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Projects & Opportunities

Over the course of the last few months, the Gold-Eagle board and management team have had several meetings with the board and management team from Farmers Cooperative Association (FCA). Often, the retirement of a general manager spurs a conversation about whether a coop is best served in finding a replacement or joining another cooperative. After FCA met with and considered multiple options, they ultimately felt that Gold-Eagle was best suited to move forward with a merger study. Our focus on service, emphasis on customer relationships, and commitment to our communities were

all factors that FCA felt were most important to maintain. Gold-Eagle's board and management group is consistently thinking about the future and looking for ways to remain competitive over the long-term. We felt that the synergies between the two cooperatives, as well as the



**CHRIS BOSHART,
GENERAL MANAGER**

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FCA's President, Ben Dontje



Gold-Eagle's CEO, Chris Boshart



A nice turnout for the Farmers Cooperative Association (FCA) member meeting held in Thompson on March 18th.

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PROJECTS & OPPORTUNITIES

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extended footprint, would blend well and allow for us to more efficiently serve existing and new members.

There was a good turnout at FCA's membership meeting held in Thompson last month. Ben Dontje, FCA Board President shared what led to them considering a merge with Gold-Eagle and I was invited to give a presentation on the highlights of our business. The FCA board has now sent out informational packets and ballots. The deadline to turn in ballots is May 15th with a special meeting to be held on May 17th to tally the votes. As a reminder, half of FCA's voting membership has to turn in ballots and

two-thirds of the ballots need to be "yes" votes for the merge to move forward. Should the vote pass, we will have approximately six weeks to prepare for the merger to take effect on July 1, 2024.

The Eagle Grove construction projects are progressing nicely. The grain receiving at the feed mill is still slated to be operational by December of this year. The mild winter has been helpful in reducing any delays in work days. The new main office is also coming along with no surprises as construction continues. We plan to be able to move into the new space late summer or early fall and are looking forward to hosting an open house when the construction is complete.



The Gold-Eagle board of directors and leadership team took a tour of the new office site where Chris gave an overview of the progress.



Optimize Your Cattle Breeding Program

The cattle industry has breeding gold standards — 85 days to rebreed, a 60-day calving window and cows in body condition score 6. Beating the average and holding your operation to a higher standard isn't just another goal, it's a philosophy with tangible, long-term benefits. Focusing on nutrition is one way to achieve better-than-average breeding results. Above average results mean more cows bred, more calves born, more calves weaned, and more pounds to sell. Bottom line: More calves on the ground equals more potential dollars in your pocket.

Here are three nutrition tips to beat the average and optimize your cattle breeding program:

1. Make mineral the foundation of your cattle nutrition program.

The foundation of any cattle nutrition program is mineral. Providing cattle mineral supplements helps maintain a consistent body condition score (BCS) year-round for greater breeding success.

Minerals repair the reproductive tract

Cows managed for optimal body condition score at calving (6 BCS) rebreed with conception rates of 88 percent or greater.¹ Cattle minerals help repair a cow's reproductive tract after calving and prepare for breeding. If her tract is not fully repaired, a cow may have challenges being rebred or may not breed back at all.

Nutrition impacts multiple generations

Additionally, cattle nutrition can impact multiple generations of the herd. Dam nutrition can impact future replacement heifer fertility. At any

given time, a productive beef cow is eating for two or three. She is likely bred, carrying a fetus and may still be nursing a calf. The nutrients the calf receives in utero and at side can impact its reproductive abilities.

Remember: Don't make the mistake of thinking your forages will provide all the minerals your cattle need to thrive. If you're not providing a year-round cattle mineral, you're leaving breeding success to chance.

2. Routinely record and monitor body condition score.

If you don't body condition score regularly, it's time to start.

When to collect body condition scores

Collect scores 60 days before calving, at calving/pre-breeding and at weaning. It's most important to body condition score 60 days before calving because the condition in which a cow calves impacts how quickly she will return to estrus.

