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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



Picton

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Crops: (613) 476-9183
Fuel: (613) 476-1613

Foxboro

552 Ashley St.
Store: (613) 962-0769
Fuel: (613) 961-0731

Madoc

278 Lawrence St. W
Store: (613) 473-9040
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Dow Seeds

Seed Update

As you may have heard, Hyland Seeds has been rebranded as Dow Seeds. For more information go to dowseeds.ca or follow @DowSeedsCA on Twitter.

AGRONOMY CORNER

Hay Fertilizer - Fall is the time to put fertilizer on your hay field to give it the required nutrients for the next growing season. See the table below for the amount of nutrients removed in a crop of alfalfa. Remember these numbers should be multiplied by the yield and number of cuts taken.

Nutrients Removed in Alfalfa (lb of nutrient/ton of alfalfa)		
Nitrogen	Phosphorus	Potassium
56	15	60

GPS Soil Samples – After your wheat comes off is an excellent time to get your fields GPS soil sampled. Soil sampling is the first step in Precision Ag and leads to pinpointing problem areas and site-specific recommendations. Once the samples are done, variable rate fertilizer can be applied. Be sure to call and get your your name on the list.

Be sure to take advantage of our Quality Seeds early booking program 10% off until August 1st, 2015.

on 2016 seed orders



Visit us at the
2015 Hastings County Plowing Match & Farm Show



HOSTED BY THE CHADWICK FAMILY

1210 Callaghan Rd, Township of Tyendinega
~ August 19th and 20th ~

ENERGY DIVISION



It's closer than you think. Heating season will soon be upon us. So whether you are using propane or furnace oil, let us heat your home. No one likes to be cold and we want to be the folks who put heat in your life. We also have equal billing plans, to reduce the impact of high winter heating bills. Equal billing plan distributes your annual heating costs from September to June. For more information call Jamie-Lynn in Foxboro or Pat in Picton.

Please take extra care around tractors and combines on the road and in the field. It is harvest time!



ANIMAL FEED & NUTRITION

Am I paying too much for my feed??

The age old question in the feed business! It's a very tricky question that's hard to measure. Mostly, because its' not just milk production that we are expecting out of our feed. The unfortunate part is there are a lot more variables other than feed that are so important.

For example, "a cow comfort story": A tie stall herd I work with recently did a drastic stall renovation. Milk production increased close to 10 liters per day!!! No ration changes! No real changes in days in milk etc. the butterfat and protein percentage stayed the same. Also a side note we think that even our reproduction (which was good prior to the renovation) has also improved. I would also speculate that lifetime milk and longevity will go up as well. However nothing in the feeding program changed!! So lets' think of the old production at 27-



28 liters moving to 37-38 liters. Difference of 10 litres means the same feed cost but another \$7.20 in revenue. So figure that on 50 cows that's over \$10,000.00 more in revenue per month. It makes the feed bill seem a little insignificant now doesn't it? That being said maybe I was guilty of over feeding the cow prior to renovation or would she have given even less milk if I "watered" my mix down?

Do we feed to the cows' potential or do we feed to her current production level? I believe that is the biggest feeding question today.

Mike Ingram



"Attracting Wildlife" a presentation

by

Rack Stacker



September 8th at 7:00pm

County Farm Centre

278 St. Lawrence St.

Madoc, ON

For more info call Terry: 613-473-9040

Return Balewrap Cores

County Farm Centre will take your empty balewrap cores. Simply return your empty cores to any County Farm Centre store and we will recycle them for you.



STORE NEWS

Are you ready for huge savings!?! Our summer coupon book will be in the mail soon.
Valid from August 6th - 22nd, 2015



PRESERVE IT!

Berry season is nearing its end but jarring season has just begun! County Farm Centre stocks mason jars, lids, labels, pectin and jarring kits.

