our Pest Pros
Division was awarded the "Business
Person of the Year" award from the
Wisconsin Potato and Vegetable
Growers Association (WPVGA). Matt
and his team consult with growers
on 40,000 acres of potatoes,
carrots, corn, soybeans, cabbage,
and most other crops that are
grown in Wisconsin's central sands.
Pest Pros soil samples nearly 75,000
acres a year for Allied customers,
and the Pest Pros nematode lab
processes early dying samples from
over 20 states.

Matt was awarded the Certified Crop Advisor of the Year Award, in 2024, and has served on the WPVGA Associate Division Board of Directors since 2021, currently as president. We congratulate Matt on this outstanding achievement!

### Nitrogen Stabilizers



**by Pat Cauley,** Agronomy Advisor pcauley@allied.coop

itrogen is one of the largest input investments that you will make this year. Why not protect that investment with a nitrogen stabilizer? Nitrogen stabilizers are nothing new to the industry. There are many different products on the market, but finding the right product for your nitrogen source and application practice are critical to maximizing the benefit of the stabilizer.

As you can see in the chart below, much of the nitrogen a corn crop will take up and utilize is in the second half of its life stage. If we lose nitrogen early due to denitrification and or leaching, we are potentially sacrificing yield later in the growing season. This is where selecting the correct stabilizer becomes important.

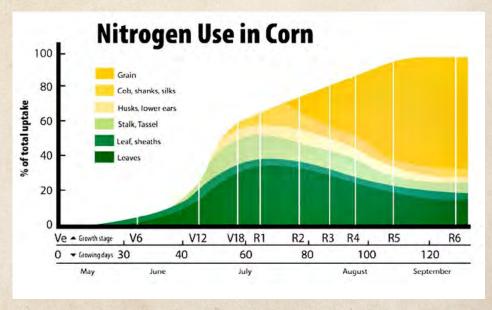
- N-Serve® This is the stabilizer we use when applying anhydrous ammonia (NH3). The active ingredient is called "Nitrapyrin" and it delays the conversion of ammonium to nitrate by slowing down the microbial activity. As a result, the nitrogen stays in the ammonium form bound to the soil colloids and organic matter instead of converting over to nitrate which is water soluble. The more water soluble, the more it can move within the soil profile.
- Instinct NXTGEN® Like N-Serve, Instinct NXTGEN contains the active ingredient "Nitrapyrin". This product is used with liquid UAN, Urea, and

manure. Stabilizing liquid UAN is a common area this product has been used, along with preplant urea applications. One of the most beneficial spots that Instinct NXTGEN could be used, but is under-utilized is through manure applications. Depending on your method of manure application, there are different ways to incorporate Instinct NXTGEN into the application.

• ANVOL\* – Anvol is the urease inhibitor of choice when denitrification is the main concern. Denitrification is the process of converting nitrogen products into a nitrogen gas that are then lost into the atmosphere. Anvol contains two active ingredients: NBPT and Duromide. NBPT is most commonly recognized in the product Agrotain<sup>TM</sup>. With the addition of the

Duromide, it prolongs our window by 27% before the denitrification process begins. The saying, "Time is Money" rings true with Anvol.

There are many different nitrogen stabilizers and "look alike" products on the market today. Many of the calcium and polymer-based stabilizers have showed a lot of inconsistency through testing that has been done. Making sure you get a quality product should be one of the main concerns when investing in a nitrogen stabilizer. Make sure to figure out which nitrogen stabilizer is going to fit your system for the 2025 growing season.



### Spring Alfalfa Management



**by Marilyn Whalen,** Agronomy Advisor mwhalen@allied.coop

his winter with the little snow cover and varying temperatures, concern has been raised about how the alfalfa stands made it through the winter.

No matter what the weather, it is always a great idea to assess hay stands every spring. Like our grain crops, the roots tell the story. Digging alfalfa roots is a great way to assess plant health. At right is a chart showing root scores 0–5. A root score of 0–2 is a healthy stand for high production.

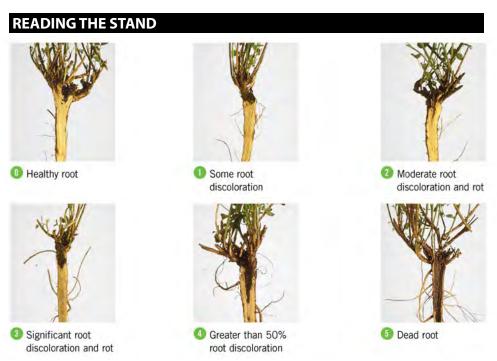
Counting stems is another great way to check plant health. Be patient to let the plants green up. The established stands plant density of 55 stems/square foot is non-yield limiting. New seeding plant density greater than 15 plants/square foot or second year six or more plants per square foot is non-yield limiting.

Once you know the alfalfa fields you are keeping, make sure you keep fields fueled throughout the season with fertilizer. Below is a chart showing the removal rates of each nutrient per ton of forage harvested. If field conditions are right in Spring, grassier hay fields respond the best to fertilizer application containing nitrogen prior to first crop.

#### Crop Removal per Ton DM

	4 ton	5 ton	6 ton	7 ton
K20	200	250	300	350
P205	60	75	90	105
Ca	112	140	168	196
Mg	22	27	32	38
S	24	30	36	42
В	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.7
Mn	0.44	0.55	0.66	0.77
Zn	0.42	0.53	0.63	0.74

Pounds of nutrient removed per ton of DM.