Why a good body condition score matters

A good body condition score can decrease the postpartum interval so cows get bred earlier in the cattle breeding season. Cows bred earlier

in the season have calves born early in the calving window, which results in more weight at weaning. Plus, when a calf gains between 2.25-2.5 pounds per day, every heat cycle is worth about 50 pounds.

3. Act on body condition score and forage conditions.

Turning valuable body condition score data into action is key. Monitor scores regularly so you can adjust cattle nutrition plans in real-time.

Proactively monitor forage to prevent a low body condition score

Don't forget to keep an eye on forage quality. When forage quality is less than ideal, consider supplementing before cows start to lose condition. Once cows lose condition, it can be expensive to gain back. A proactive approach to supplementation is best.

Never let your cows have a bad day

Set cows up for success by providing them with quality cattle mineral and protein supplements. A good, year-round cattle nutrition program supports improved breeding rates.



KYLE GREIMAN, FEED SALES/CUSTOMER SERVICE

Early Planting and Herbicide Application

You've either thought about or will plant soybeans early this year. If that's the case, your herbicide considerations and timing of them may need to be adjusted. Please think about increasing your pre-emergence herbicide or adding another residual product pre and/or post to extend your herbicide activity in the soil. If you use the same rate, be sure to talk through the timing of application with your Gold-Eagle agronomist as sun degradation can break down herbicide and there may be a longer window for canopy.



BOONE MORGAN, SALES MANAGER, AGRONOMY DIVISION

Farm Level Carbon Scoring

Low carbon and low CI (carbon intensity) seem to be the newest and sexiest buzz words in our industry thanks to the Inflation Reduction

Act. In the coming years, tracking carbon may have a huge benefit to the ag industry and, being able to quantify the dollar impact, will be instrumental to farming practices in the year 2025 and beyond. The 45 Z tax credit rewards ethanol producers that have an Argonne GREET CI score below 50 with a two cent per gallon credit per point below 50 CI score. So... how can this be beneficial to the farmer?

The GREET scoring model uses a standard score of 29 for carbon intensity for land use. It is yet to be defined by the EPA on how that land use for corn may or may not be accounted for in the model, but if we can prove that the land use carbon intensity is below 29 and the EPA allows this to be applied to an ethanol plant's carbon intensity score, then farm level data may potentially be applied to ethanol scoring. As it stands right now, CORN, LP would need to see a CI score of corn below 20 to be able to participate and that's assuming the EPA allows land use changes to CI score in the ethanol process. There is opportunity coming, but, as with anything new, we want to make sure that all avenues are pursued and every detail is ironed out.



**DAVID DOLAN,
MERCHANDISING
MANAGER**

Warm Winters & Insects

The warm winter we've had may cause some changes in insect lifecycles, but, overall, there will be a lot of wait and see. The bean leaf beetle is especially susceptible to cold weather and most die off when they are exposed to extreme low air temperatures. However, they avoid harsh temperatures by burrowing under plant debris and loose soil. Winter mortality can be based on accumulated subfreezing temperatures, but it is important to also note that the lack of snow cover could have exposed the insects to harsher temperatures. There are factors that could skew population results either direction, so it is important to scout for bean leaf beetles. Initial adult activity can begin before emergence and sampling early in the season should be done sneakily as to not disturb the beetle and get an accurate count. Their early presence could be an indication of building first and second generations later in the season.

Corn rootworm beetle has a chance to be prevalent. If the winter kill was low, it will be imperative to get in front of it. There are already high levels of rootworm pressure in our areas so this is another pest to be looking for early on. Insects that overwinter underground will not likely be affected by a mild winter and there could be more survivors than normal if the frost layer was shallow. If you are worried or have had any issues in the past with rootworm beetles, I'd encourage you to speak to your Gold-Eagle agronomist about adding an insecticide in your pretreatments.



