



January 2018

Hot Tamales, 2018!!

Can you believe we are now in 2018? Had you asked me if I'd see this year twenty years ago my answer would have been nebulous. Anyway, bring on the New Year!

Most of you already know that Betty, our downstairs computer lady, lost her husband Frank, before Christmas. It was sudden and came as a shock. A long time Arcata bottoms mainstay, John Sherman also passed away before Christmas. John had been sick a long time and fought the long battle only to wear out. To these two families, 3G's expresses sincere condolences, and prayers. Let's hope they are both in a better world and the families can move forward.

Hay and grain prices are on the rise because of natural disasters and whatever other reasons the suppliers can use to get more out of us. Some things all of us should think about is government intervention. A couple things not always talked about to affect 3G's, are increased fuel and licensing cost on the big trucks. The trucking industry has to recover this expense to stay in business so the rates go up. Yes only 5% give or take in the whole scheme of things but when you add this to the 3G's bill, 3G's adds it to your price. Definitely not known to the general public are mandatory electronic log books for drivers. The way this works is the truck keeps track of the driving time for the driver and stops at mandatory break times, and shuts the truck down when the driver runs out of hours. The boil down is our trucking companies locally lose one trip a week because of timed out drivers. This means about a 20% loss to the trucker, and guess who will make this up...? Now don't just think 3G's – Think Safeway, Walmart, Costco, and the other big companies. Now do you understand what drives up prices? Even good ole McDonald's has price increases coming down the pike. Yea – Uncle Sam. And ask yourself what happens when that truck is stuck in traffic or behind an accident?

Last word from the Valley is citrus is ready to harvest. Had plenty of chill and the acid is going to sugar. Very promising for sweet oranges, mandarins, and pomelos. As soon as I can arrange trucking we will have oranges here. I'm trying not to drag my feet, but truckers don't want to go out of their way for partial loads. New dilemma to conquer.

Something to Think About:

“Experience has shown that even under the best forms of government, those entrusted with power have, overtime, perverted it into tyranny.” Thomas Jefferson

“Constant experience shows us that every man invested with power is apt to abuse it, and to carry his authority as far as it will go.” Charles Louise ole Secondat

“Obviously crime pays, or else there’d be no crime.” G. Gordon Liddy

Jokes:

An Idaho potato farmer hired Ole to grade his potatoes. “All you have to do,” the farmer told Ole, “is toss the big potatoes into that bin and the small potatoes into the other bin.”

After about half an hour, Ole went looking for his employer and announced he was quitting. “But why?” said the farmer. “it’s not hard work and I pay well.”

Ole replied “yeah, dats right. Da verk is easy. But I can’t stand making all dose decisions!”

January Special: American Choice Shavings \$5.00/bag

We will be having a Tri Tip BBQ **January 18th**
all are welcome!

It starts at **Noon** and Gudrun, our lime expert will be here
to answer any questions you have.

We hope to see you there!



HAPPY NEW YEAR