Source: Alfalfa Management Guide, p. 43. © 2000 by the American Society of Agronomy, Inc.; Crop Science Society of America, Inc.; and Soil Science Society of America, Inc.

Let's not forget about early season insect and fungus pressure. Alfalfa weevil has been a problem in the past, so keep a close eye on your fields. There are also nice responses to spring fungicide applications. Protecting the plant right out of the gate will help with plant health and leaf retention.

#### **New Seeding Establishment:**

The best place to start when planning for new seeding establishments is selecting the right seed. Allied offers both Croplan & Legacy alfalfa varieties. Let your agronomy advisor help you select the right variety for your operation.

The next step is to check fertility and how you plan to prepare the seed bed. While researching this topic, I came across an article by Dr. Dan Understander of University of Wisconsin. He made the comment that more than 90% of forage stand failures are due to one of three reasons: 1) low soil pH, 2) loose soil, or 3) seeding too deep.

Below is a chart from Croplan stating recommended fertility ranges. Soil Ph is the highest priority. Regarding seedbed preparation, an old, but good, recommendation is that if you stand on the field and your shoe sinks more than 1/4 inch into the soil, the soil is too loose for seeding. The recommended planting depth is 3/8 inch on average. You can go 1/4 to 1/2 inch in heavier ground, and coarse ground just a little deeper.

I hope this information will help you get your hay fields off to a good start. If you need assistance along the way, please reach out to your agronomy advisor.

### Soil test recommendations before seeding alfalfa:

• **pH:** 6.8–7.2

Phosphorus: 15–20 ppmPotassium: 150–200 ppm

• **Boron:** 1–2 pounds annually after establishment

• Sulfur: 20-25 pounds annually

#### **Winter Projects**

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staff at each location, working under the expertise of our maintenance shop personnel, conduct rigorous inspections and maintenance to ensure every truck, sprayer, spreader, and pull-behind implement is field-ready when needed.

"Our reputation is built on service and dependability," said Roy Gervais, Director of Southern Fixed Assets. "We operate a large fleet of essential equipment, and our patrons trust us to deliver machinery that performs reliably and efficiently. When our equipment arrives at a farm, it should be ready to go—ensuring productivity, minimizing downtime, and meeting the high standards our customers expect."

This proactive approach to maintenance not only protects our investment in equipment but also reinforces the trust we've built with growers. By prioritizing thorough inspections, timely repairs, and ongoing upkeep, we help ensure smooth operations during the busiest seasons—keeping our patrons' businesses moving forward without interruption.

Adams tower in January.



## The Future of Nutrient Management



**by Matt Selenske,** Pest Pros Location Manager mselenske@allied.coop

Protection (DATCP) and UW-Extension visited our Pest Pros location recently to do some in-house training on the new version of SnapPlus (Soil Nutrient Application Planner) and a recently developed nitrogen loss calculator tool. The goal was to introduce the new web based SnapPlus V3 to the group, as Nutrient Management Plans will need to be converted starting in 2026. The process should be seamless, but getting ahead of the game should make the transition to that much easier. Other topics included updates to A2809, Wisconsin's guide for nutrient application recommendations. In the short term it will be easier to access as it also goes to an online document, and in the long term will hopefully account for more realistic fertilizer applications using up-to-date research on newer hybrids.

The nitrogen loss calculator tool was developed to help growers and agronomists assess the risk of losing nitrogen to leaching. As variables are plugged in, a risk number is generated to show growers the potential for loss. Changing things like split applications, nitrogen sources, or adding cover crops to mitigate N losses will alter the risk. The tool is in its infancy but could have an impact by showing growers how more innovative farming practices may help keep nitrogen where it needs to be, thus increasing yields and helping with water quality.

## FOOD PLOT DAYS

March 21 & 28 1 pm - 5:30 pm



## Seed Treatment: Protecting Your Investment



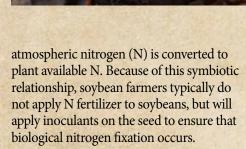
**by Nathan Ausen,** Agronomy Advisor nausen@allied.coop

Te work our hardest to choose and plant high quality seed and genetics at an appropriate time for optimizing soybean yields. Plus, now we read and are told, and even see on our yield monitors, that planting early can give us a yield bump. However, planting seed too early can result in yield reductions if emergence is delayed or if soil diseases are a concern.

Seed treatment can provide protection against diseases and insect pests. There are many seed treatments available to manage soybean pests, these products are effective weeks after planting. In addition, there are many products and product combinations, which can make it difficult to understand what treatments will consistently provide positive returns on your investment.

Here, at Allied we offer several great products to protect your seed, including Nvincible® Plus (inoculant), Acceleron® Standard FI (fungicide & insecticide), ILEVO® in both low rate and high rate (nematodes SCN low rate & SDS high rate), and Tripidity®/HeadsUp® (biostimulator white mold protector).

