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WHEAT MARKET: The wheat market has recently put in a dismal performance, finally settling into a trading range just below \$4.00 per bushel, now trading just above. Exports are sagging as foreign competitor's edge us out for recent export business. Stocks are currently adequate, and the stocks-to-use ratio remains at recent highs. Planted acres are down and will play a part in any spring weather problems that may occur. The cure for low prices may BE low prices! New crop contracts are generally \$.25 per bushel over the cash market. Hope remains for a current bottom in the market with price appreciation to follow. Never underestimate the ability of the funds to spark this market if they so choose. Be prepared to price any significant rally should the crop advance in good condition.

AG FACT: USDA reports that acres planted to all winter wheat are the lowest since 1913. In Oklahoma, planted acres appear to be 5.2 million acres, down a half million acres from last year, and the lowest level since 1971.

WHEAT CROP: The wheat crop survived the cold, freezing weather with only minimal cosmetic damage. On a percentage leaf area basis, small wheat will lose more leaf area due to cold injury than large wheat. So, any visible damage to small wheat appears to be temporary in nature. Bountiful moisture remains with us, and more is expected. The wheat crop is presently in excellent condition, needing warmer and dryer weather to accommodate topdressing applications of nitrogen and pesticides. All indications are that we will continue to be cool and wet through February. The "Fog Theory" has recently predicted that the first part of April will be wet, as well. To maximize production potential, and to take advantage of all of this beneficial moisture, get your name on the topdressing list today!

AG FACT: Iraq recently purchased 400,000 tons of wheat from Canada, and Russia is increasing their wheat export subsidies!

TOPDRESSING: Your wheat crop needs topdressed with **NITROGEN** as soon as possible when fields dry out to give your crop the opportunity to maximize production. Every single acre also needs at least an application of **FINESSE** where weeds pose a potential threat. Some fields will require **FINESS B&G (Broadleaf and Grass)** for control of cheat and/or wild oats. Don't delay in turning in your acres as the application list is already growing long. The beneficial moisture we have received will increase your crop potential IF you properly apply needed nutrients and pesticides! Fertilizer will return a profit for you, even with \$4.00 wheat prices!

AG FACT: A 40 bushel wheat crop at \$4.00 per bushel will generate **MORE INCOME** than an average 29 bushel wheat crop at \$5.00 per bushel. According to Dr. Kim Anderson the key is "production" and the way to increase production at this point, is to topdress with proper nitrogen fertilization.

CONSTRUCTION: Delayed by inclement weather, the project can now be considered “behind schedule”. It is doubtful that the building will be completed by harvest. The project will not, however, hinder traffic flow during harvest, and harvest will proceed as normal. The 8th street barn renovation will be completed next month providing ample storage and receiving space to accommodate your harvesting needs.

WEB CAM: We now have the one and only Web Cam in Frederick, or Tillman County, to our knowledge. We have installed a Web Camera which will view our construction site. The camera will be operational sometime in February, as soon as the weather clears. No matter where in the world you are, you will be able to check out our construction project on the internet, or just view the local weather conditions from this web cam. The camera will be accessible from our website at www.cassidygrain.com Check it out!

SORGHUM / SUDAN SEED: Sweet Sudan – Trio-Sweet – Brown Mid-Rib Sudan – sudan seeds are all good choices for raising a forage production crop. All of the listed varieties are productive in this area. Seed is available in either bags, or in bulk. Please inform us of your seed needs as soon as possible. Seed prices have declined substantially this season.

OAT SEED: Fresh, high quality **JERRY SEED OATS** are ready for winter/spring planting; available in bulk, or in bushel bags. Plant 1½ - 2 bushel per acre. *Remember to “mud-in” oat seed!* Shouldn’t be a problem this year!

COTTONSEED: “*YES.....we currently have nearly ANY and ALL cottonseed varieties presently available!*” Supply is limited and we urge you to book your **COTTONSEED** needs as soon as possible. There are many varieties available. You can click on “**Cottonseed**” on the left-hand column of our “home” page on our website (www.cassidygrain.com) for complete description and pricing information, or you can stop by, or give us a call. Our prices are competitive, and we are prepared to serve your **COTTONSEED** needs!

AG FACT: Monsanto’s new trait innovations will soon reach US Farms. These include traits that will enhance drought tolerance, cold tolerance, nitrogen use efficiency, yield, and much more!

MTSA: If you have not renewed your **Monsanto Technology/Stewardship Agreement** in the past nine months, please CALL NOW to renew! It’s EASY! Call 1-800-768-6387, select option three (3). Call today to ensure access to current and next wave technologies!

FREE BAG OF COTTONSEED: Ask about this **ONE FREE BAG** of Genetics per farmer license number offer only from **DELTAPINE**

SESAME: An alternative summer crop for Tillman County. We will have spring seed available for planting and we will be able to receive your Sesame crop at harvest-time!

