

October 8th, 2018

*“Help your cooperative **See the Future** with new relationships, new opportunities, and new dreams!” — Stan Remington*

## Celebrating Co-op Month!: Stan Remington

October is National Co-op month, and Ag Partners Cooperative, Inc. is proud to join co-ops throughout the nation to celebrate the many ways cooperatives are using innovation to create shared prosperity for their members and communities.

Our theme of this year’s national co-op month is “*See the Future*”, which embodies what co-ops envision and work to achieve every day. Seeing the Future is quite fitting for Ag Partners as two great organizations joined together for continued present and future success of our membership and communities.

With more than 40,000 cooperatives creating stable jobs and a more sustainable economy across the U.S., co-ops represent a proven way to do business and bring communities together through principles including *community involvement, education and training, as well as cooperation among cooperatives.*

A few ways Ag Partners will be involved in Co-op month will include the following...

- **Partnering with Farm Credit Service to host customer cookouts:** Including Corning, Powhattan, & St. Marys grain locations. More details to follow.
- **Using hashtags on Facebook and Twitter:** Make a post using the hashtags **#coopmonth**, **#coopselfie**, or **#AgCESS** for a chance to be featured or retweeted by **Ag Partners** or the **Kansas Cooperative Council!**
- **Coloring sheets for the kids!** (Available at multiple locations)

*If you would like to help us celebrate, or have ideas for next year, feel free to let us know!*



A competitor from the annual Ag Partners Nail Keg Derby July 4th.

### COOPERATIVE PRINCIPLES

1. VOLUNTARY & OPEN MEMBERSHIP
2. DEMOCRATIC MEMBER CONTROL
3. MEMBER ECONOMIC PARTICIPATION
4. AUTONOMY & INDEPENDENCE
5. EDUCATION & TRAINING
6. COOPERATION AMONG COOPERATIVES
7. CONCERN FOR COMMUNITY

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Growers attending the Sabetha plot tour saw each of the highlighted hybrids including the one pictured.

## Ag Tech Harvest Update: Zach Hanner

Corn harvest is wrapping up across the country and we are seeing a mixed bag of results. Areas that caught some timely rains produced average to below-average yields. Areas that missed the rains are certainly showing that factor in their yields, but the averages across the board are still respectable for the tough summer that we had. Data for our AgCESS Local Solutions trials are coming in, and the initial numbers look promising. Stress mitigation additions are showing positive yields impacts of 5 bushels/acre in the southern portion of the company.

We are anticipating average to slightly-above-average soybean yields in the areas that caught late summer rains, and slightly-below-average yields in dryer areas. Purple Seed Stain, *Cercospora blight*, has been showing up in a few samples, but so far loads have been looking clean.

**Click here to view Grain Bids!**

## Fall Insurance Update: Jim Ward

### PASTURE, RANGE, FORAGE INSURANCE (PRF)

This is an option for insuring your brome, alfalfa, prairie grass, or other forage type hay. It is highly subsidized, cost effective, and has a history of frequent payouts. It works off of satellite tracked rainfall amounts recorded in 2 month intervals (up to 6) over a 17 mile grid. Premiums for grazing run about \$2-\$4/acre and Haying runs around \$18-\$24 (at 90% coverage and 100% productivity factor). If you look at the 10 year average for grid 23836, which has Seneca and Baileyville within its borders, and split the year into 5 20% intervals starting with Jan-Feb, the total payout would be \$72.68/acre with total premium cost of \$37.80. That’s close to a 200% payout. If you was a casino you’d be broke. If you would like to run your own estimates, here is the RMA website <https://prodwebnlb.rma.usda.gov/apps/prf>. For more information please call **Jim** at **(785) 741-1652**.

PRF must be signed up by **November 15<sup>th</sup>**.

### TROUBLES WITH BEANS

If it looks like you will have moldy, shriveled, green, mottled (discolored), or in some other way damaged soybeans there may be some actions you will want to take. If you haul it to the elevator and they dock for damage those tickets are what will be used. But, if it goes into the bin samples must be taken for each unit insured.

**Click here to check out our website!**

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