**BOONE MORGAN,
SALES MANAGER,
AGRONOMY DIVISION**

Gold-Eagle Gives Back



The Kossuth County Farm Bureau hosted their annual Shopping Cart Race event supporting the Kossuth County Food Pantry. Hy-Vee filled carts with random items and nine teams, including a Gold-Eagle team, competed to return those items to where they correctly belonged on the shelves. This event resulted in \$4,900 being donated to the Kossuth County Food Pantry.

← L to R: Megan Miller, Elizabeth McOllough, and Kimber Mullenbach represented the Gold-Eagle team.



Upgrades Underway

We are turning the page to spring of 2024. All in all, we had a very favorable winter. With just two weeks of rough weather, Gold-Eagle was able to manufacture and deliver feed with very little trouble. I, for one, can get used to the weather pattern of two weeks of tough winter weather and then a mild, dry, moderate temperature rest of winter. Feed tonnage is still strong five months into our fiscal year. We are on pace to hit 750,000 tons this year.

Gold-Eagle feed had an opportunity to host a group of Ukrainians to tour the mill and learn about how feed milling works in the US. They also had a lot of questions on our cooperative system.

Upgrade projects continue to take place in the feed division. The new receiving distributor is in place in

Eagle Grove. The new pellet machine is in place waiting on electrical. We have upgraded some of our key drag conveyors also in Eagle Grove. We were able to get the leg bottoms completed at our Galt facility

Gold-Eagle feed has decided to shut down our Goldfield feed mill. The mill is 74 years old and has served Gold-Eagle well and has made a cajillion tons of feed. It is, however, worn out and the cost of maintaining it has become infeasible.

Shutting down the Goldfield mill means we will have to transfer that 100,000 tons per year to Galt and Eagle Grove. The upgrades we have made and are making at Galt have prepared us to absorb these tons. This will also mean

we may have to expand our production shifts at Galt.

The big grain project going up next to the Eagle Grove feed mill is underway. Great weather this winter has allowed them to get a lot done and be ahead of schedule.

Kyle Greiman continues to develop and work with new customers as he continues to grow our retail feed business. Feel free to reach out to him for your feed needs.



BRAD DE VRIES, FEED DIVISION MANAGER



Elizabeth McOllough attended the Land O'Lakes (LOL) annual meeting as part of the Advocate for Action (A4A) program. A4A is led by Paul Hansen, Manager Leader Development, of Land O'Lakes. The program was centered around developing leadership and communication skills to better equip individuals to tell others about their business and the agricultural industry as a whole. Land O'Lakes is more than butter, their business segments include WinField United and Truterra along with dairy foods and animal nutrition. LOL also provides HR resources and expertise to help guide some recruitment and hiring practices at Gold-Eagle as well as employee engagement and benchmarking. Land O'Lakes is also instrumental in helping stretch Gold-Eagle's donation dollars in the form of matching funds for community projects and food insecurity in addition to expanding rural internet connectivity. Gold-Eagle is proud to partner with Land O'Lakes.

Making Retail Conservation Real — News Release

A meeting was held recently in Des Moines, Iowa, with more than 100 leaders in attendance from across the country representing agricultural retailers, conservation and commodity groups. They gathered to share ideas for scaling up the adoption of conservation on the agricultural landscape.

The “Making Retail Conservation Real” event, held Feb. 21-22, included fast-paced presentations and small group discussions about the current state of agricultural conservation, why advancing ag conservation is important, and how to make advancements in this space. Agriculture’s Clean Water Alliance (ACWA), Iowa Soybean Association (ISA), and the Soil and Water Conservation Society (SWCS) co-hosted the event, and they enlisted executives with Bâton Global, a Des Moines-based company, to facilitate the discussions.

“Agricultural conservation has been going on in the U.S. for a long time. Since the Dust Bowl in the 1930s, our government has been intentionally working to improve soil protection and water quality,” said Roger Wolf, Director of Conservation at ISA and ACWA Executive Director. “Through this meeting, I hope we can accelerate ways that integrate retail agriculture, farmers and landowners, and public programming to increase and speed up the process of conservation implementation.”

