

**UNITED AG SERVICE, INC**

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**Coming up.....**

- ◆ We will be sending out a customer survey in the near future. We value your opinions and would really appreciate it if you would take a few minutes to fill it out. We look forward to your input as we strive to better serve you in 2006 as well as for years to come.
- ◆ Annual Meeting is Saturday, March 18, 2006, at the 4-H Building in Russell at 6:30 p.m.

**ACROSS THE MANAGERS DESK**

Another year has come and gone and all of us at United Ag Service wish to thank you for your business this past year. High fuel and fertilizer prices have been a challenge for everyone involved in agriculture. We were fortunate to have a good wheat crop and average fall crops which helped your cooperative to have a good year in 2005. Your cooperative's Annual Meeting will be held on Saturday, March 18, 2006, at the 4-H Building in Russell at 6:30 p.m. The regular order of business will be the presentation of an-

nual financial statements, election of two directors, and any other business that may properly come before the meeting. The terms of Bruce Sander, District 1, Russell County, and Tom Hoffman, District 2, Ellis County will expire this year. Both gentlemen are eligible for reelection. The nominating committee consists of Allen Hammerschmidt, Kent Truan and Dean Haselhorst. We look forward to seeing you March 18th.

Grain prices have been climbing and I encourage you to watch for the opportu-

nity to lock in some of your new crop wheat and fall crops at a level that will generate a profit for you. Give us a call and we will show you the marketing tools available. If you use our website, [www.unitedag.coop](http://www.unitedag.coop), we have added two new items to the sidebar. [FC Stone Morning Comments](#) provide insight into the grain and livestock markets for the day. [The KSU Agronomy Update](#) gives excellent crop production information from Kansas State University.

**With calving season upon us check with us for milk-saver, colostrux and electrolytes to keep those new calves healthy!!**

**NEW FIELDMAN HIRED**

Brian Brummer was recently hired as your cooperative's retail fieldman. Brian has a strong background in crop production and can also help you with your feed and petroleum needs. With the current high fuel and fertilizer prices, Brian is here to help assist you with your crop and livestock production and to help you get the

most out of your farming dollar. He can pull soil tests, feed tests, or scout wheat fields for weeds. Brian is in the country daily and looks forward to visiting you. His cell phone number is 785-735-8004 if you need his assistance. Brian and his wife Carrey have one daughter and reside in Hoisington.

**Check this out!!**

Use our CFA program to finance your fall crop inputs. See us for details.

Check out our Gorham Spray Center for all your spraying needs.

Take advantage of our mineral promotion and save \$\$\$\$!

## ETHANOL ALTERNATIVE

Ethanol is an alternative that's better for your car and the environment. Ethanol is made here at home from crops produced by you the farmer and it plays a key role in efforts to reduce our dependence on foreign oil. Ethanol is distilled from fermented grain—usually corn or milo—in production plants. Currently, there are more than 88 ethanol production plants in the US, producing almost 3.5 billion gallons of ethanol every year. That is a significant contribution to our nation's economy. When you use ethanol-enriched fuel, you aren't just filling up your own tank, you're helping our country's

economy and our energy independence.

Compared to regular unleaded gasoline, ethanol-enriched fuel burns cleaner and produces fewer harmful tailpipe emissions. It also has higher octane, which can help your vehicle develop maximum horsepower. Gasoline enriched with ethanol contains more oxygen—so it burns cleaner, leaving fewer deposits and keeping fuel injectors and intake valves cleaner.

The facts are powerful:

- ◆ Ethanol-enriched fuel can reduce pre-ignition problems (knocking/pinging).

- ◆ Tests have concluded that ethanol does not increase corrosion nor will it harm any seals or valves.
- ◆ Ethanol-enriched gasoline meets all applicable vapor-pressure standards—to alleviate driving or starting problems in hot or cold weather.
- ◆ Ethanol-enriched gasoline can tolerate water contamination to a far greater degree than gasoline alone—it absorbs moisture and helps prevent gasoline freeze-up in cold weather.



