



**FALL 2025**

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**From Summer Events to Fall Fields**

As summer winds down and we turn the corner into harvest, I want to take a moment to reflect on the season and share what's ahead.

It's been a busy few months across our Gold-Eagle locations! This summer, we hosted location lunches, market outlook meetings, and open houses, welcoming more than 1,500 members and guests across 18 locations. These events are one of my favorite parts of the year; they're a chance to connect, share a meal, and hear directly from our members. Whether you joined for the food or the camaraderie, I hope you left feeling informed and appreciated.

One of the standout events this summer was our Member Appreciation Golf Outing, sponsored by Bayer. Participation was strong and it was wonderful to see so many members come together to compete, connect, and celebrate another season. We're grateful for everyone who joined in the fun and made the day a success.

We also completed our annual bus tour of locations last month, giving our board of directors and managers a chance to see firsthand the work happening across our facilities. This tour is always a great way to celebrate successes, learn from each location, and gather ideas to continue improving the services we provide to you.

Looking ahead, harvest will be in full swing any day now and we're prepared

to support our members every step of the way. While cash flow may be a little tighter than in past years, we're positioned to apply acres and provide services across the territory.

Prepay season is approaching and we anticipate solid participation. Our agronomy team is excited to help you make the most of your fields this season.

Finally, we're looking forward to the annual meeting on Tuesday, December 9th, with breakfast in Eagle Grove and lunch in Wesley. This is a great opportunity for members to connect, hear updates, and celebrate the year ahead. Watch for more details as the date approaches.

I want to thank every member who's participated in events, shared feedback, or trusted Gold-Eagle with your operations this year. Harvest can be demanding, but it's also a reminder of the hard work, dedication, and community that make this business and this region so special.

Here's to a strong finish to the season and I hope to see you at our annual meeting!



**CHRIS BOSHART, CEO/  
 GENERAL MANAGER**

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 DATE.**

Gold-Eagle Coop will hold an annual meeting on **Tuesday, December 9th**. There will be a morning meeting in Eagle Grove at the corporate office with the official meeting to be held in Wesley early afternoon. Watch for the official invitation with more information and ballots to hit your mailboxes in November.

## GOLD-EAGLE OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

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# Southern Rust: What Farmers Need to Know

Southern rust showed up across much of Iowa this season and for many farmers it's been the most aggressive outbreak in recent memory. Unlike gray leaf spot or northern corn leaf blight, southern rust doesn't survive the winter in Iowa, it blows up from the south each year. That means the timing and severity of outbreaks are completely dependent on weather patterns. Warm nights, high humidity, and elevated dew points created the perfect conditions this year.

**Why it matters:** Southern rust spreads fast and can cause significant yield losses when it develops prior to dent stage. The disease doesn't attack the ear itself, but instead robs the plant of photosynthetic ability. As a result, the plant cannibalizes its own stalk to finish filling kernels. This can lead to weak stalks, lodging, and harvest losses if fields are left too long.

**What to do now.** The most important step this fall is timely harvest. Fields that showed earlier death from rust should be moved to the front of the line. While no one enjoys higher dryer bills, harvesting earlier protects yield and prevents lodging losses. Getting the crop out is far better than watching it go down in a late-season wind.

**Looking ahead.** For future seasons, fungicide strategy will continue to be a useful tool.

- Generic products often provide around 21 days of protection.
- Premium products extend coverage to 35–42 days.
- In a high-pressure year, a two-pass approach (leading with a premium fungicide and following with a more economical product) may prove beneficial.

This year, timely fungicide applications made a noticeable difference in preserving yield potential.

**Key takeaway:** For 2025, focus on timely harvest to protect what's in the field. Keep southern rust management strategies in mind as "good to know" tools if weather sets up for another outbreak in future years.



**BOONE MORGAN,**  
AGRONOMY DIVISION  
MANAGER



Pictured is a field at growth stage R3/R4 that was sprayed with a fungicide in mid-July. Although southern rust is prevalent in the lower canopy (Figure A), the upper canopy looks almost disease free (Figure B) indicating the fungicide has protected those leaves. Any spore landing on a fungicide-protected leaf would not be able to germinate and infect the leaf.

