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## FARMERS COOP ELEVATOR

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### Fungicide Application Paid Dividends This Year

I was having a conversation with one of our customers this morning and discussing winter wheat seeding. One of his comments was that he had over 34" of rain from the 1<sup>st</sup> of April through Labor Day. I know everyone realizes that we had a lot of moisture but what is interesting is how it impacted the wheat crop yields and quality. Who would have known that the extra rain - which we typically like - could create such a miserable growing season? With that said, one item that really paid off for some customers on their wheat fields was the use of fungicides with an early application and then a second at the onset of rust. Every dryland field that had two treatments of fungicide showed that it was well worth the expense for those treatments - yields were better and very little ergot with good test weight and protein. I would encourage you to incorporate some type of fungicide on next year's winter wheat crop plan.



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### Croplan and DeKalb Hybrids Showing Great Potential

The last couple of weeks I've had the opportunity to walk several fields and the dryland corn is doing really well. On our Croplan and DeKalb hybrids, we are seeing large diameter stalks compared to some of our competitors. The larger stalk sizes give the plant the ability to take up more water and nutrients. Our early yield estimates are going to come in around 100 bushel per dryland acre and irrigated corn on track for 200 plus bushels per acre.

### MESZ Product Increasingly Popular with Customers

Fall Winter Wheat run has been busy thus far in the Hemingford area. The new fertilizer plant continues to be a great investment for our patrons with the shorter mixing and loading times. We are seeing more and more customers migrate away from the typical blend of urea and MAP to our new blend of urea and Mosiacs *Microessential* MESZ product. This product combines phosphorus, zinc, and two forms of sulfur - sulfate and elemental sulfur - in each prill. This ensures that all of the nutrients are delivered to every plant.

### Delayed Payment Program on Wheat Inputs

This year we are again offering our delayed payment program for winter wheat inputs. This program defers payments interest free for your wheat inputs - fertilizer, chemical protectants, seed, and fallow ground spraying - until February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2016. There is no penalty for early payment. Make sure you ask for the delayed payment program when visiting with any of our sales agronomists.

## **Fertilizer Market Commentary**

There has been a lot going on within the fertilizer market recently which has the ability to impact prices going into year-end and continuing on into 2016. A new fertilizer plant in southeast Iowa that was recently acquired by CF Industries is scheduled to come on line in January 2016 and the increased production is expected to create a softer nitrogen market. Additionally, **CHS** announced that they would no longer be building a nitrogen plant in Spiritwood, ND and would instead buy a stake in the CF production. Our plan is to see how this all shakes out before we start our urea winter fill. It appears to be a pretty sideways market with no major moves anticipated for phosphorus, KMAG, UAN, and 10-34-0.

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