



November 2017

Hee - ya - November,

Well Halloween is over, we've had one good rain, weather hasn't turned overly cold, grass is still growing a little bit, and my tomatoes have had it - done. I think that sums up everything I need to say for the start of November.

Hay prices are going up - have gone up because the fields are done and whatever we get now comes out of the barns. This means extra handling and storage fees. Barring some unforeseen disaster, 3G's should have enough stored, or shall I say committed to us to last out the winter and spring. I do expect to see price increases coming after Thanksgiving. Because of favorable growing conditions in the Valley this fall, our hay looks to be premium quality.

Still not too late to apply lime and plant cover crops for gardens and pastures. Those people who have started light - fall - fertilizing say there are definite results in the spring. Grass comes on earlier and stronger. Like I always say, "put a baby to bed with a full tummy and they wake up happy. Put them to bed hungry and they are bears in the morning."

If you're thinking about lime for your garden, lawns, or fields, call and talk to us. We've been very much enlightened by Gudren Marrks from Columbia River Carbonates. First of all not all limes are equal. The purity runs from 65% to 98%. This means more pounds per acre for the 65% compared to the 98% for the same results. Also the finer the grind the quicker it gets to the plants. Coarse material gets there; it just takes longer - like 2 to 3 years. Can you wait? Timing on lime is not as critical as we once thought. Any times is good as long as you can get a little moisture to get it into the ground or disc it in. What the lime will do is adjust the PH of the soil to a more neutral state, and it helps release the nitrogen molecule to the plant. I've seen the chemistry of how it works, but spelled out I think it's written in Chinese cause it's over my head. Come talk to Gudren in February when she's here and you will understand my problem.

Flies! Have you got them this fall like we do? Well I was going through catalogs that I usually just chuck, when OMG I found “Z Bug Electric Fly and Mosquito Zapper.” It’s a light bulb with a wire grid around it that zaps bugs that fly. I’m trying mine now, and it seems to be doing the job. At any rate, next time you’re in the store check it out, Connie and Ryan will have the straight skinny on how well it works. Cost is \$19.50.

Quotes and Jokes

“We demand entire freedom of action and then expect the government in some miraculous way to save us from the consequences of our own acts. Self - government means self - reliance.” - Calvin Coolidge

“America was born of revolt, flourished on dissent and became great through experimentation.” - Henry Steel Commager

Boss: We want a responsible person for this job.

Ole: Don I’m your man. At all da udder jobs I verked at, venever anything vent wrong, day told me I vas responsible.

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