# Calf Starter Feeds 101

The single most important job of a starter feed is to get calves to eat. When weaning calves, getting them eating from day one can help equip their immune systems to better deal with stress and improve their chance to stay healthy.

Palatability is extremely important when making a feed selection because it's what drives calves to start and continue eating. A less palatable feed might take a calf three days to really start consuming; that's 72 hours when a calf's energy and protein reserves are depleting, and their immune status is in jeopardy.

## A palatable calf starter feed:

- Drives calves to start and continue eating
- Maintains a calf's energy and protein reserves
- Builds rumen microbe populations
- Maintains strong immune system for healthy calves
- Supports optimal calf performance

A quality starter feed should also have research-proven consumption. When making your starter feed selection, ask questions about palatability and request intake research.

## Selecting a Weaning Ration for Beef Calves

A weaning ration for beef calves should fit your management style and goals for weaning calves. Select a self-fed or hand-fed starter feed based on your labor resources, feeding facilities and performance goals. Complete feeds and supplements are available based on your existing forage.

No matter what starter you choose, a nutrition program designed for weaning calves should support healthy calves and more pounds. Calves with proper nutrition have stronger immune systems and are less likely to get sick.

## Support the Immune System for Healthy Calves

The Purina® starter line contains RX3® Immune Support Technology, which does more than provide high-quality nutrition. It primes the immune system to address calf health stressors and respiratory challenges head-on.

Research showed calves fed Purina® starters with RX3® Immune Support Technology compared to control calves:

- Had less variation in average daily gain and were more uniform<sup>1</sup>
- Gained 6 pounds more, on average, within a 30-day period<sup>4</sup>
- Bounced back faster (when encountering health challenges) and looked healthier quicker<sup>2</sup>

Achieving more healthy calves helps minimize labor and costs, putting more potential dollars back in your pocket.

## Your Partner in Weaning Calves

When considering a weaning ration for beef calves, don't be afraid to ask for help. Talk through your goals for weaning calves with your nutritionist. They can help you identify a starter feed to fit your forage availability, labor resources, feed type preference, feeding facilities and cattle genetics.

Your nutritionist can also help develop a budget, set realistic expectations for your program and help sort through different market scenarios and potential return on investment.



**KYLE GREIMAN, FEED SALES/CUSTOMER SERVICE**

# Agriculture Across Borders



Gold-Eagle had the unique opportunity this summer to share about our business and the cooperative model with a visiting group from Brazil. In return, representatives from the Brazilian agriculture company, 3Trentos, shared insights into their operations. The day was filled with valuable conversations, questions, and learning as everyone gained a deeper understanding of how agriculture impacts different parts of the world.

# Consider Basis Contracts at Harvest

With harvest right around the corner, many growers remain more undersold than in past years. Markets have been under steady pressure for much of the year, driven by USDA's reports of higher acreage and continued activity from managed money funds adding to their short positions.

Recently, that trend has started to shift. Managed money has trimmed back a portion of its shorts and December corn futures responded by climbing about 20 cents. If funds continue reducing their shorts, especially with yield uncertainty and southern rust affecting some fields, the market could be positioned for more support.

## Why Look at a Basis Contract?

One marketing tool to consider this fall is a **basis contract**.

Here's how it works:

- You deliver your grain at harvest.
- You lock in the local basis against either the nearby futures month or a deferred contract.
- You remain "long" futures, meaning you can still capture futures rallies until you decide to set your price.

## Key Advantages

- **Moisture/Shrink Savings:** Corn on a basis contract is shrunk only to 15%, compared to 14% for storage, putting more bushels on your check.

- **Cash Flow Friendly:** You receive about 70% of the cash value up front, with the balance paid once you set your futures price. In today's high-interest rate environment, that early cash flow helps reduce the cost of money.
- **Market Flexibility:** You stay in the market bushel-for-bushel, with the chance to benefit from futures rallies after harvest.