MILLET: High yielding forage hay starts with German Millet Seed. Because it has a short growing season; it can be ready to bale in 70-80 days. The nutritional value of Millet hay is 15-18% protein, and is highly palatable.

CANOLA: We have orders to topdress quite a few **CANOLA** acres with 30-40 units of nitrogen, plus sulphur. Evidently, **CANOLA** requires a substantial need for nitrogen and sulphur, as well as potassium. If your crop was not adequately fertilized in the fall, consider a topdress application today. Scout **CANOLA** fields weekly for the Diamondback Moths which will be more prevalent in no-till. Aphids will soon make themselves known as well. The key is to regularly scout and observe these pests so that control action can be taken in time to limit damage and to provide improved production potential. See the **CANOLA** test plots at the Vo-Tech for new varieties. We have the answers to your many questions regarding **CANOLA** production. If interested, just ask!

ALFALFA: Scout your fields frequently as aphids, weevil larva and armyworms will soon make a strong showing. You should also maximize your hay production by providing the needed nutrient requirements of your Alfalfa. *Fertilize* according to soil test results, as there is plenty of opportunity for productive potential from alfalfa hay. The timing of *herbicide* application to take care of weeds and grasses in your Alfalfa is essential. If you apply **insecticides**, **herbicides** and **proper fertilization**, you will be rewarded through increased hay production, and increased profits. And that **IS** the idea behind growing Alfalfa! **VelPar Alfa-Max** for established meadows; **Raptor** for new meadows!

AG FACT: Yield reduction from weed competition in new alfalfa stands often exceeds 1000 pounds per acre.

VELPAR ALFAMAX: A herbicide from DuPont for residual control of weeds and grasses in alfalfa is now available. It is not for use on “new” meadows, and should be applied while alfalfa is dormant. **AlfaMax** combines the established control effectiveness of Velpar and Karmex to battle unwanted weed pests. You can also mix insecticides with **AlfaMax** for insect control. Aerial or ground application is available.

PROWL H20: Is now finally labeled for sand burs in Bermuda grass pastures. **PROWL H20** is a **PRE-emergent**, and must be applied **BEFORE** emergence of problem weeds, such as sand burs. We have applied on 160 acres this year to see for ourselves. Should you want to see the outcome, just ask, and we can show you the results.

RETIREMENT: We have received word that **Dr. Kim Anderson**, long time OSU Grain Marketing Economist, will be retiring this spring, completing 28 years of service. Dr. Anderson has been a wonderful and generous friend to producers and to the grain industry as well. Dr. Anderson will continue to work for Oklahoma Agricultural Marketing interests on a contract basis. Good luck Kim, and Thank You!

BALAN-NOW!: For a beautiful, green, weed-free summer lawn, apply **BALAN** and fertilizer today! As a pre-emergent, **BALAN** will prevent weed seed from germinating IF applied early enough, before seeds germinate. **BALAN** should be applied every 90 days! Apply our lawn fertilizers, which are specially blended for local soils, and contain essential micronutrients for additional plant response. We loan spreaders, free of charge!

RAIN GAUGE: Winter weather is tough on rain gauges. Stop by the office for your new **FREE** rain gauge! Like recent rainfall, we have plenty available!

OYSTERS: Frederick's Fabulous Oyster Fry tickets are now on sale. Dinner date is this Saturday, February 20th. Ticket numbering starts at 3:00PM, and serving begins at 4:00PM.

GREEN PASTURES: Fertilize your grass pastures NOW, in February, and add **ATRAZINE** for spring weed control. We have attained excellent weed control with **ATRAZINE** applied in February. Prepare, apply, and take advantage of cool, wet spring weather ahead. This will assure a clean, healthy, growing spring grass pasture for your cattle.

FILL DIRT: Should anyone need fill dirt, we have some available, **free delivery!**

GOPHERS: Now is a good time to eradicate gophers in your grass pastures and in your alfalfa meadows. We carry a proven "**GOPHER BAIT**" poison grain in 25# bags, reasonably priced to get rid of gophers. Eradicate those pesky gophers from your fields!

Prices in Box:

As of February 15, 2010:

Cash Wheat Price.....	\$ 3.90/bu.
New Crop Wheat Price (June '10 Delivery)	4.25/bu.
Cash Corn Price.....	3.00/bu.
Cash Milo Price.....	5.50/cwt.
Regular Unleaded Gasoline.....	\$ 2.529/gal.
Super Unleaded Gasoline.....	2.629/gal.
Premium Unleaded Gasoline.....	2.729/gal.
Road Diesel (Taxed).....	2.629/gal.
Farm Diesel (No-Tax).....	2.209/gal.

Prices subject to change without notice.

***Happy February!
Thank you for your business!***