Although not a seed treatment, inoculants like Nvincible Plus may be applied to soybeans at the treater. Soybeans have the unique ability to form a symbiotic relationship with a soil bacteria and form nodules on the roots that can biologically fix nitrogen. During this process,



Fungicide seed treatments can manage two different types of pathogens: seedborne fungal pathogens such as seed decay fungus and soilborne pathogens that infect seedlings and roots and the sudden death syndrome (SDS) fungus. If you are considering a fungicide seed treatment, then it's important to know that they are more likely to benefit you when you have a field that has a history of soybean seedling diseases and/or SDS.

Nematicide seed treatments can be classified as either chemical or biological agents with varying modes of action. While nematicide seed treatments provide seedling protection, they are not meant to be a silver bullet for season long nematode control. Consider a seed treatment as just one additional nematode management tool. The two best tools for nematodes continue to be rotating crops and planting nematode-resistant varieties.

Before using a seed treatment, contact your Allied agronomy advisor who will work with you to submit soil samples for nematode testing at our Pest Pros labs. There they can determine if nematode populations are in a range where seed treatment may be beneficial. From my experience we are not always dealing with SCN, but other nematodes like root lesion nematodes and root-knot nematodes. These are issues which ILEVO can work on. Plus, this is only my opinion, but I believe there may be a correlation between SDS and fields with high nematode populations.

**Photo by Travis Woods** 

Another product we can add to your treatment package this year is Ascend® ST3<sup>TM</sup>. This will help accelerate early season development, improve germination, and enhance root growth with the addition of a plant growth regulator (PGR) on seed treatment. PGRs can be very powerful when used in the right amount. However, they can have detrimental effects when used at levels that are too high and have no effect at levels that are too low. Winfield United has done rigorous testing to find the right formula for Ascend ST3 PGR that would deliver the right amount of PGRs at the right time for seed treatment application.

Taking good field history notes and getting an accurate diagnosis of pest problems can help you make decisions about the type of seed treatments you need, and which seed treatments are most likely to provide a benefit. Reach out to your agronomy advisor for more information on the seed treatment options available to you.

## Pre-Spring Sprayer Check: Ensuring Optimal Performance for the Growing Season



**by Austin Bohm,** Ag Technology Specialist abohm@allied.coop

As the upcoming growing season approaches, growers are finalizing crop plans, addressing necessary equipment repairs, and performing routine maintenance to ensure their operations run smoothly when the time comes. While much focus is often placed on tractors and planters, it is essential to remember the sprayer—a critical tool in your equipment lineup. Proper maintenance is vital, not only for longevity but for ensuring your sprayer performs at its best when it's needed most. Below are a few key areas to check on your sprayer before the season begins.

#### Start Clean, End Clean

- **Disassemble and Clean:** If you didn't fully disassemble your sprayer last fall, now is an ideal time to do so. Inspect each spray section on the boom for any residue buildup from the previous season. Any remaining residue can affect performance, so take the time to pressure wash each section thoroughly.
- Inspect and Clean Filters: Examine all filter housings, checking for buildup inside. Use a rag and some detergent to clean the housings. Replace any filters that cannot be adequately cleaned with a brush and dish soap. Be sure to verify that the mesh size of your filters is appropriate for the spray tips and products you plan to use this season.

#### **Nozzle Bodies and Spray Tips**

- **Tip Size and Angle:** Ensure your spray tip size is suitable for the speed and application rate you intend to maintain, as well as the products you will be using. Product labels typically provide this information. The angle of the spray tip will also influence application overlap. Common spray angles include 80° and 110°, and the correct angle for your sprayer will depend on the nozzle spacing and intended boom height, information that is generally available from your sprayer's manufacturer.
- Test Pressure and Check for Leaks: Charge the spray boom and test for pressure above your intended spray PSI. Inspect for

leaks or dripping, which may be caused by nozzle body cracks, damaged check valves, or debris obstructing seals and O-rings.

• Evaluate Spray Patterns: Run the sprayer at your intended boom height and observe the spray pattern. Ensure that the patterns from each tip are overlapping, but not touching. A slight paralleling angle between the tips will ensure that the overlap does not interfere with neighboring patterns.

#### **Tip Consistency and Calibration**

- Test Consistency: For each spray tip, collect water for a set amount of time (e.g., 30 seconds), log the amount collected, and calculate the average output. If any tips deviate by more than 5% from the average, they should be cleaned or replaced.
- Use Calibration Tools: A quicker way to assess tip performance is by using a calibration tool, such as the "Spot On Sprayer Calibrator," available online or through most equipment dealers. This tool can help streamline the process and ensure precision.

#### **Precision and Responsibility**

In agriculture, sprayers are precision tools that require careful attention to ensure they operate at their optimal level. A properly calibrated sprayer is crucial not only for efficient pest control, but also for maximizing the effectiveness of the products you apply. By maintaining your sprayer properly, you can achieve a consistent and reliable outcome for your investment.

For those seeking additional guidance, the University of Wisconsin offers valuable resources on sprayer calibration. Local extension offices can also provide more detailed literature. If this process seems daunting, rest assured that Allied Cooperative is continually investing in its applicators, technology, and equipment to deliver consistent and reliable results.

Contact your agronomy advisor today to discuss shortening your pre-spring check list and let us take the stress out of your pest control needs.

## Custom Spreading vs. Self-Spreading: Making the Right Choice for Your Fertilizer Application



**by Rich Grabarski,** Adams Location Manager rgrabarski@allied.coop

s you prepare for your spring fertilizer application, one key decision is whether to apply the fertilizer yourself or hire a professional service for custom application. Each option comes with its own set of responsibilities and considerations that can impact the success of your crop year. Understanding the differences between these approaches and ensuring the correct setup for your fertilizer spreader is crucial.

