

County Farm Centre Ltd.

November 2012

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Upcoming Seed Deadlines

November 20 - Hyland Corn Early Order Deadline
November 20 - Hyland Early Pay Deadline
November 28 - Dekalb Early Order Deadline
November 28 - Dekalb Tote Early Order Deadline

Agronomy Corner

With soybean harvest wrapped up and corn harvest underway, now is the time to think about soil test levels. Every bushel of crop removed, also removes valuable nutrients from the soil. The chart below outlines the removals. Be sure to talk to your County Farm Centre representative about how to replace the nutrients removed.

Nutrients Removed in Harvested Crops

Crop	Unit	Nitrogen	Phosphorus	Potassium
Grain Corn	lb/bu	0.75	0.44	0.29
Soybean	lb/bu	4.00	0.80	1.40
Wheat	lb/bu	1.15	0.55	0.34
Oats	lb/bu	0.80	0.25	0.20
Barley	lb/bu	1.10	0.40	0.35
Alfalfa	lb/ton	56.00	15.00	60.00
Corn Silage	lb/ton	30.00	13.60	30.00

Now Offering... GPS Soil Samples

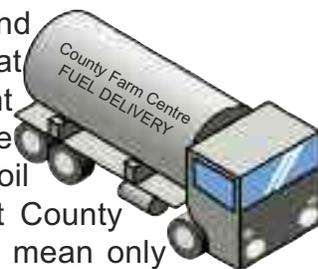
County Farm Centre is now offering GPS soil sampling on 1 acre, 2.5 acre and 5 acre grids, as well as boundary mapping. Soil sampling is the first step in Precision Ag and leads to pinpointing problem areas, site-specific recommendations and variable rate application.



Be sure to stop in at one our locations to get your name on the soil sample list!!

Fuel Section

No one likes to be cold and we want to be the folks that put heat in your life. Count on us to heat your home with our quality furnace oil and propane products. At County Farm Centre, service can mean only one thing - exceeding your expectations by providing high quality energy products coupled with exceptional services that few can match.



Let us us show you how we can add value to every energy dollar you spend.



UPCOMING EVENTS:

Dairy Meeting

November 13, 2012
 at Banquet Centre
 1 Alhambra Sq. Belleville, On
 Please RSVP by Nov. 9th



Contact Wilma to RSVP or for more information 613-476-2171

Thank you to everyone who attended our Beef Meeting in Foxboro last month!



Feed Corner

Preventing Laminitis

It's that time of the year again. The heat and humidity have been over for a couple of months and feet issues are starting to creep back into dairy herds. The damage from summertime feeding is now prevalent in many herds.

Here are some suggestions for maintaining foot health and preventing laminitis in the dairy herd:

1. Provide access to dirt lot or pasture, particularly for the dry cows.
2. Exercise/movement provides adequate free stall comfort. Incidence of laminitis is related to time spent standing.
3. Reduce time in crowd gates on large farms before milking - Limit time in milking parlor holding pen to 3 hours a day.
4. Reduce stress by providing space at areas of maximum cow interaction especially around watering points, crossovers between alleys.
5. Groove or texture slippery concrete. Knock down the rough projections on newly laid (green) concrete by dragging a concrete block over the surface.
6. Trim feet (at least) twice a year.
7. Exceed NRC requirements for ADF and NDF in the lactating cow ration.
8. Limit non-fiber carbohydrate (NFC) to 38-39%.
9. Provide buffers in the ration of early lactation cows. Sodium bicarbonate/ Magnesium Oxide/ Min-ad
10. 6-12% of the TMR on a weight basis should have a fiber length of greater than 1.5 inches.
11. The long fiber increases chewing and cudging activity and the production of saliva. The bicarbonate in the saliva buffers the acid produced by rumen fermentation and protects against rumen acidosis.
12. Do not over mix the TMR. Six minutes is adequate. Over-mixing destroys particle size and physically effective fibre.

Mike Ingram
Masterfeeds INC.



~ STORE NEWS ~

BIRD FEEDING TIME

As the weather turns cold, people start thinking more seriously about feeding our feathered friends. County Farm Centre has a large selection of bird seeds in various bag sizes and bulk too. To accompany all the seed, we have many feeders, houses and other accessories to choose from for your birds.



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