



Boom, Bang, Pop it's 4th of July

As most of you know it's Independence Day. Yes our country is still here and going strong, I think. I have no reason to think otherwise and farming here in Humboldt County is going strong as we near mid-season. Most of June was absolutely perfect for anyone making hay. The grass cured well and the bales look green. Big change from black rained-on-hay. Another plus to June is that most dairymen got their silage in and packed with the feed in excellent condition. The past few years we sure haven't been this lucky. Go, farmers go, you deserve a break from Mother Nature.

Yep I took a vacation the last of May and first part of June, that explains why no newsletter last month. I can tell you I saw the southern border wall, missed most of the terrible flooding that plagued the mid-west. We traveled from El Paso to Austin Texas, up through Montana, Idaho and all of eastern Washington before heading home, 5,600 miles in all. My butt will never be the same but saw a lot and talked to a lot of very nice and informative people about their areas. Would like to do it again. Yes we do live in a great country.

Hay prices are coming down in part because the dairy industry is in the tank. Milk prices are so low on the dairy's that they have to look for cheaper ways to feed the cows. Long story short, lots of hay starting to stack up in the fields which means lower prices to get it moved. Good for 3G's and our customers. Grass hay on the other hand is in high demand with fewer acres planted so the price has actually gone up a little. Go figure.

Grains are unknown at this time. Normally this time of year we see feed prices dropping as grain dryers try to empty out in prep for summer harvest. This year with crops being planted later in the year because of spring rains the dryers are holding back not knowing when harvest will be. Here on the west coast we are only a week or two behind normal – mid west still trying to plant as they are 3 & 4 weeks behind. More or less, dryers holding prices up because they can, and when will harvest come?

Same scenario for our watermelons, planted 7 to 10 days later than normal, expect 7 to 10 days later- mid July. When planted in the ground the growing season was very normal to a little hotter. If you have been watching my mini garden on the south end of the warehouse it's the same story. Planted on time with spring wet and cold – tomatoes just didn't grow. Also switched potting soil to black gold versus Gardener's mushroom and not doing as well. I'm only 74, hope someday to learn how to farm.

Don't forget the Orick Rodeo coming up July 13th & 14th. Same weekend as our girl Kara Kline gets married. Double holiday for Gary G.

Quotes

"Politics is the gentle art of getting votes from the poor and campaign funds from the rich, by promising to protect each from the other." Oscar Ameringer

“The best way to put money in people’s pockets is to leave it there in the first place.” Edwin Feulner

My Mother Taught Me:

- 1) To appreciate a job well done:
“If you’re going to kill each other, do it outside. I just finished cleaning”
- 2) Religion:
“You better pray that comes out of the carpet!”
- 3) Logic:
“Because I said so, that’s why!”
- 4) Irony:
“Keep laughing and I’ll give you something to cry about!”
- 5) Stamina:
“You’ll sit there till that spinach is finished.”
- 6) Weather:
“It looks like a tornado swept through your room.”
- 7) The Cycle of Life:
“I brought you into this world and I can take you out.”
- 8) Behavior Modification:
“Stop acting like your father!”

Points to Ponder

“Cowards die many times before their deaths; the valiant never taste of death but once,” W. Shakespeare

Joke

Ole and Sven were walking down the street one day. Ole said, “Hey Sven, did yew know dat I;m a walking economy.” Sven replied, “Vhat do yew mean Ole?”

“Vell it’s like dis,” said Ole. “My hairline is in recession, my stomach is a victim of inflation, and both of dose tings is putting me into the deep depression.”

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