### Self-Spreading: Key Considerations for Proper Fertilizer Application

When renting a pull-type fertilizer spreader, it is important to note that it is ultimately the grower or their employee's responsibility to ensure the correct spreader settings for application. This involves several critical steps:

- 1. Using Manufacturer's Charts: All spreaders, regardless of brand, come with manufacturer-provided charts that help guide the gate and apron settings. These charts will include the different rates at each density and gate setting. The fertilizer density can be found on the delivery ticket for the product.
- 2. Properly Setting the Spreader for the Designed Spreader Width: First, you'll want to verify the spreading width. Common spreader widths are 40 and 50 feet. Once spreader width is verified, to achieve the desired application rate, you will need to adjust the spreader's settings based on both the fertilizer density and application rate. The spreader's gate opening and apron speed must be adjusted accordingly, either to high or low range, depending on the density and desired rate.

- 3. Driving Speed: In addition to adjusting the spreader settings, the application can be influenced by the speed at which you drive and the width of the spreader's coverage. Make sure you are driving at the proper speed as to not overflow the spinner pans, limiting their performance.
- 4. Verification of Application Accuracy: After setting the spreader, it is highly recommended to walk the field and inspect the application to ensure the fertilizer is being distributed evenly and across the intended width. This will help confirm that the spreader is operating within the correct range and that the fertilizer is being applied effectively.
- 5. If you have any doubts about setting the spreader correctly or applying the fertilizer, do not hesitate to contact your agronomy advisor or the local agronomy location for assistance. Their expertise can help ensure that your application is successful.

### When to Consider Professional Custom Application

If you are unsure about applying the fertilizer yourself or prefer to ensure the most accurate and efficient application possible, Allied Cooperative's professional custom application services may be the solution. Our trained applicators are equipped with the latest technology and expertise to apply fertilizer evenly and precisely across your fields.

We offer the flexibility to spread fertilizer both straight rate and variable rate from preplant to post plant, with pan tested varying widths to suit diverse field conditions. By choosing Allied Cooperative for custom application, you can have confidence that your fertilizer is applied at the right rate, ensuring optimal crop growth.

## Winter Wheat in Early Spring



**by Allison Hunter,** Agronomy Advisor ahunter@allied.coop

Pring is right around the corner. As we start to get rolling into the fields, the first thing on the "to do list" should be our winter wheat fields.

Since winter wheat is planted in late September to early October, they are the first fields to green up as the temperatures warm up. We've experienced a mild winter again with limited snow. This can be crucial to winter wheat stands. Snow not only acts as an insulator for the dormant plants, but it also aids in root development and provides adequate moisture during the spring snow melt. Having adequate plants per acre keeps yield potential up and weed pressure down.

Getting nitrogen on the fields right away in spring is essential for plant vigor. Similar to corn, nitrogen is a primary nutrient. A good rule of thumb to follow is 1.5 actual units of nitrogen to one bushel of grain. Ideally, a split application would prolong nitrogen availability and prevent lodging, but applying all the crops nutrient needs upfront is not going to affect yield. Just make sure to treat the nitrogen from leaching or volatilization. Like all other crops, nitrogen isn't the

only nutrient that wheat needs, so make sure to have a well-rounded fertilizer program that fits your farm practice.

After fertilizing, the next step is to spray wheat with fungicide and herbicides to control any weeds that might be present. Adding the proper residual will also keep weeds down and prevent competition for growth. The standard planting population for wheat is 1,000,000 plants per acre (21-23 plants per square foot). Usually, weeds aren't an issue once the plants fully tiller and grow. After the flag leaf emerges, most herbicides are no longer safe to apply, that's why it's essential to get it under control early in spring. Adding proper fungicide in that pass will also lead to a successful crop. Wet springs and steady rainfall can lead to number of diseases. Powdery mildew, rust and fusarium head blight, just to name a few, can easily be controlled with a fungicide application.

Our biggest hurdle to get over in season is fighting fusarium head scab. When the grain heads start to emerge from the leaf, it's the most critical time for the disease to set in. Simply applying a fungicide prior to this stage will help, but that's not

enough to control it. It takes a systems approach. Starting with a variety that's not as susceptible is a good start. We can also help reduce the risk by planting into a non-host crop. Corn residual can over winter the host and make the wheat more susceptible. Planting wheat into soybean stubble in fall can help reduce the chance of the host carrying over. With the proper variety selection and management, it's a good start. Fusarium graminearum, produces the mycotoxin deoxynivalenol (DON), which is commonly known as vomitoxin. When taking wheat grain into any elevator, it will be tested for vomitoxins. This is because it can be toxic to livestock at high levels. We spray fungicide at head emergence to help reduce the severity come harvest.

Proper variety selection, planting population and spring stands, timely applications and adequate nutrient management is all we can do to set ourselves up for a successful wheat crop. Reach out to your Allied agronomy advisor for more information.

### FARM EQUIPMENT SUPPLIES



As you get your farm equipment ready for spring, don't forget our NAPA Auto Parts stores are well equipped with farm supplies. Whether you need roller chain, bearings, belts or something else...if we don't have them in stock, we can get them! Also don't forget your filters, oil and grease. NAPA is working hard to be your one stop shop. We have you covered!

