



March 2019

Here we go again,

Another month and 28 day's closer to Christmas. Well we had a few scary days back in the middle of the month. Snow, rain, and flooding. If that's not enough for you just wait, Mother Nature has more changes in store coming our way... like this last week, ok – yeah – it continues.

Our hay situation is O.K. for alfalfa but grass and alfalfa/grass may run out before the new cutting this year. Our grass supplier is in Aden, up near Alturas, and who knows what spring weather there will be like. That said, he could cut and bale any time from early May to late June depending on growth and temp.

Grains and most other animal feeds are still price – steady. We're not seeing a lot of market movement in that area. My guess is that the end of March – middle of April, prices will start jumping around as supplies dwindle. We are seeing some prices jump in the organics. Not sure if it's perceived shortages, or actual diminished supplies. I'm noticing it is mostly in products that are imported. Organic molasses and organic soil amendments are prime examples.

I want to mention that Jim Timmons passed this year. He very much was a stalwart member of our Ag community. Our condolences go to Mr. Jim's son, daughters, and families. I for sure will miss his standing in my office or by the stove and telling me his needs and the problems that I should address. May the next world be totally pain and worry free for you Jim.

Even with the weather as bad as it is, many of you have put out lime. I think you have made a wise choice because you are adjusting your soil prior to plant growth in early spring. Even you back yard gardeners should be thinking about spreading a little lime in your vegetables plots. When asked about lime in flower beds, I don't have a clue whether it's needed or not. For sure it won't hurt anything. Maybe somebody at Mad River Nursery or Miller Farms will have answers 'cause I don't. Also we carry lime in powder and pellets so you can choose.

People wanting to plant seeds for sprouting and later for transplants, use our mushroom compost. It is an excellent choice to work with. Because it's been composted and stored under

cover you should not have any weeds sprouting. The only thing that should grow is the seed you plant. After you have your starts you can dump the rest in your garden and it will enhance your soil.

Points to Ponder

“Let us not forget that the cultivation of the earth is the most important labor of man. When tillage begins, other acts will follow. The farmers, therefore, are the founders of civilization.”
Daniel Webster

“Dignity does not float down from heaven. It cannot be purchased nor manufactured. It is a reward reserved for those who labor with diligence.” Bill Hybels.

“The real measure of our wealth is how much we would be worth if we lost all our money.” J.H. Jowett

Jokes

Ole and Lena had been married for 25 years. One day, Lena asked ole, “Vhy don’t yew ever tell me you love me, Ole?”

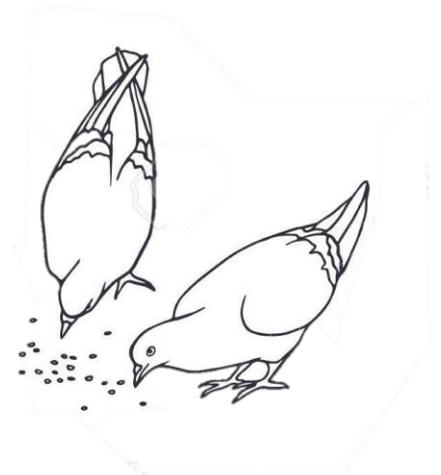
Ole replied, “Vell I told yew ‘I love you’ vhen ve ver married. If anything changes, I’ll let yew know.”



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