



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN YOUR FIELDS



**Nicholas Crary,
Premier Co-op**

First, let's recap our spring. Nothing went as planned. A lot of crops went in with less-than-ideal conditions; being cool and a little wet. Later than ideal planting is another issue. All this is leaving us with some spots with low to no population from too much water; while some plants struggled

to come out of the ground due to crusting issues.

After a short trip to South Dakota the 11th of June, we are not alone. I have seen so many planters rolling along I-90 that late.

So, today things don't look too bad. We're seeing a few fields that the weeds are getting a little bigger than we want, but it's been hard to spray with this weather. With weed pressure and lots of moisture, we think about how much nutrition we have lost. As of right now, there is not much for deficiency signs. Hay is being put up, but now we are starting to see leaf hoppers come in. With late applications, we need to be watching rates and plane back restrictions for cover crops and next years crop. Remember, alfalfa can be touchy with a lot of the current premixes on the market today. Don't forget the washout that we will be finding this fall with the combine.

Now, some thoughts to think about in the next few months to come. Side dress might payoff on lighter ground or early applied nitrogen. It will also be time to check out rootworm management and how well it worked. Wet, humid conditions have a good tendency to give us fungal issues; from white mold in beans to grey leaf spot and tar spot in corn. Yes, tar spot has already been found in a few states including Iowa. Nothing yet in Wisconsin, but we can't rule it out with the weather that we have been having. Is fungicide a wise choice? It's time to have that discussion and maybe more on possible compaction issues and cover crop. Give me a call and we can have those conversations.



**Aiden Hoffman,
Nutrien Crop Consultant**

Every year is a different growing season that has positives and negatives. Last year we had a very dry year that made crop protection products struggle. This year we started May with plenty of rain that has caused many variations of planting dates. With that being said, we notice crop protection products are worth the investment

to having sufficient weed control in both corn and soybeans.

As we move into July, a few watchouts to observe in your crops is disease pressure and late season waterhemp coming into your soybeans. Tar spot in corn may be an issue this year for a couple reasons, such as high relative humidity and prolonged leaf wetness from either dew or plenty of rain; which we have been receiving. In soybeans, have watchouts for white mold. Wet conditions will induce sclerotinia spores to take place in poorly ventilated and wet areas in our fields. Waterhemp is a very abnormal and difficult weed species to be on the lookout for as well. With resistance to certain crop protection products, layering residual herbicides from a Pre-emerge application to a Post-emerge application will help control waterhemp from being an issue.

Be proactive in your fungicide and waterhemp control decisions; both are hard to control after they have already taken place.

Applications of fungicides are going to be a very important decision to help mitigate disease pressure this year and has shown to be a good return on investment for both corn and soybeans. Tar spot has been found in two different areas in neighboring states, so now is the time to be proactive and take action. If you have questions or concerns, give a Nutrien Ag Solutions representative a call to help guide you in decision making down the road.

Peoples State Bank Lender Spotlight

Heather Haag

When did you begin your Banking career with Peoples State Bank?

I began my banking career with Peoples State Bank in fall of 2021.

What is your favorite part of your job? I enjoy interacting with our clients and learning how we can assist them in achieving their goals.

Are you involved in any community projects or groups?

I am a member of the Grant County United Way board.

What do you like to do outside of Peoples State Bank?

Outside of work, I enjoy traveling and working on projects at our farm.



Agricultural Relationship Representative

Dennis Lyons

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When did you begin your Banking career with Peoples State Bank?

May 2021

What do you enjoy most about your job? Being able to help a broad range of customers; from Ag & Commercial to personal loans and Residential Real Estate.

What types of customers do you serve? Primarily, my responsibilities are Agricultural and Commercial lending. I do have extensive experience in this space and also handle Consumer and Residential Real Estate requests.

How would you describe yourself in one word? Why? Individual. My interests are fairly unpredictable and wide. For example, my favorite music is classic rock, but listen to a fair amount of Pink and Andre' Bocelli.



Agricultural Relationship Manager - VP

FFA CORNER SPOTLIGHT



Name: Andrew Solverson

FFA Chapter: Viroqua

Upcoming Fundraisers:
Our annual FFA Fruit Sale in November.

Positions Held:

Reporter: 2022-2023

Treasurer: 2023-2024

President: 2024-2025

If you live on a farm, what type of farming operation is it (or any other farm connections you have)? My family grows corn and beans and we have a small beef herd, as well as a seed business.

What made you decide to join FFA? With ag being a major part of my life, FFA opens me to more opportunities during high school and allows me to see some pretty cool things in the ag industry.

What is the best experience you have had with FFA so far? There are a lot of very memorable experiences, but if I had to pick one it would probably be the National FFA Convention. I was able to see a lot of new people from many different states and that was pretty cool.

What are your plans after high school and how will your experience in FFA help you in your future? My plans after high school is to expand my own acreage along with going to Northeastern Community College and attend their John Deere Tech program.

BEST PANCAKES EVER

Submitted by: Jamie Horsfall



Ingredients:

3 c. all-purpose flour	3 c. buttermilk
3 tbsp. white sugar	1/2 cup milk
3 tsp. baking powder	3 eggs
1 1/2 tsp. baking soda	1/3 c. butter, melted
3/4 tsp. salt	

Optional:

Real Maple Syrup	Fresh Fruit
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Directions:

Begin by mixing together the flour, sugar, baking soda, baking powder, and salt. Gently whisk together the buttermilk, milk, and eggs into a separate bowl. Slowly add in the melted butter while whisking. Add wet ingredients to the dry. Gently fold together the wet and the dry ingredients until almost completely combined. Do not overdo it, or your pancakes will be flat and dense rather than fluffy.

Cook on medium heat until golden brown on each side. Don't crank up the heat, this will yield pancakes with burnt outsides and raw center.

Toppings are optional, but the pancakes are best with real maple syrup and fresh fruit! Enjoy!