Agricultural conservation includes the goals of building soil health and reducing excess nutrients in waterbodies. Farmers can help achieve these goals by planting cover crops, reducing tillage, and managing nutrient application. They can install bioreactors and saturated buffers, which are structures that reduce nutrients in the water leaving ag fields before entering a river or stream. Currently, government agencies are heavily relied upon to implement these practices.

The Making Retail Conservation Real meeting opened doors for finding additional, innovative ways these conservation practices get on the landscape. To launch the discussions, key guest speakers included Iowa Deputy Secretary of Agriculture Grant Menke, and Robert Bonnie, USDA Under Secretary for Farm Production and Conservation. They shared their thoughts on the need for conservation and how ag retailers have an important role in increasing conservation.

Other speakers included representatives from ag retail companies including Heartland Co-op, Perdue AgriBusiness, and Nutrien Ag Solutions; and non-profit groups such as the Environmental Defense Fund, The Keith Campbell Foundation for the Environment, The Nature Conservancy, and more. They shared the current trends and the existing drivers for conservation implementation, discussed challenges that slow the process of implementing conservation and offered ways to meet those challenges.

“The private sector has a great opportunity to engage in projects and make conservation practice adoption as easy as possible for farmers and landowners,” said Ben Gleason, Executive Director of the Iowa Nutrient Research and Education Council (INREC) and event attendee. “We need to be open to new ideas and not remain in outdated methods of conservation delivery.”

Meeting attendee Melissa Miller, Project Director for the Iowa Nitrogen Initiative, agreed. “Our success in working with farmers is dependent on mutual trust and cooperation,” she said. “We can meet the goals of the Iowa Nitrogen Initiative by working with ag retailers and farmers to better understand how different farming systems impact optimum nitrogen fertilizer rates, including those who implement conservation practices.”

Dicamba Existing Stocks Order

On February 6, 2024, a U.S. District Court issued a ruling in favor of the NGOs and vacated the registrations based on procedural grounds, finding that the EPA “*did not follow the FIFRA notice and comment provisions*” when it issued the registrations.

The EPA has issued an existing stocks order that allows for the limited sale and distribution of dicamba products, Engenia, Tavium, and XtendiMax, that were already in the possession of growers and retailers and the sale/distribution of the dicamba products up to May 13, 2024. The order also prohibits the use of these dicamba products except where the use is consistent with the previously approved labeling. The EPA says, for this year, farmers may use the product up until June 12th.

Gold-Eagle has dicamba products on hand and this year should be largely unchanged from previous years. However, this ban will likely have long-term implications for weed control going forward and feels like another tool has been taken from the farmer’s toolbox.



BOONE MORGAN,
SALES MANAGER,
AGRONOMY DIVISION



In his closing remarks, Wolf said this isn't an either/or conversation, rather it's an 'and' conversation and stakeholders need to be adaptable to use technology as it develops and as policies change.

"To truly make retail conservation real, these discussions and sharing of ideas can help meet the need for scalable conservation," he said. "There are ways to include everyone involved in agriculture in some way, from farmers and landowners, to retailers, policymakers and government agencies. We all have roles in scaling up conservation on the landscape."

Notes from the small-group discussions and presentations are being compiled and results will be shared with attendees and their staff. Wolf expects this to be the first of several meetings of this group and plans to add key stakeholders as ideas are developed and conservation practices are adopted.



Additional sponsors of Making Retail Conservation Real include: Iowa Agriculture Water Alliance, The Campbell Foundation, Great Outdoors Foundation, National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, and The Nature Conservancy; also Central Valley Ag, Gold-Eagle Cooperative, Heartland Co-op, Helena Agri-Enterprises, Landus Cooperative, NEW Cooperative, Inc., Nutrien Ag Solutions, Pro Cooperative, and Van Diest Supply.

