



September 2018

Welcome to September!

Fairs are over, schools started, football season, and hunting and fishing are here. Fairs over and I didn't make it this year. Schools started and the new drivers up at Humboldt are driving me crazy with their tail gating and cutting in front of me at the round-a-bouts and uncontrolled intersections. Football is starting and Sam will be on my case for not helping around the house on Sundays (gets worse at World Series time 1ST of October.) Yes, I've gone salmon fishing and am planning to go even more. Haven't caught any but sure am beating the water to death with my casting. Am going to skip the hunting season for now, but this could change.

Many of you are asking if Tractor Supply will hurt us. I don't have an answer to the question yet. I'm sure it will have some effect on us. Any time a new competitor opens close by many of your patrons have to go check it out. Usually they buy something and that's one thing less I get to sell. Oh well, when they come back to me I'll smile and thank them for coming in. I can't think of anything else to do.

Alfalfa and grass hay: appears we will be sitting quite well this fall and winter. Bob Wallace, our hay grower has already put quite a bit of alfalfa in the barn for this winter, way over what we normally sell. When I asked him about the volume he's setting aside, his answer was "if 3G's can't sell it all, he'll worry about it then." I'm 74 years old and he still calls me kid. I guess that's ok, since he's 94 and still driving the tractors and rice combines. He said "it's getting tough climbing up and down but once in the seat I'm still enjoying it."

The grains are grains. Between tariffs and subsidies I can't even begin to guess what prices are going to do. This much I do know, Bar Ale company is into 2018 harvest grains, they have some new milling equipment and their sacked feed looks and smells great. They too are feeling the pinch from competitors and are doing a good job holding their prices down. Tracy Lewis feels as I do, that we must maintain service, be priced competitively, and can't afford to lose a single customer.

Forgot to mention that yes, we will be getting some very fine stemmed alfalfa for sheep again. At this time, it's on schedule to be cut late September or the 1st of October. It will be in the barn 5 days later, mother nature allowing. This hay comes from a first-year field with not a weed in it. The field was planted late so the plants are still in the baby stages. No tough stems yet.

We've added a new dimension to our store this summer. Not only do we have our usual very good watermelons but also carry a small line of produce. Carrots, onions, zucchini, cucumbers, and cabbage. We only bring in small amounts in order to sell out daily. More info, call Connie in the mornings, she is my produce girl. (707) 826-9537

Quotes:

"In order to become the master, the politician poses as the servant." Charles de Gaulle

"To speak ill of others is a dishonest way of praising ourselves." Will Durant

"There are always four sides to a story: your side, their side, the truth, and what really happened." Jean-Jacques Rousseau

Jokes:

Lena watched Ole suck in his stomach as he stepped onto the scale one morning. "Dat von't help you Ole," Lena commented. "No, yur wrong. It helps a lot," Ole replied. "It's da only vay I can see da numbers."

Ole and Lena were arguing and both were unwilling to admit they were wrong.

"I'll admit I'm wrong," Lena said, "if you vill admit dat I'm right." Ole agreed and, like a gentleman, insisted that Lena go first.

"I was wrong," Lena said.

Without pausing, Ole responded "Yur right!"

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