

MANAGER'S MESSAGE



Kelly Boyle General Manager
kboyle@huronbaycoop.ca
519-392-8693 ext 304

■ Warm early April temperatures and dry conditions allowed our growers to continue spring fieldwork. Despite some cold, rain, and even snow, work has continued, and we have made some pretty good progress. Yards and gardens have also received a lot of attention. Lawn mowers have been out, and a lot of potatoes, onions and peas are in the ground.

The Farmer's Almanac suggests May 14 as the date we may see the last frost, however, there is a full moon on the 26th.

Crop input supplies remain solid with only a few disruptions. This year's first 2 fertilizer ships have visited Hamilton allowing HBC and the rest of the co-op system to refill urea and phosphate inventories. Your crop team is working hard to position the remaining product you require to finish #Plant21. As always, it will be a good idea to take inputs as soon as you are able, and to give us as much notice as possible if your crop plan changes, or if you need additional product. Please return unused product as soon as you can so we can help out anyone running short.

Your Energy Division is coming out of the busy home heat season and moving right into the busy farm fuel and maintenance season. Now is a great time to inspect your tanks. Are they level; do they need paint; are hoses, pumps, and filters okay? Contact the Energy team in Walkerton at 1-888-337-3835 if you need assistance with any of your energy equipment or services.

This year continues to provide its challenges. The 3rd round of COVID restrictions has certainly discouraged us all. Once again, we need to thank you for your patience as we work around COVID-related regulation changes, staff shortages and supply chain interruptions. Our staff continues to work hard to serve you amid these challenges, and they sure deserve a huge thank you for all their efforts! Vaccinations continue to be scheduled, we continue to work hard to keep our facilities safe for you, and our staff. Let us pray we are on the road back to a better normal.

Have a great spring, thank you to all our Mothers on the 9th, work safe, and find a moment to enjoy all the new spring colors to be seen in your travels.

Best Regards.....

Kelly Boyle

SEED DELIVERY DRAW WINNERS

Welder	Steve Kestner
Tool Set	Kevin Leddy
Yeti Cooler	Wayne Goudy
Tim Card	Bill Millian
Tim Card	Bayridge Orchards
Tim Card	Steve Cook
Tim Card	Wayne Gayman

70TH ANNIVERSARY BURSARY

In honour of the Huron Bay Co-operative 70th anniversary, we are in partnership with Partners Indemity Insurance Brokers Ltd. to offer five bursaries annually of \$500.00 each to students attending post secondary education. To see the list of requirements and application form, please visit our website, www.huronbaycoop.ca. Information can be found under 'About Us'. This application can be mailed or dropped off to head office and must be completed in detail and post marked no later than August 1st.

FROM THE ENERGY DESK



Allan Williamson
Energy Division Manager
1-888-337-3835
awilliamson@huronbaycoop.ca

■ Crude markets are certainly different than they were a year ago. This time last year we were very busy with max price contracts, and looking back on those contracts they were a great success for our customers. Crude markets have returned to a more "normal" stable state at this point but keep in mind max-price contracts are still a great idea. Max price contracts allow you to

cap the price of your fuel, but still get the advantage of lower prices if things were to drop. The cost of the program is 3.5 cents per litre for each litre you book, this can be thought of as purchasing insurance on your fuel. Pay a little upfront, and ensure your fuel does not go up over the term of the contract. Give the energy team a call to inquire into the program.

We will be very busy with tank inspections over the next few months. Don't be alarmed if you see a co-op truck in your laneway, it's just one of our friendly staff getting eyes on your tanks. These inspections will help identify maintenance and upgrade requirements for field equipment.

To contact the Energy Division with your inquiries or order needs. Please see below or scan the QR code.

Please note the "Cell" number provided receives text messages ONLY.

Call: 1-888-337-3835

Text: 1-519-957-1064

Email: energy@huronbaycoop.ca



MESSAGE FROM AUBURN

I would like to introduce myself, Jamie Payne, new Store Manager for the Auburn location. I join the team with over 20+ years of experience in retail & inventory. I have met many existing customers so far, and look forward to meeting everyone! I have brought in many new items to the store so far. If you don't see what you are looking for, ask me or a store associate if we can start carrying it. Starting in the early part of May, we will be carrying a few staple items such as milk, cheese, butter, pop, potato chips, to name a few. We also have stocked up on camping supplies for all the campers out there. In addition to the above, we have started a new rental program for yard equipment including: 42 in Lawn Sweeper, 48 in Lawn Roller, 125 Lb Seed Spreader, 125Lb Spreader Spiker, 600 Lb Dump Cart, for the price of \$25.00 per day. Also, a push Seed Spreader for \$10.00 per day.

There are lots of exciting things happening at the Auburn Co-op. Hope to see everyone soon!

70th Anniversary
MONTHLY SPECIAL

WD40 - 342g Bonus Can



\$5.99



Reg. \$6.99
0415519

CROP NEWS

- At Huron Bay Co-op we share your eagerness to get your soybeans planted. We also want to remind you to wait for the right soil conditions to get your crop off to a great start. The recommended soil temperature for soybeans is 10°C. Be mindful of the forecast and make sure you can sustain this temperature for the majority of the germination process. The most crucial aspect to remember is the “first drink” the soybean gets is at 10°C or higher.

We also want to reiterate the importance of a good seedbed. Target your soybeans to be planted 1.5” deep into the soil. Be aware of compacted zones. Seeds planted less than 1” deep are at a much greater risk for inadequate germination and herbicide injury. Getting the seeds into a higher moisture zone is crucial to the germination of the soybean. Alternatively, it's also important to get the seeds out of the ground in good timing. Seeds should not be planted deeper than 2” into the ground. Soybeans planted deeper than 2” are at a much greater risk for running out of energy before emerging, and, insects and diseases below the soil surface.