For more information about Agriculture's Clean Water Alliance: www.acwaiowa.com

For information about Iowa Soybean Association: www.iasoybeans.com

For information about the Soil and Water Conservation Society: www.swcs.org

Gold-Eagle Hosts Market Outlook and Contract Introduction Meeting



Thank you to all who attended the market outlook meeting in Kanawha in March. Chad Richey of Midco Commodities shared his take on what to expect for pricing this year based on historical data. Scott Kleckner, formerly of StoneX, introduced a new to Gold-Eagle contract called the "Golden Profit Ratio" (GPR). This contract takes into account UAN and/or NH3 prices in comparison to new crop corn prices to find a "ratio" of how many bushels it takes to purchase input costs. Rather than chase the low input costs and the high output costs, the grain and agronomy teams at Gold-Eagle would like to encourage producers to think in terms of the ratio. If you'd like to learn more about the GPR contract, please contact your trusted grain person and/or agronomist.



Impacts of Mild Winters

Welcome to spring. We have had a great selling season and are looking forward to putting all the crop plans to work. Seed shipments are on pace for an early spring and the sales team and all the employees have been working hard to be ready. We all enjoyed a very mild winter and, in fact, most of the country has. There are several questions when it comes to the moisture side of the weather we have been having. We are all aware of the low sub soil moistures levels; we know that it can take a long time to dry out, but it doesn't take long to get very wet. I am encouraged by a recent article that I read about the farmer from Minnesota, David Heublein, winner of the NCGA yield contest in the conventional, non-irrigated category with a yield of 314.93 bushel to the acre. A good rule of thumb is that a high yielding corn crop needs roughly 25 inches of rain per acre per year. David received a total in season rainfall amount of only 7 inches for the entire growing season, 1.1 inches in May, 1.5 inches in June, 3.9 inches in July, and just a half of an inch in August. The temperature, timing of the rainfall, and I am sure the sub soil moisture all played a big factor in that as well. When you look at the practices he used, they are no different than the sound practices that we use here in Iowa. The hybrid that he planted was Dekalb DKC 59-82; many of you that plant Dekalb are probably familiar with this hybrid. We all complain about the cost of the hybrids we plant, but I think we all realize that if we were still using hybrids that we had 20 years ago, we would be in a lot worse shape from the dry conditions that we have experienced the last couple years. The development of these hybrids has a cost and we all feel that every year we make our seed choices. If we were seeing no improvements in yield and the ability to handle more stress, that higher seed cost would be a lot harder to handle.

The mild winter also brings questions on what we are going to experience for insect pressure this year. The insects that overwinter here that can impact corn and soybeans early are the Corn Flea Beetles and Bean Leaf Beetles. These insect survival rates vary depending on winter temperatures. The warmer it is, the higher the survival rates. We have not had a lot of negative experience with these insects in the past years, but we have also not had this mild of a winter before in the state. The last newsletter I wrote about seed treatments.

A decision that you can make before you plant your soybeans is to apply a seed applied insecticide on your soybeans that will greatly help with control of first-generation soybean beetles. For the seed corn, one of the many advancements, besides the genetics, is the use of seed applied insecticides. We sometimes don't give them enough credit for what they do, but in a year where we have a high insect survival rate, they play a critical role in protection.

The insect that concerns me the most is corn rootworms. Rootworm eggs overwinter in the soil where they are protected from temperature extremes by the soil insulation, especially last winter with deep snow cover. Accurate soil temperatures are needed to predict overwintering of rootworms. This winter, we had the potential of a high insect mortality with little or no snow cover, but we never had sustained cold temperatures. Rootworm eggs will die after at least two weeks of exposure to 18 degree or colder soil. Even with the extended period of subzero air temperature during January, four-inch depth soil temperatures remained around 30 to 20 degrees. Unfortunately, even with no snow cover, the mild temperatures are not going to have much of an impact on the mortality of the corn rootworm eggs.