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## FEED DIVISION

## Spring on the Farm



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pring is just around the corner, and one of my favorite things to do this time of year is open the windows and let some fresh air in. I find some satisfaction from a good

I find some satisfaction from a good spring cleaning after the long, cold winter. It also helps rid the house of the allergens and germs that seem to hang around all winter and just improves everyone's moods overall.

The same benefits of spring cleaning extend to your farm too. The transition from winter to spring can be one of the toughest time of year for your cattle. Weather conditions and disease can be a real concern, especially during a wet spring. Anything you can do to help alleviate the stress for your cattle can make a big difference.

Spring has other challenges for your cattle as well. If you have not already done so, be sure to look closely at your cattle mineral program and ensure your program reflects the season we are in. We highly recommend Purina's Wind and Rain® mineral products. If you missed booking your mineral, we do have it on-hand. And just a reminder that we offer feed route delivery service for all of our bagged feeds, bulk feeds and commodity products and can deliver them right to your farm.

Before you get into the thick of planting season, it's a great idea to take a few days for some deep cleaning in your barn and don't forget to check your ventilation system. Inspect your inlets, outlets, fans, and other ventilation mechanisms. Having a well-ventilated barn that is prepared for warmer weather is vital for the health and safety of your animals. Poor ventilation can lead to the build-up of potentially harmful gases, and excess moisture and debris can spread pathogens and harmful airborne particles.

We know that with the recent tariff activities many businesses are uncertain with market activities. Be sure to call us for updated commodity pricing and contracting. We are keeping a close eye on the markets and will work hard to help you minimize your risk.

Finally, I would like to remind you to check out our feed retail locations for spring specials and deals. From show feeds to chickens, ducks and turkeys to livestock equipment and more...we have the products you need and look forward to serving you! Thank you for your business!



## Making the Most of Forage Quality



**By Jason Berdan,** Livestock Production Specialist JRBerdan@landolakes.com

s we enter the 2025 cropping season, we look back on the 2023 and 2024 forage harvests, not as one for the record books but as one for the yearbook.

Dry weather conditions in 2023 and wet delayed harvest and planting in 2024 gave us many challenges in the cropping enterprise, but what did that do to the feed quality for our dairy cows?

2023's dry summer challenged the hay and corn plants yield, but also manipulated the quality of those feeds.

In the haylage, the projected yields were lowered, forcing many producers to stretch cutting days to ensure an adequate crop being present to justify harvest cost. Within that ton of haylage there were exaggerated quality variance of protein and neutral detergent fiber digestibility (ndfd), due to the amount of alfalfa, grasses and clover planted in those fields and effects from rain and soil moisture.

In the corn silage, quality and yield were varied due to rain and soil moisture. Starch percents were anywhere from 10-45% depending on

moisture and crop stage at rain event. Yields also varied greatly, as well as ndfd, being 5-10 pts of variation across the field.

In May 2024 the water faucet turned on, forcing planting of corn and hay back weeks and even months, in some areas.

First crop harvest was delayed greatly being pushed back into late June and early July. Yields were huge as the feed matured but quality suffered with protein, ndfd, and energy dropping. With the wet conditions, molds and mycotoxins were able to sneak their way into that stressed crop and cause storage concerns post-harvest.

With corn planting being delayed, tonnage took the first hit, followed by starch. Mid-July when it finally dried up, ndfd took the final blow being lowered 5-10 pts, by plant stage during the lack of rain. Harvest was challenged by moisture variances in the fields, when the corn was planted, and at what stage of maturity it was at.

A fellow colleague has always said that cows are like defiant 3-year-old kids, "They like the same food, at the same

time, on the same plate, with the same spoon every day." In layman's terms that means, high producing cows don't like change. They like the same boring food everyday at the same time from the same TMR Mixer.

With huge swings in protein, energy and ndfd, noted in many piles of haylage and corn silage, we relied on our feed testing laboratories to provide us with the correct information. They provided us with those feed sample(s) to optimize your dairy rations, allowing for farm specific production and components goals.

With the rapid and wide swings in forage quality, your nutritionist was making quick adjustments to your rations and mixes to counter those effects. We were adding ingredients that improve fiber digestion, protein solubility, and energies (fats, sugars, and starches)—while also keeping an eye on forage hygiene and mineral composition.

2023 and 2024's wild and crazy forages will last until the last ton is fed and 2025 feeds start being offered to our dairy cattle.

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## Financing Your Spring Crop



**By Brad Lieders,** Director of Credit blieders@allied.coop

A llied Cooperative has been working to help make doing business with us easier and more convenient for you. This consists of tools for managing your Allied Cooperative account and financing your agronomy purchases.

Did you know, you can have your monthly statement emailed to you? Just go to allied.coop/credit and complete the simple sign up form. You can also email your request to credit@allied. coop. Be sure to include the name on your account and your account number in the email. Please reference that you would like your monthly statement emailed. We can also email you each invoice if you would like. Once we set-up your account for email, you will no longer receive printed statements. This saves you on mail and your co-op on postage, paper, and labor costs. It is also better for the environment!

Did you know you can have Allied Cooperative account information literally at your fingertips? Just go to www.allied.coop and click on "customer login" in the upper right-hand portion of the page. There you will find instructions on how to create your account.