**BRYAN MARTIN,**  
COMMODITIES RISK  
MANAGER

## Things to Keep in Mind

- **Spread Risk:** If you use a deferred futures month, you lock in today's spread. That provides certainty, but removes flexibility if spreads later move in your favor.
- **Market Exposure:** Staying long futures means you remain exposed to downside risk as well as upside potential.

## Bottom Line

A basis contract isn't meant for all your bushels, but it can be a useful tool for part of your crop. Enrolling 25–50% of your harvest bushels is a reasonable starting point for growers looking for cash flow at harvest while still leaving the door open for futures market rallies.

# 8th Annual Member Appreciation Golf Outing

The annual Member Appreciation Golf Outing at Spring Valley continues to be one of the highlights of the summer. Sponsored by Bayer, the day provides a fantastic opportunity to give back to our members while enjoying a fun day on the course. We want to extend a heartfelt thank you to all the members who participated and Bayer's support in making this day possible. Between the great golf, camaraderie, and shared conversation, it's a perfect occasion to connect and enjoy the beautiful Spring Valley Golf Course.



Boone Morgan addresses the group ahead of the outing, recapping the summer months and looking ahead to what harvest might bring.



The winners of the 8th annual Spring Valley Golf Outing were L to R: Peyton Vote, Alex Nelson, Dillon Fevold, and Andy Nelson.

# Staying Focused on Steady Progress

As we move into fall, our feed division has been working steadily to strengthen our position and prepare for growth opportunities. A big part of this has been developing a capital plan. By securing portions of the assets we need, we'll be in a stronger position to welcome more business and support long-term commitments with customers.

Feed production this year has been slightly down compared to last year. While there are always questions about disease pressure or changes in herd sizes, much of what we're seeing has more to do with customer purchasing decisions and supply relationships. Location remains a critical factor. At the end of the day, we can provide great service and quality feed, but if the logistics don't align with our customers' barns and schedules, those decisions are often made elsewhere.

That said, we continue to have strong discussions with key partners

about longer-term commitments. These conversations aren't always straightforward, but we're working toward clear agreements that allow both sides to plan ahead with confidence.

On the compliance and food safety front, we're continuing the work we highlighted in our last newsletter, including updating our spill prevention plan. That means a significant investment of time and resources to bring documentation up to today's standards and to implement new testing and reporting processes. It's not glamorous work, but it's essential, and we're committed to meeting those requirements.

Looking more broadly at Iowa's feed industry, hog and poultry producers continue to navigate higher feed costs and margin pressures. Corn and soybean meal remain the backbone of rations, but with tighter margins, many producers are paying closer

attention to feed conversion efficiency and cost per pound of gain. For poultry growers, especially layers, balancing calcium levels while controlling feed expense has been top of mind. These industry dynamics remind us that every investment we make in equipment, compliance, and customer service has a direct connection to helping producers succeed in a challenging environment.

As we head toward harvest, we're focused on putting the right pieces in place, equipment, compliance, and customer commitments, to ensure our feed division remains a trusted and competitive partner for Iowa's livestock industry.



**JEFF CLARK, FEED  
DIVISION MANAGER**

## The More You Know: Early-Planted Soybeans and SDS

Planting soybeans earlier has become more common in Iowa, and with good reason. Early planting often results in more nodes, more pods, and higher yields. But it also comes with an added risk: Sudden Death Syndrome (SDS).

This year, SDS appeared in many early-planted fields. Thankfully, it showed up later in the season, so yield impacts should be minimal. Still, the connection between early planting and SDS pressure was clear.

**Why it matters:** SDS infects soybean roots early in cool, wet soils, even though symptoms don't appear until later in the season. Once established, the disease can reduce yield potential, especially when paired with soybean cyst nematode (SCN).

### What to Do Now

Since SDS arrived late this season, most farmers won't see major yield losses. The focus this fall should be on monitoring affected fields and noting where SDS showed up. That information will be valuable when planning for 2026 seed purchases and crop rotations.