Starting with a weed-free field is key to a clean harvest. It's highly recommended that weed control starts with a soil-applied herbicide (pre-emergent). Post-emergent weed control is encouraged if necessary, starting at the first trifoliate leaf stage. Continue to scout for weed escapes and consider a post-application if necessary. Post applications can be applied up until the flowering stage of the soybean.

Soybeans thrive with adequate inputs of potassium and phosphorus. Excellent yield response has been proven at soil test levels of 15 parts per million of phosphorus and 120 parts per million of potassium. Potassium fertilizer should be distanced from the soybean seed due to risks associated with fertilizer burn from the salt index of the potash.

Assuming proper nodulation occurs, soybeans do not require nitrogen inputs. Sulfur applications on soybeans have not yet proven a yield response in Ontario. Our local sulfur trial on IP beans last season did not show any positive yield response to the sulfur application.

This is a very busy time for all of us in the agriculture industry. Be safe and take time to enjoy the season amidst the chaos. Please do not hesitate to reach out to our Huron Bay Crop Specialists. We are eager to help!

Happy Planting Everyone!

From all of us at Huron Bay Co-op

By: Sydney teRaa

- Markdale/Dundalk will once again have 5 Western Bean Cutworm traps up around the area and will be monitoring for this pest again. We are also excited for our Spring Wheat, Soybean and Corn Plots along with some other trials going on this year so stay tuned!

FROM THE RETAIL STORE

By: Lina Calvert

Spring is in the air for sure as we enter May this year!

Farmers have been on the land, and we have been able to work around our properties more than usual at this time of year. As we are all at home a bit more (again!), one thing to get in shape before the summer is your lawn.

One of the most common questions we get is how to grow a great lawn and keeping weeds & pests controlled. Overseeding & Preventative maintenance is the best way to cultivate a strong lawn; the stronger the lawn, the lesser chance of weeds & pests, as they do not have room root and infest.

Here are some tips on how to great the best lawn growing for you:

- Overseed!! It will help keep lawns thick if you overseed/patch annually
- Plant at the right time of year - spring and fall are the best times to seed when weather is better for germination and there are fewer stress factors
- Buy good quality/certified grass seed – once a good seed is established, it should last a long time
- Prep the area – make sure soil is raked or aerated, and

as level as possible

- Top-dress and fill holes with topsoil/triple mix, or a peat/soil mix to soil as needed
- Seed at the recommended rate and cover adequately
- Rake in or lawn roll the seed once applied. Do not cover heavily with soil – it needs the sun to germinate
- Feed with starter fertilizer when first planted
- Feed regularly with nitrogen-rich lawn fertilizer for established lawns (i.e., 28-4-8, with a 50% slow-release nitrogen in spring, and 16-4-8, 30% SRN in fall)
- Water & Keep Moist! Be sure to water regularly – do not skimp or it will not germinate, and do not overwater or it will drown/wash away
- Cut lawn regularly, ideally around 1-2” tall, and do not overcut in the heat of the season
- Overseed as needed to maintain a great lawn!

Don't forget about your garden at the same time! Any existing perennial and shrub gardens can always benefit from compost/manure, or an all-purpose fertilizer (10-10-10). Feed your vegetable/fruit/annual gardens regularly once established with the appropriate fertilizer.

Be sure to call or stop by one of our garden centers; they will be getting fresh products all month long that will help make your gardens and patios look great. They may also have the perfect gift for Mother's Day (May 9th) - don't forget about those special ladies in your life!

Please do not hesitate to contact your local branch for more information on their in-house lawn and garden products. We are here to help - Happy Planting!

Fill the hungry calf gap.

Milk from a lactating beef cow provides about 50% of the nutrients that a three to four month-old calf needs for maximum growth. The remaining nutrients must come from pasture and supplemental feeding if the calf is to maximize its genetic potential for growth. While calves can consume grass, they are unable to eat enough of it to meet daily requirements for optimal development. This is called the “hungry calf gap.”

Creep feeding is a method of supplementing the diet of young livestock who are still nursing. It can help mitigate nutrient deficiencies while providing supplemental energy and protein to maximize growth in this demanding development window, giving you greater returns when you market calves.

BosBuilder EXCELERATOR Rough N' Ready Vintage

Try Masterfeeds reliable creep feeds today!

Complete, high energy, easily digestible feeds, fortified with the vitamins and chelated minerals necessary for minimizing the hungry calf gap. Enhance forage utilization by providing energy in the form of highly digestible fibre, provide extra protein, chelated minerals and vitamins for weight gain prior to weaning.

CONTACT YOUR LOCAL CO-OP REPRESENTATIVE FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE BENEFITS OF CREEP FEEDING.

INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Huron Bay Co-operative is accepting new members. We use the funds generated to strengthen the position of the co-operative and for financing new capital purchases to provide better service to you our members and customers. To become a member of the co-op requires a \$15 one time non-refundable membership fee. Huron Bay Co-operative offers a \$500 basic member loan with a 10 year term at BMO Prime plus 2% interest per annum. This loan is required before any patronage can be paid out. Members are entitled to patronage refunds when declared by your co-operative. As a member you are able to exercise a vote on company policies. You are also able to vote on the election of your board of directors, nominated from our pool of members. It also allows the member to invest monies in special member loans that are currently returning:

2.5 % per annum	1 year
3.5 % per annum	3 year
4.5 % per annum	5 year

If you would like to discuss investing in your Co-operative, please contact your local branch manager, the Controller Rob Gordon at 519-392-8693 or the GM, Kelly Boyle at 519-367-5765