Once logged in, you will find several convenient tools provided for you:

- 1. View current or past invoices and month-end statements.
- 2. Pay your statement or select invoices online through the secure payment program.
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- 4. Get details on your grain activity including loads, contracts, settlements and deferred payments.



5. Easily create a summary level report of your purchases for tax purposes.

Allied Cooperative has several convenient agronomy finance options with extended financing terms. Interest rates as low as 0% with deferred payments are available from suppliers like Syngenta/ NK/Enogen, BASF, Bayer Crop Protection, DEKALB/Asgrow/ Alloy, CROPLAN Seed & Signature Crop Protection (WinField United), FMC, Corteva TruChoice, Brevant and Legacy Seed for approved accounts on select finance programs. There is an easy application process. To determine what agronomy financing option is best for you, talk to your agronomy advisor or visit allied.coop/credit. You will find a summary of the available programs, along with details on each program.

If you are interested in Cooperative Credit Company, John Deere Financial and Rabo Agri-Finance, you will even find a link to apply online.

Thank you for your business and have a great spring!

Brad Lieders has joined the Allied Cooperative team as Director of Credit. Brad is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin — Stout.

After graduation he worked for Marathon
Oil Company in Cincinnati, OH. In 1995 he accepted a position as Credit Card Department Manager at CHS in Inver Grove Heights, MN.
Desiring to move back to Central Wisconsin, he accepted a position at Figi's in Marshfield as the Director of Credit. Since 2017, he has served as Credit Manager for River Country Co-op and Heartland Cooperative Services. Brad has much experience with both credit and our industry and we are fortunate to have him on our team.

#### **MAINSTAYS RETIRE**

Allied Cooperative lost some invaluable team members this winter to retirement.



#### **Brad Mathson**

After a full career working in the agronomy industry, Brad Mathson, who served as the Ag Technology Lead at our Hixton agronomy location, retired in early January. Brad was an extremely knowledgeable

person and very accomplished in the field of agronomy. His role in technology, sales management and sales were instrumental in turning around the legacy Federation agronomy region after the Federation merger with ProVision in 2019. Brad's skills, passion for agriculture, and the way he cared for his customers will be greatly missed.



#### **Gary Wussow**

In the game of chess, the king is the most important piece in the game, due in large part to its ability to move in any direction. Perhaps that is why Gary Wussow was nicknamed "The King" by his co-workers.

Gary was well respected by his peers and the farmers he served and has left some big shoes to fill at the Auburndale Feed Department. Having grown up on a farm, the feed industry was a natural fit for Gary. He enjoyed driving and talking to his farmer customers and will be missed by all who had the privilege to work with him.



#### **Brian Rinehart**

Brian Rinehart is an extraordinary employee who has been a fixture in the feed division. He started working at Harmony Co-op in 1978 while he was still in high school and has worked at the co-op his entire

adult life. In terms of positions held, he has done it all. He started picking-up grain from farmers to make feed. Then he served as a truck driver. He ran the mill for a while, before moving into the office. He managed the feed department for Harmony Co-op and after the merger that created ProVision Partners. He closed out his career behind the wheel again, delivering feed to the customers he has so enjoyed working with. Brian has been making feed for some of the same customers for 47 years. There is no doubt he will be missed.

We congratulate each of our retirees and wish them a long and happy retirement!

#### **Forage Quality**

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As farmers, being the eternal optimists, start looking into the new year, many key conversations are taking place as to how can we improve these new forages.

**Step 1)** Ask your nutritionist if your feed samples are meeting the needs for high producing cows. Focus on quality (protein, starch, ndfd) moisture, and hygiene

**Step 2)** Ask your agronomy advisor if the correct crop type and varieties are being planted. Ensure that the proper crop nutrition and herbicide/pest control is adequate to express those selections.

**Step 3)** Talk with your harvest crew, set up harvest goals for moisture and quality, and timelines for reaching these goals

**Step 4)** Talk to your equipment maintenance crew, make sure the mower, merger, chopper, pack tractor, inoculant applicator are ready. You don't need a day one breakdown.

**Step 5)** Evaluate the crop with your "TEAM" to make sure quality, yield, and harvest window are maximized.

Step 6) Have a Safe Harvest.

**Step 7**) Protect that feed. Get that silo capped, bag sealed, and pile covered.

**Step 8**) Evaluate the results, through forage testing, bunker densities, and bag observations, makes sure the feed is what your cows deserve.

**Step 9)** Reset and get ready to do it again, for another harvest awaits you in 22-28 days.

Let's make 2025 a year for the record books. Have a bountiful growing season and safe harvest. Please reach out to any of the Allied feed team nutritionists and agronomy advisors. We would enjoy the opportunity to help you meet your goals.



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#### **ENERGY DIVISION**

#### Trade Tariffs



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n February 1, President Trump imposed sweeping tariffs on Canada and Mexico that were set to take effect the following week. Energy prices reacted with both products and crude oil showing large gains. On February 2, energy commodities began trading higher overnight and, by February 3, diesel and gasoline were up 10 to 12 cents per gallon. Later on Monday, the pricing started to ease as President Trump announced he had reached a deal with Mexico. Later he would also announce that he'd reached a deal to postpone the tariffs with Canada. Besides energy, other critical inputs would be impacted. By the time of this publication, the trade tariffs will either be scrapped for a new trade deal or enforced. Here's how trade tariffs could impact energy prices and what to watch for should they take effect.