### Good to Know for the Future

Farmers who want to keep planting beans early should adjust management practices to reduce SDS risk:

- **Choose resistant varieties.** Seed companies provide SDS tolerance scores (poor → excellent). Early-planted acres should only use varieties with good-to-excellent ratings.
- **Manage SCN populations.** High SCN levels amplify SDS impact. Use resistant varieties and rotate crops to reduce nematode pressure.
- **Watch drainage and compaction.** Poorly drained or compacted soils increase SDS risk. Addressing these issues can lessen infection levels.
- **Keep fields clean.** Early-planted beans also need stronger weed control since they face a longer growing window and more competition.
- **Treat your soybeans** with a premium seed treatment and an SDS preventing product like Saltro from Syngenta.

Pairing early planting with the right genetics and management can still maximize yields while keeping SDS in check.



**BOONE MORGAN,  
AGRONOMY DIVISION  
MANAGER**

# GOLD-EAGLE COOPERATIVE

## 2025 FALL HARVEST POLICIES

### Receiving for market

Gold-Eagle Cooperative will receive and store grain on a first-come, first-served basis. Normal hours of operation during harvest will be 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Actual hours may vary according to harvest pressure, weather, demand and availability of storage, and these will be posted on a daily basis at each location.

The first grain received will apply to any open sales contracts. All corn and soybeans delivered at harvest may be placed on warehouse receipt as long as storage space is available.

At time of delivery, please notify the scale operator of any applicable splits on ownership, etc., to help avoid errors in record keeping and/or settlements.

### Special notice - 10 days grace period

Grain delivered at harvest will be classified into three categories: 1) The first grain delivered will be applied to contracts; 2) Grain allowed for sale, without storage charges as long as it is sold within 10 days of first load delivered; 3) Beyond the 10-day limit, grain will be considered "stored" with the average delivery date to apply to deposit date.

While space is available, grain will be dried and shrunk to meet stored grain requirements. A warehouse receipt will be issued and appropriate storage charges applied.

After storage space has been filled, signs will be posted at all locations and grain will only be accepted for sale or price later contract.

### REGULAR STORAGE RATES - WAREHOUSE RECEIPT

15 cents for 60 days  
MINIMUM STORAGE  
REQUIREMENT

August - March  
0.226 cent/bushel/day

April - July  
0.113 cent/bushel/day

### Regular storage billing

Storage will be billed to customer by Gold-Eagle on a yearly basis on:

**September 30**

### Moisture requirements

Corn Maximum = 25% Soybean Maximum = 15%  
Corn or soybeans in excess of these maximum requirements are subject to rejection.

Position	Corn	Soybeans
Immediate Sale	15%	13%
Price Later	15%	13%
Contract	15%	13%
Basis Contract	15%	13%
Warehouse Receipt	14%	13%
Grain Bank	14%	N/A

### Special note on grain bank

Any bushels subsequently sold to the market out of grain bank will be assessed regular storage rates. After one year, regular storage rates will be assessed and billed on a yearly basis. Grain bank can't be transferred to other ownership. Grain bank can only be used in feed rations or as processed grain.

### Moisture averaging

To be averaged, grain must be delivered during the same time period and placed on same settlement sheet at the same location.

**Corn:** All corn moistures will be averaged. Corn will be shrunk to the moisture requirements shown above, and dried according to the drying requirements shown elsewhere.

**Soybeans:** Gold-Eagle Cooperative will average all soybeans 13.5% moisture and below. Soybeans 13.6% moisture and above will be averaged. Soybeans over 15% moisture are subject to rejection or discount on merit.

### Corn for drying

Gold-Eagle Cooperative will charge 4.5 cents per bushel for each 1% of moisture, or fraction thereof, which is removed.

(Example: Corn for warehouse receipt, which is delivered at 16% moisture. Corn will be dried to 14% moisture. 2% of moisture removed times 4.5 cents drying charge will result in drying charge of 9 cents per bushel.)

### Shrink

Moisture Shrink = 1.18%; Handling Shrink = 0.27%;  
Total Shrink = 1.45% per 1% of moisture removed

### Discounts

The discounts for heat and moisture damage, insects, mold, test weight and others, which are in effect from the grain trade at the time of settlement, will be applied.

