



Farm News



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Planning for 2009

The harvest conditions this year have been a struggle and I'm sure you would like to relax after this long fall harvest season. The problem is that everyone is a month behind in their work load from the implement dealer to the banker. This makes it important not to put off getting your records updated, calling to get a tax estimate, working on next years cropping program, scheduling your machinery winter checkup, and getting an appointment with your banker. If you wait till the last minute, you may not be able to get an appointment, or your appointment might be at a much latter date than you would like.

The fertilizer plants spread only a small portion of what was prepaid and getting enough short term labor and extra equipment for this spring will be difficult and in some cases cost prohibitive to manage the additional work load. I visited with the one fertilizer company last week and he said that if you were to call next spring to spread fertilizer, it may take up to a week for them to get to your request. This problem will more than likely face all of the dealers and could become worse if the dealers have weather, equipment, or labor problems. Dealers may also have some supply problems because they are still storing their fall fertilizer and will be short of storage space to put the fertilizer they ordered for spring delivery and application. **Make sure you keep your fertilizer supplier informed about your needs so you can minimize problems this spring.**

Office Hour:

I will try and be in the office from 7:45 am till 8:15 am, every day except on the days when I have a marketing club meeting. If I am not in the office, please leave a message and I will get back to you as soon as possible. Also, the school plans on being open on a very limited basis the week of Christmas to January 5. This may mean the outside door to the building may be locked. Please call if you plan on stopping by during that time frame.

2009 Tuition:

Tuition bills will be sent out in December. They will be due in December or January.

Marketing Club Meetings:

Tuesday, December 16, 8:00 am, Pat's - Wednesday, December 17, 8:00 am, City Centre Café Mooreton
If school in Wahp or Breck is cancelled or late, the marketing meeting is cancelled.

Richland County Ag Day will be January 16, 2009 @ 9:00 am, in Mantador.



*Wishing all of you a Very
Merry Christmas and a
Happy New Year!*