#### What's the Impact of a 10% Tariff on Canadian Crude?

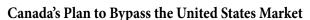
Most of the refineries that supply Wisconsin and Minnesota run on Canadian Crude oil. According to the EIA\* 24% of U.S. refineries run Canadian crude oil. States like Wisconsin, Montana, Wyoming, Michigan, and Minnesota would be the hardest hit by a trade tariff. Tariffs could add anywhere from .25 cents per gallon to .75 cents per gallon to the price of gas and diesel.

#### Why can't the United States just produce more crude?

Refineries running Canadian sour crude aren't equipped to run crude slates like North Dakota's Bakken sweet crude. Refineries need to run the same crude slates consistently. It would take months, if not years to change crude slates. Sour crude comes from Canada's tar sands (Alberta). It's a different type of oil than the sweet crude that comes out of the wells in the Bakken or the oilfields in the Gulf or Texas.

## How Long will it Take for President Trump's Oil Friendly Policies to Impact Crude/Gas/Diesel Prices?

New wells can be drilled quickly, but the current pricing isn't supportive of a lot of new oil investments. Most wells need \$75/barrel or more to break even. New and emergent technologies are increasing existing current oil well production in the United States, but rig counts are stagnant or not increasing. The biggest driver of new wells is supportive pricing. You may have heard it said that high oil prices are the cure for high oil prices. Oil production is expected to increase above the current production level of 11 mil/bbl per day to 13 mil/bbl per day in 2026.



Canada is considering expansion projects that would allow them to sell more of their raw crude oil to Asian markets. The Trans-Mountain pipeline, which currently transports up to 890,000 bpd of crude from Alberta to Canada's Pacific Coast, has been highlighted due to President Trump's recent tariff threats on Canadian oil imports, which he paused for 30 days. The pipeline enables Canadian oil producers to access international markets independently of the United States network and accounts for 9 percent of Canada's total crude exports, a number that's likely to double in the coming years.

Trans Mountain is exploring short-term measures like using a drag-reducing agent and long-term solutions such as adding pumps to boost capacity. United States refineries are purchasing Canadian tar-sands crude oil at significant discounts. With more oil going to Canadian ports on the West Coast, will there be less oil available to Midwest refineries in the future? Even without a 10 percent tariff, prices are likely to rise as Canadians seek a global market for their oil.

#### What's the outlook for Oil Prices in 2025 and Beyond?

Oil prices are projected to remain flat (largely unchanged) provided the trade tariffs do not materialize. Analysts are forecasting oil prices (with 90 percent certainty) will not dip below \$68/bbl (currently at \$73), nor will they rise above \$75. That's a fairly narrow range. Economic uncertainty and hiring freezes for many businesses that rely on imports could cause a slow-down in the United States economy, and tariffs could be a wild card that cause oil prices to drift into the 5 percent over outlier. The ag economy and trucking sector are coming off a tough year. It's likely that recovery – and the associated economic surge – will have to wait at least until 2026.

\*EIA – US Energy Information Administration, a gov't agency

#### Refined Fuels Futures Market 2025

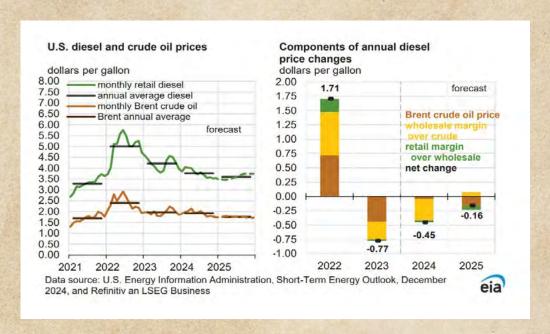


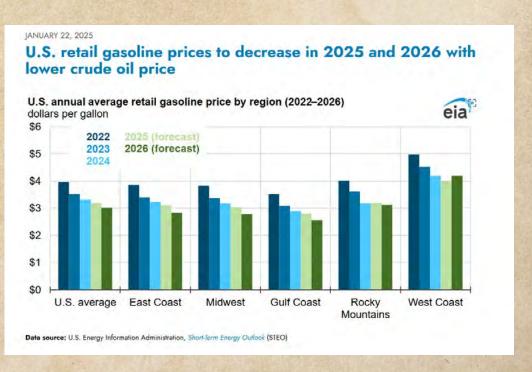
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he question our energy team hears frequently is what is the market going to do this year? The prediction from the U.S. Energy Information Administration for 2025 is for a generally balanced energy market, with oil production globally projected to increase by 1.6 billion barrels a day, while U.S. production continues to go up as well.

Diesel prices are both an influencer of the economy and influenced by the economy. The components that go into diesel prices are oil production, demand, natural disasters, and geopolitical events. If natural disasters and geopolitical events remain contained, expect diesel prices to be lower overall than 2024 and continue that trend into 2026. Currently, futures prices on diesel April-November are relatively flat with a \$0.07 lower price on a November contract than an April contract.