### Soybean moisture discount

The schedule is 3% shrink discount calculated by the 1/10% of moisture for soybeans between 13.1% and 13.5% moisture. (Example: For 100 bushels of soybeans at 13.5% moisture, a customer will be paid for 98.5 bushels of soybeans with no cash discount.)

Soybeans that average 13.6% moisture and above will receive a shrink discount of 4% calculated by the 1/10% of moisture.

## Price later contracts - corn and soybeans

(Remember: Price later grain is not eligible for seal.)

### Pricing Policy - Price Later

- Price later contracts can be priced any time Gold-Eagle Cooperative is open for business and bidding for grain.
- Price later contracts to be priced for cash price only — no forward contracting.
- Contracts will carry an expiration date of August 31, 2026 and must be priced by the close of business that date or it will be automatically priced on August 31, 2026.

### THERE IS NO OPTION TO ROLL OVER

Contracts will be priced at our regular posted bid, less service charge, which applies as described below.

### NOTE: ALL GRAIN CONTRACTS MUST BE SIGNED

All grain contracts, including deferred and price later, **must be signed by the customer in a timely manner**, with a copy of the signed contract to be on file in our office to be considered a valid contract.

Signing contracts is **the responsibility of the customer**. If any contract has not been signed by the customer, it is not valid. Grain involved in unsigned contracts will be placed into storage, with appropriate drying, shrink and storage rates applied.

### Service Charge - Price Later

20 cents/bushel to January 2, 2026.

3 cents/month January 3, 2026 to August 31, 2026.

### Moisture - Price Later

Contracts will be made for dry bushels with normal drying/shrink charges as listed elsewhere to apply.

*Maximum moisture allowable is 15% for corn and 13% for soybeans.*

## Deferred payment contracts

Gold-Eagle will issue deferred payment contracts to those who request them for grain sold before December 24, 2025 to have payment-specified contract date in 2026.

## Grain bank rates

Grain bank charges are 3 cents/bushel to feed customers of Gold-Eagle Cooperative for one year and are only for producer-delivered corn. Grain bank is not available for soybeans.

### NO IDENTIFICATION TRANSFERS ARE ALLOWED

Any individual/entity that delivers corn to grain bank must be the same individual/entity using grain bank corn in their feed. No exceptions are allowed.

After one year, regular storage will be assessed and billed quarterly. Any grain bank bushels which go out of the elevator in "unprocessed" form will be subject to "regular storage" rates plus an in/out charge of 21 cents per bushel.

The "unprocessed policy" is a Department of Agriculture requirement for Gold-Eagle to maintain its grain license. We will not jeopardize the company's grain license.

## ALL POLICIES SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE

Any changes which are made will be posted in each office.

# Conservation Practices That Pay Off

When most people hear the word “conservation,” cost savings aren’t usually the first thing that comes to mind. Concerns about yield loss, added expenses, or extra management are common and understandable in today’s farm economy. But in-field conservation practices like cover crops, no-till, and strip-till can deliver measurable benefits to both your soil and your bottom line.

## Cover Crops and Nitrogen Management

Cereal rye, one of the most common cover crops in Iowa, is particularly effective at holding nitrogen applied in the fall. Research from Iowa State University shows that rye typically scavenges 40–50 pounds of nitrogen per acre. As the crop breaks down, that nitrogen is released back into the soil during the growing season, right when corn needs it most. At current anhydrous prices, that’s a potential \$20–\$25 per acre savings, in addition to reducing nitrate leaching into water supplies.

## Building Organic Matter

Iowa soils have lost 40% to 60% of their original organic matter since prairie ground was first tilled. Conservation practices can help reverse that trend. Increasing organic matter unlocks nutrients already in the soil, improves water-holding capacity, and reduces compaction and erosion. Just a 1% increase in soil organic matter allows the soil to hold around 20,000 more gallons of water per acre, about

three-quarters of an inch of rain. That moisture retention can translate into an estimated 8-bushel increase in corn yield, worth roughly \$32 per acre.

