



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



Picton

38 Cold Storage Rd.
Store: (613) 476-2171
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
Fuel: (613)-473-2499

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AGRONOMY CORNER

Pesticide Safety Courses

For those needing to renew their pesticide licenses or get a new one, be sure to take advantage of upcoming courses:



~ February 11th ~
~ March 9th ~



Courses start at 8:45 am sharp. Bring a pen/pencil, calculator and \$105 cash or a cheque written out to University of Guelph. Course manuals are available for pick-up.

Call our Crops Offices (476-9183 or 962-0769) to book your spot.

Please note the location of the courses has changed to Bloomfield United Church.

Pesticide Number Update

If you have recently gotten a Grower Pesticide Number or have updated it in the last couple of years please call (613)476-9183 or e-mail Lindsay (lindsay@countyfarmcentre.com) with your new pesticide number and/or expiry date. If you plan on buying pesticides in 2016 we MUST have your number on file.



December Prepayments

Now's the time to speak with any Crops salesperson to discuss your options for prepayment of 2016 product before year-end. Be sure to take advantage of this opportunity!!

ENERGY DIVISION

If you are not using our Premium Dieselelex Gold fuel, you should be. It improves fuel storage life, restores lost horsepower, reduces risk of plugged filters and increases fuel efficiency. Give Tim a call to find out more 613-922-1308.

Dieselelex[®] Gold
Power • Efficiency • Protection

We have hired a new petroleum truck driver - Troy Blakely. Troy starts at the beginning of December and we are glad to have him on the County Farm Centre team this heating season.

If you are a "will call" customer please allow a minimum 3 business days for delivery. With the snow on its way the drivers Paul, Nathan, Brad, James and Troy will appreciate a path to the fill pipes or tank.



ANIMAL FEED & NUTRITION

Cold Weather and Young Calf Nutrition

Hope everyone has had a successful cropping season and finishing up the last of the field work.

As we approach the winter season and look forward to those -30 degree nights - thawing water bowls and trying to start equipment - I wanted to give a heads up on those new born calves that can become easy victims to that kind of weather.

Young calves in winter need more groceries for maintenance and growth! Calves are born with a limited supply of body fat that can be depleted within hours on those extreme days. Getting a higher fat, milk replacer is great; but if you are not spot-on with your mix, it can lead to problems. Especially if you are only feeding twice a day. Feeding whole milk can also be a challenge as it varies greatly from farm to farm.



Milk Replacers should be mixed so they will give calves 14%-15% solids on daily needs. The only way to truly determine this is by doing a **Refractometer Test**. This is easily done at the farm with a refractometer which I would be happy to do for customers. The on-farm whole milk that I have tested so far is running at about 9% solids which will also need some supplementation but be careful here not to over do this by adding too much powder replacer - our goal here is around 12% solids. Ideally, feeding 3x per day or feeding on demand can usually get your calves through those cold winter days in good shape.

Best Of Luck And Stay Warm!!

Dave McGee

Animal Nutrition and Sales
County Farm Centre



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STORE NEWS

County Farm Centre is overflowing with seasonal items. Coats, toys, gloves, socks and treats. Our December flyer is filled with great deals and ideas for that hard-to-buy-for person on your list.



Holiday Hours



Thursday, **Dec. 24th** - 8am to 3pm

Friday, **Dec. 25th** - Closed

Saturday, **Dec. 26th** - Closed

Monday, **Dec. 28th** - Open

Thursday, **Dec. 31st** - 8am to 3pm

Friday, **Jan. 1st** - Closed

Saturday, **Jan. 2nd** - 8am to 4pm

*Merry Christmas
AND
Happy Holidays*

**from the staff of
County Farm Centre.**

**Thank you for your business in 2015
and we look forward to serving you in
2016! Best Wishes through the festive
season and a Happy New Year!**