Gasoline prices are forecast to see a gradual decline through 2026 according to the U.S. Energy Information Administration driven by falling crude oil prices and improved vehicle efficiency. Gasoline prices are expected to decrease by 11 cents per gallon in 2025 and an additional 18 cents in 2026, except for the West Coast in 2026 due to reduced production capacity. As always, these forecasts can change rapidly so reach out to our energy specialists for the most up to date information.







## Planning Ahead for your LP Needs Prepay & Budget Contracts



by Jeff Bunker Director of Propane jbunker@allied.coop

Prepay & Budget Programs brochure to all Allied LP customers. We would like to encourage you to carefully study the brochure and sign up for the program that best meets your specific needs. Like last year, if you are enrolled in the budget program your budget will automatically be renewed. There is no need to return any additional paperwork.

#### **Scheduled Delivery**

Regardless of the payment plan you choose, customers with approved credit accounts are encouraged to take advantage of the Scheduled Delivery Program, a computerized system that estimates by history and degree days when a delivery is needed. We really can't emphasize the value of this program enough—both to you and your cooperative. With this program, the truck is automatically dispatched to your tank when it is between 20–30 percent. An 8¢ per gallon discount is given to all customers not on another contract due to the efficiencies gained.

Because your deliveries are based on a prior year's usage it is important to remember that, even if you are on Scheduled Delivery, you may use more or less fuel in a subsequent year because of factors including weather changes, different appliances and other changes to your home. Because of this, we urge you to periodically check your tank and call us if your gauge ever goes below 30 percent.

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Allied's tank monitor mobile app.



### **GRAIN DIVISION**

### USDA to the Rescue for Grains



by Rich Dahlke, Adams Grain Location Manager/Grain Merchandiser rdahlke@allied.coop

Thenever I am asked to write a newsletter article, I like to first look at a few of my past articles to see what the focus was and what world events have done to change the market atmosphere. I also like to use this to test my own credibility. Honestly, I've found it hard to give myself more than a C+ grade most of the time. There always seems to be an unknown random event or series of events that change the dynamic and send grain prices in a different direction. In reading my last newsletter, I was not all that optimistic. The ending stocks number was huge and reminiscent of the 2014 to 2019 era where corn struggled to reach \$4.00. Since then, a few things surfaced to breathe some life into the grain market.

All my colleagues that work in the Allied grain department were fairly certain the USDA would lower the average yield, cut acres or raise usage for corn in the January report. We didn't think it would be that drastic. The USDA ended up taking almost 4 bushels off the average yield for corn and 1 bushel for beans. This drastically lowered the corn ending stocks from 1.735 billion to 1.54 billion bushel. Soybean ending stocks went from 470 million to 380 million bushel. It's still a comfortable number but certainly not the burdensome stocks that some were predicting heading into the new year. Exports on corn are also hanging in there and are up 30+% over this time last year. Since the report, fund buying also kicked into overdrive going from a near record short and buying their way into a near record long 300,000+ contracts helping grains get another leg up. Going into planting, I expect that long position to stay in place a bit longer.

The 800 lb gorilla in the room has always been the talk of tariffs and trade wars and the effect on grain exports. So far, tariffs on corn and soybeans haven't been a big part of the

equation. This is a very fluid situation and can change rapidly but as of now, the trade talks have been productive, tariff plans are on hold and deals have been made. Enforcement will be the next thing to watch. If everyone can keep their end of the deal this may be beneficial to our role in the international grain trade. Time will tell on this one.

I also said in the past how important it was for the U.S. to find more domestic markets for soybeans. South America bean crops are now officially monsters. Brazil beans are at a discount to U.S. beans and every year they gain market share. At this time, it looks like four new soybean crush plants will be opening throughout the U.S. Midwest by 2026. 200+ million bushels will be needed to keep these plants running. That's good news for domestic beans.

So, my sentiment has changed from bearish grains to neutral or bit more cautiously optimistic. A 1.5 billion carryout with a weather premium should give us \$4.50 to \$5 corn going into spring planting. Planting intentions will come out at the end of March. Last year we saw about 90.6 million acres of corn. If that number goes to 93 + that will certainly pressure new crop corn prices. Stay close to the news on March 31st. It's an important piece in formulating where grain prices could be heading. Again, know your costs and be ready to make sales in the May through June time frame. History tells us that these are good times to sell.



## 2025 Allied Scholarships

Allied Cooperative is currently accepting applications for its 2025 college scholarship program. College students who are Allied Cooperative members or whose parents or guardians are Allied Cooperative members are invited to apply. The scholarships will be presented in spring 2025.

Selection for the scholarship is based on academic performance, extra-curricular activities, community involvement and/or employment, and honors and

awards. Applicants are also asked to submit a short essay. Preference will be given to students pursuing a degree in an agricultural related field.

Scholarship applications must be received by March 31, 2025, and winners will be notified by the end of May. To request a scholarship application, please email info@ allied.coop. You may also download an application on-line at www.allied.coop.



## **Notice of Annual Membership Meeting**

When: Tuesday, March 11th, 2025

Where: Eagles Club of Marshfield • 1104 S. Oak Ave, Marshfield, WI 54449

Agenda: Meeting at 10:30am · Lunch at 11:45am

This is your annual meeting for the: • Presentation of the audit report of the 2024 fiscal year

• To transact any business that may properly come before the Board

As in the past, your support and attendance of this meeting is greatly appreciated.

Attest: Mark Vobora, Secretary

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