



MLN NEWS

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Thank you to all the wonderful women in agriculture that celebrated Women in Ag Day at our Ladies Night Out Event on March 24! Everyone had fun shopping and socializing, and the HLWW FFA officers even stopped by to talk to customers! We can't thank you enough for your contributions to the future of Agriculture!

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STORE EVENTS AND SALES

Chick Days: Thursday, April 13, from 6:30-8:30 pm

Join us at The Country Store on April 13 for an evening of poultry fun! We will have an educational presentation before we play breed BINGO. Prizes and dinner will be included! Call 320.543.3517 to RSVP or let a Store Associate know you will be attending.

Carhartt® Sale Runs Through March 31

Receive 25% off all jackets, gloves, hats and base layers and 40% off bibs and coveralls through March 31! Sale includes select Mens, Women's and Kids Carhartt® and excludes special orders.





FLY CONTROL?!? – BUT THERE’S STILL SNOW EVERYWHERE!

It’s hard to talk about the merits of fly control with snow covered fields and temperatures that barely break thawing. However, warmer weather will be here soon, and it marks the beginning of the pesky fly’s life cycle. That is why it is critical to get a head start on fly control before the season begins.

Without a proactive fly management program in place, diseases and reductions in weight and milking productivity resulting from flies can take a significant toll on the comfort of animals and an operation’s bottom line.

At Munson Lakes Nutrition, we strongly urge our customers to take action and implement fly control measures which include: farm sanitation, manure management and a fly control product in their feed. We recommend using ClariFly® Larvicide or Altosid® IGR in your feed or supplement early in the spring, 30 days before flies begin to appear and feed through warm weather months and 30 days after the first frost when cold weather reduces or ends fly activity.

ClariFly® Larvicide is best to use with animals in confined housing. This product targets the larvae of Stable and House flies. ClariFly® is approved to feed to cattle, horses, swine, sheep and goats. Altosid® IGR is an economical way to control pasture-based flies like the Horn fly. It is easy to incorporate in mineral supplements and other feeds offered to pastured cattle.

If you have questions about fly control on your farm, contact a Munson Lakes representative today!



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WHEN TO START USING FLY CONTROL

The average best time to start using Purina's® Wind and Rain® Storm® Fly Control for dairy heifers and calves would be mid-April. The goal is to have the product coming through the manure when the flies start to lay their first eggs to be ahead of the population.

It's recommended that most Beef operations start using Purina's® Wind and Rain® Storm® Fly Control product slightly later in early-mid May when the cattle are taken to grass for the Altosid® products.

HOW TO INTRODUCE YOUR HORSE TO PASTURE

Warm weather and green pastures are right around the corner! Follow these tips to introduce your horse to pasture and check its body condition:

1. **Introduce your horse to pasture at a slow pace.** Start by allowing grazing one-two hours per day while providing supplemental hay and slowly increase grazing by an hour every couple of days until your horse(s) are out full-time. This will allow a healthy adjustment in diet.
2. **Provide adequate pasture space.** Average conditions require 2-3 acres to sustain one horse grazing full time. Rotating to another horse pasture for four weeks can help maximize grazing potential.
3. **Provide a proper diet.** Typically, 10-15 pounds of dry hay per day is adequate until your horse pasture matures. Choose a supplemental feed and proper rations to maintain your horse in good body condition.

Recommended feeds include:

- Performance horses: Purina® Ultium® Competition, Purina® Strategy® Professional Formula GX, Purina® Strategy® Healthy Edge®, Omolene® 200 and Omolene® 500
- Easy Keepers: Purina® Enrich Plus® Ration Balancing Horse Feed or Purina® Omega Match® Ration Balancing Horse Feed for sensitive horses

Feeding schedules and ration recommendations can vary, and body scoring is important as we transition into a new season. Contact Leah Lindsley at 920.615.6607 or llindsley@landolakes.com if you're interested in a consultation.



CENTRAL PLAINS DAIRY EXPO: MARCH 28-30

Look for us at the Central Plains Dairy Show March 28-30 in Sioux Falls, South Dakota! We would love to discuss your business operations and will be giving away a free Munson Lakes Nutrition product!

EMPLOYEE ANNIVERSARIES

Nathan Nelson
Driver
New Hire



Nathan Gruenhagen
Grain Handling/Mill
Warehouse - 15 Years



Ethan Nowak
Mill Worker
New Hire



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Steve Barter, Driver
New Hire

GRAIN BIN SAFETY REMINDER

Did you know that flowing grain can trap someone standing on the grain in just 4 to 5 seconds and that it can completely cover a person trapped in 22 seconds?

These stats serve as an important reminder to promote and practice bin safety in your operation. The following safety bin procedures should be practiced to keep yourself, your employees, spouse, kids and grandkids safe from grain bin hazards:

1. Post warning signs on bins and entry points to ensure people are aware of the hazards
2. Aim for zero entry into the bin
3. Restrict access to the bins and piles so children and unauthorized individuals are safe from hazards
4. If entry is essential, utilize an observer, life harness and lock out and tag all grain unloading equipment
5. Work from outside the bin and above the highest point of grain
6. Wear NIOSH- approved respirators certified for grain dusts
7. Upgrade ladders with cages or use staircases
8. Avoid power lines and augers
9. Conduct regular dust cleaning and servicing of bearings in elevators and grain legs

If you have questions about grain bin safety, feel free to contact our Director of Grain and Procurement Mark Dahlman 320.543.2561 or mdahlman@munsonlakes.com