Enough on the negative. Remember, it doesn't take as long to get wet as it takes to dry out; a couple rain events can get us to where we need to be real fast moisture wise. Like I was talking about earlier with genetics, we have a lot of new genetics that had small quantity releases this year that we have positioned throughout Gold-Eagle and Bayer is also continuing the evaluations on their short corn hybrids with a select group of ground breakers. The sales team will be keeping an eye on all of these this season and I am sure we won't be disappointed with how they do. Have a safe, productive spring and remember no matter what the season throws at us, we are here to help.



**CHRIS PETERSEN,
SEED MANAGER,
AGRONOMY DIVISION**



← **Shane Davis (operations manager) and Chris Boshart check out the progress on the new seed shed constructed at the Hutchins location.**

Stone X Training

Several members of the Gold-Eagle team recently attended a training hosted by Stone X. This training was a two day comprehensive overview of grain merchandising including: hedging, options, contracts, terminology, etc. Those who attended were (L to R): Melia Hansen, grain associate in Eagle Grove, Adam Goodell, Thor location manager, Carol Laubenthal, grain associate in Galbraith, Janelle Wigans, grain associate in Thor, Joe Askvig, Holmes location manager, Brian Nelson, Renwick location manager, and Nicole Kraft, grain associate in Hardy. The employees enjoyed their time learning more about the grain side of Gold-Eagle's business and gaining a better understanding of how their roles fit into the big picture.



Lisa Mericle and Elizabeth McOllough attended the NIACC job fair recently. They had the opportunity to speak to a wide age and interest range about who Gold-Eagle is and what we do.

Variable Rate Seeding & Grid Sampling



Variable Rate Seeding (VRS)

Gold-Eagle Coop is ready to help you with your Variable Rate Seeding Prescriptions. We are utilizing several layers of information which include: yield data, grid sample data, and soil type layers. Contact your local salesperson today to get more information on how to start this process.

Another way of utilizing VRS is through Climate FieldView (CFW) Scripting Tool. Gold-Eagle Coop is a Certified Climate FieldView Agent. Three years' worth of yield data, two of which need to be corn, is needed for scripting. These are the most important pieces that you will need for planting with CFW Scripting. Regardless of how you want to get your scripts made, equipment is another requirement for this to work for your operation. You must have a monitor/controller that can handle Scripts, plus you have to have an electric or hydraulic drive on your planter. Call Bruce today to get a quote on either of these options at 515-825-9655.

Grid Sampling after Planting

Did you know you can save around \$1.00/Acre* by sampling right after planting instead of after harvest? The reason for this savings is to entice after-planting soil sampling as it reduces the heavy workload in the fall for both the sampling companies and the soil labs. Another big advantage is getting your results back in plenty of time to make a fall

fertilization plan with your Gold-Eagle salesperson. That way, when you are finished with harvest on that particular field, you can simply make a call and line up the plan you made to be applied. This saves about two to three weeks of your precious time in the fall crunch; you probably want to start tillage as soon as possible! Taking a grid sample in 2.5 acre increments is highly recommended as it gives a more detailed report of your soil. A grid sample at 4.4 acre increments is also a decent way of knowing what levels your fields are sufficient or deficient in. Grid your fields every fourth year so that you get an updated set of recommendations as your nutrient strengths/needs have surely moved around in your fields. Spread your grids out by doing a ¼ of your fields yearly so that you can spread out your expenses for the grids. It is recommended that you figure your grid expense into your fertility plan so that you see it as an expense and not an “add-on”. With the high yields that we have attained the last handful of years, many nutrients are not replaced even to a maintenance level!

*(*based on 2.5A Grids)*



**BRUCE BURNS,
PRECISION AG
SPECIALIST**

Pre-Spring and Pre-Planting Tips

Spring will be here before we know it; here are some things you can do now to prepare.