We have E-10 Ethanol blended gasoline available at Quick Connection in Gorham.

### Don't Forget....

- Save 2 cents per gallon by using the cardrol systems in Galatia and Olmitz!!!
- Check with us about contracting your fuel needs during peak usage months.
- Save by using the Ruby 500 Club program when having fuel delivered. See us for details.

## NH3 HOSES

The theft of ammonia by meth criminals is an ongoing problem. To help deter this problem, your cooperative will be removing hoses from its ammonia nurse tanks. Removing the hoses will hopefully reduce the

theft of ammonia by meth makers and will hopefully help to deter crime. Hoses will be available for you to purchase at a reduced cost. Theft is a problem in your fields as well as at our storage plants.

Removing the hoses when not in use should help the situation. We are trying to help, so please contact us with any questions you may have with this transition.



Help us deter crime and stop NH3 theft!!

**WINTER SNACK**

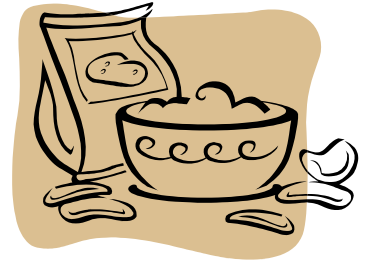
**Mexican Corn Dip**

- 2 cans Mexican corn
- 1 can Rotel
- 8 oz cream cheese
- 1/3 cup sour cream
- 1/3 cup miracle whip
- 8 oz cheddar cheese
- Dash chili pepper
- 3-4 Tbls sugar

Drain corn and Rotel and mix in a medium size bowl. In another bowl combine softened cream cheese, sour cream, miracle whip and chili pepper. Mix till combined well. Fold cream cheese mixture into corn. Add cheddar cheese and sugar to taste. Let chill 1-2 hours before serving.

This dip is great served with salsa and tortilla chips.

If you have a favorite recipe you would like to share with you fellow farm families please send it to us at United Ag Service. We have considered a "coop" cookbook-Let us know what you think!!!



**FOR SALE BY SEALED BID**

United Ag Service will be selling the following items by sealed bid:

**1989 Ford Pickup with Utility Box ( can be seen at Lucas)**

**1975 Chevy Feed Truck with 366 Engine and Allison Automatic Transmission (can be seen at Gorham)**

**8" x 62' Westfield Grain Auger (Gorham)**

**Tire service box with crane and air compressor (Gorham)**

**3-NH3 1000 gallon nurse tanks and running gear. (Baffles broken—could be used as stationary fuel or air tanks.) (Gorham)**

**2—6000 Gallon Portable Fertilizer Tip Tanks (Hoisington)**

Items can be seen at the Gorham, Hoisington and Lucas locations as indicated. Items will be sold as is and where is. Sealed bids need to be in the Gorham office by March 15th, 2006. We reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

Don't forget to creep feed your calves- it makes \$\$\$ and sense!! We have creep feeders for sale and lease.....give us a call today!!

**FERTILIZER & CHEMICAL NEWS**

With the unusually warm winter weather we have been having, an abundance of weeds are popping up in the wheat fields. Henbit, mustards and pennycress to name a few are out there. The United Ag Service spray team is the best in the business. Our sprayers are equipped with satellite guidance for precision application of chemicals and fertilizer to your fields. Increase your yields by controlling weeds now and saving valuable moisture for your wheat crop. With fertilizer at all time highs, now more than ever, we should be soil testing. We cannot afford

to put too much or too little fertilizer into the soil. A soil test will help you put on the optimum amount of nutrients to raise the crop. Let our fieldman take care of the details at 785-735-8004 or if you prefer, we have soil probes available for the "do-it-your-selfer".

**We have DeKalb, NC+, Garst, Mycogen and Asgrow seeds available!**

**We are on the web!!!**

**[www.unitedag.coop](http://www.unitedag.coop)**

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*We know you have a choice where you do business and we are thankful  
you have chosen us!!*

