



April 2019

Quack - quack,

Only a duck could like the end of March weather. The geese have even had enough and are starting to migrate out. Now if only our homeless would have enough and also leave. Guess I'm dreaming again. Oh well that's the beauty of getting older, you can reminisce about all the missed opportunities and dream about what may happen; have enough grey whiskers to know to sit back and see what going to happen. "I promise sun shine in May." Gary G.

As I write this we are down to our last 10 bales of Grassy/Alfalfa and won't be getting any more till mid-June or when they cut this year's hay. I don't consider it much of a loss as what we had was 90% grass anyway. Might just as well buy grass and be done with it, get a bale of alfalfa and feed a flake every now and then. Grass hay: We still have plenty to make it till summer and the prices should hold. Still have lots of alfalfa, probably enough to last into the 2nd valley cutting which means all the winter weeds will be gone. Our price will remain the same until fresh hay and at that point I don't know.

Grains: You can expect to see price increases across the board in sacked feed. The cause of this is trucking. Edeline trucking, our major carrier has given up. Already the freight rates per pallet have jumped 20%. Add to this the new laws and requirements for tarping loads, causing the grain companies to change their bagging of the grain and wrapping to weather - protect getting it to us. Grain price - the same, package costs - way up. Remember, save, conserve, and go green - it costs you a lot more.

Here it is April, and it's garden and farming time. So far we have stocked up on lime and chicken manure but having to order other fertilizers as the calls come in. So if you're thinking any of the commercial fertilizers don't wait till the last second as I might not have any. The other half to this problem is the fertilizer plants are backed up with orders from the big guys in the valley and Columbia basin. On my last call to Grange Co-op (Rogue Brand) for 11-52-0 they had a 2 rail car order for 16-20-0 to go to LaGrande Ore. to get out before they could consider me and it would be 7 or 8 working days till my order came up. Called 2nd supplier, similar answer and a lot more money, so we waited. Anyway if you think you want fertilizer, order now and hope we can get it for when weather breaks.

The girls have changed the store around a little and added a few items to our inventory. Finally got our sheep skins in, ordered last Oct. for Christmas - we thought. Anyway a new selection of bird feeders and a few other things not carried in the past. Check it out and ooh & aah so they feel good.

QUOTES

"Children should be educated and instructed in the principles of freedom" - John Adams

“Universities should be safe havens where ruthless examinations of realities will not be distorted by the aim to please or inhibited by the risk of displeasure.” - Kingman Brewster

JOKES

Ole was working with cattle out on pasture one day when he was approached by a stranger and asked how much he thought his prize cow was worth. Ole thought for a moment, looked at the stranger closely, then said, “Vell, dat depends. Are you da tax assessor or vas she kilt by your car?”

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