- 1. Planter Maintenance-** Make sure your planter is FIELD ready before you get there by checking over all your cables (connections, sagging wires that may get pinched or dragged, and any bare wires that may need attention), and getting your row units checked over. Take your planter units to someone that checks them over and replaces any damaged or worn parts. They will also put the unit on a machine that simulates planting and makes sure it has good spacing and drops singles instead of doubles. This is vital to giving your stand a chance before you get planting! REMEMBER, YOU HAVE ONLY ONE CHANCE TO PLANT EACH FIELD! Planting is one of the most important practices you do all year.
- 2. Be patient** –Yes, that is very hard to do as Mother Nature hasn't been too kind the last few springs. You may be tempted to get in early with the mild winter we've had, but if you hit the fields too early, you will cause major compaction problems that will not only hurt you this year, but potentially for several years.

- 3. Make field plans-** If you have fertilizer that Gold-Eagle is custom applying for you, for example, a 32% Nitrogen along with a herbicide, contact your local salesperson at Gold-Eagle. Together, make maps of your fields and get the products listed that you want applied on each field. This is essential to make sure we are on the same page when the time comes to apply products to your fields. Again, we only have one chance to get it right. Thanks in advance for doing this with us!



**BRUCE BURNS,
PRECISION AG
SPECIALIST**

Have a safe spring and THANK YOU FOR YOUR BUSINESS.

Ukraine Group Tour

Gold-Eagle hosted a group from Ukraine last month. They visited the feed mill in Eagle Grove and Brad De Vries was able to give them a tour and answer their questions. The group was especially interested in the pellet mills and the benefits of pelleted feed all the way through the production cycle. Diets and ingredients were discussed and the group had questions around rations and quality control. The Ukrainians got to watch a truck go through the loadout and see how quickly the facility can load an entire truck and bring in feed for the next truck. A great discussion was also had about contract growers for hogs and how a cooperative works. We are thankful for the opportunity to showcase our facility and share knowledge internationally.





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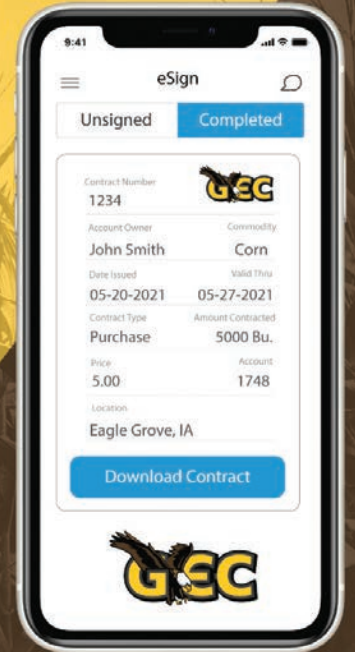
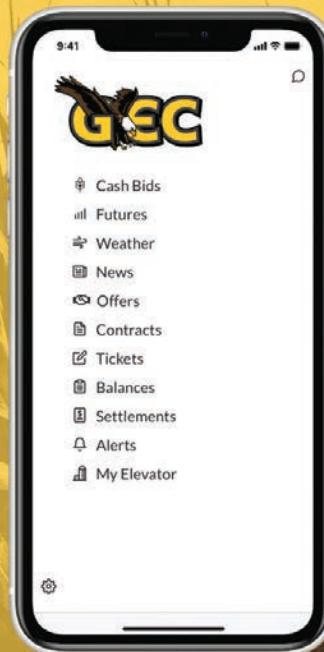
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Newsletter Photos

If you have a photo or photos that you think would make a great addition to the Gold-Eagle newsletter, please share them! We are always looking for action shots of fieldwork, a cool perspective, or a shot of you and your family working together to make your operation a success. If you would like to submit a picture, please email it to emcollough@goldeaglecoop.com with a brief caption of who is in the photo and where it was taken. We love to feature local photos of Gold-Eagle's membership hard at work!

Gold-Eagle Cooperative Mobile App



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