



And here is October,

So much for September, late summer, and early fall rains. The only good thing about the weather is it's letting the Eel River Valley harvest their corn crops without dealing with the usual wet ground. If that's a plus? It's also making fence post digging tougher. At any rate we definitely need rain.

As for the Bambi chasers, Ryan is still the top-getter. Jake and Jed have killed deer but Ryan's still looks like the biggest. Go get-um girl! Rudy, Patrick, and Jason have only been exercising themselves on weekends. Keep trying boys.

After 30 years of winning football, what's happened to Ferndale this year? I suppose the season is still young and there is hope. On the same note, "way-to-go Mac High" they have really made a winning change. It has to feel good finally winning a couple of games. To all you footballers big and small – good luck and have happy feet from 3G's.

Hay prices are still steady as we enter the end of growing season. We've stock piled several loads at current prices in order to hold our prices through the winter. Sheep hay is coming up next and we should see it arrive around mid- October. This year I have quite a few of you asking for sheep hay so I'll probably stock several loads depending on quality and price. Early prognosis is, it's looking like we'll see some real high quality leafy alfalfa.

Grain prices for some reason are staying rock solid. Even with Trump playing with tariffs and trade agreements, the market has remained solid without the usual late summer-early fall price jumping. Hopefully this market condition will hold through 2018 which will save me a lot of headache and heartburn.

Gardeners and farmers, now is the time to think fall fertilizing and lime. Do not overdo it as plants are going into fall – winter shut down. By giving trees, shrubs, and pastures a little extra nutrient now, you are giving them a chance to store extra energy in the root for spring. Kind of like putting a kid to bed with a full stomach. They wake up much happier. Pastures, no more than 500 lbs. per acre lime and 300 – 500 lbs. pelletized chicken manure. You can come back in the spring with more chicken as needed but I'm sure you will make May before you notice a slowdown in growth. Open ground, think cover crops. Remember, nothing is nitrogen fixing until it's at the fruiting stage. If you're going to plow early and want lots of green matter, think of fertilizing with the cover crop as it's going to use your nitrogen to grow. Our plow down mix is very good for lots of green matter above the soil yet is soft and easy to till in come spring. If we can't answer your questions, we know who to call for info on seed and fertilizing.

As for ole Gary G. yes, he's been fishing several times in September. Didn't do very good early in the month but wow near the end. In fact, I ruined two loads of fish in my smoke house by over cooking – then over salting. Now that I've refined my technique I need to go fishing again for more fish. All of you wish me luck cause I really need help in the fishing department.

Quotes:

“It’s not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles, or where the doer of deeds could have done better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs, who comes up short again and again, because there is no effort without error and short-coming... if he fails, at least he fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who neither know victory nor defeat.” Theodore Roosevelt

“Worrying is paying interest on a debt you might not even owe.” Mark Twain

“If everything seems under control, you’re just not going fast enough.” Mario Andretti

Jokes:

Lena came home from a nearby farm with two buckets of cow manure for the garden.

“Vhat’s dat for?” asked her 6 – year old son Ole Jr.

“Da strawberries,” said Lena

After staring at the buckets for a moment, Ole asked, “can I yust haf mine vith whipped cream?”

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