## Weed Suppression

Cover crops also play a role in weed management. Rye planted ahead of soybeans releases natural compounds that suppress the growth of small-seeded weeds like waterhemp. This early-season suppression can reduce the need for herbicides on the first pass and may help avoid costly rescue treatments later in the season.

## Long-Term Payoff

In-field conservation practices aren’t just about protecting resources, they’re about building more resilient and profitable acres. By improving nutrient retention, increasing organic matter, enhancing water management, and reducing weed pressure, practices like cover crops, no-till, and strip-till can provide both short-term savings and long-term productivity gains. For farmers facing tighter margins and unpredictable conditions, these tools can be a smart way to reduce costs, protect yields, and set up your soils for the future.



# Iowa Corn International Tour

A group representing the US Grains Council came to learn about AGP, Gold-Eagle Coop, and CORN, LP as part of a tour hosted by Iowa Corn this summer. The group was comprised of feed mill executives from New Zealand, Vietnam, Cambodia, Philippines, Indonesia, and Thailand. They got to hear about the cooperative structure and where products are made and shipped as well as receive a tour of the ethanol plant.



## Land O'Lakes Leaning Into Leadership Tour

Young professionals involved in Land O'Lakes "Leaning into Leadership" program toured Gold-Eagle's Clarion North site, the Hardy fertilizer shed, and learned more about Gold-Eagle and CORN, LP in presentations given at the corporate office. We're grateful for the additional meeting space that came with our corporate office renovation. The new space has allowed us to host groups like this, creating opportunities to share ideas, strengthen partnerships, and showcase the cooperative.



## Lessons from This Season, Plans for the Next

As we enter the heart of harvest, we want to wish everyone a safe and successful season. This summer brought challenges we didn't anticipate. Southern rust appeared much earlier and spread farther north than usual; it's likely the largest outbreak we've ever seen in our area. While southern states deal with this disease regularly, it's not something that typically reaches us at such an intensity.



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

Fortunately, southern rust does not overwinter here, so it is not expected to become an annual problem. Its presence depends on the "perfect storm" of southern winds, humidity, and temperature, conditions we happened to experience this year. While fungicide applications didn't completely stop the disease, they bought valuable time and helped limit the impact on yields. Early reports from treated versus untreated acres are showing up to a 40-bushel difference. As more combines roll, we'll gain a clearer picture of how stalk quality, test weights, and yields were affected.

Looking ahead, input pricing is always top of mind. Nutrient prices remain frustratingly out of line with current commodity markets. On a positive note, seed prices are holding steady and early order programs are offering better discounts than in past years. Taking advantage of these early incentives is one of the best ways to save on 2025 seed costs. In addition, we have several competitive financing options available through John Deere Financial, Rabo Input Financing, Secure by Winfield, TruChoice, and CFA. Early order programs and the best financing rates typically wrap up by October 14, though financing options will continue into next summer at less favorable terms.

As a cooperative with more than 100 years of history, we've weathered plenty of highs and lows. Through it all, our focus remains the same: to provide dependable service, trusted advice, and ongoing support for your farming operation. Our sales team has been actively attending product update meetings and is ready to help you plan for the season ahead.

# Board & Management Bus Tour

Gold-Eagle's board of directors and managers recently completed the annual location tour. This is always a great opportunity for location managers to showcase their facilities and highlight their employees' work. The directors enjoy hearing about successes at each location as well as new ideas for improvement. This year, we visited a few locations in person, but most of the time was spent at the corporate office, where managers could more easily share updates and answer questions.



# Grid Sampling and Post-Harvest Support

As harvest approaches, it's a good time to think about grid sampling and yield data management; two important steps in maximizing your fertility plan and capturing valuable insights from the season.

## When to Sample

We recommend having fields grid sampled right after planting in the spring. This helps take the "waiting game" out of the equation, ensures the soil is level for pulling good cores, and usually provides adequate moisture for quality samples. Spring sampling also gives you plenty of time to build your fertilizer plan well ahead of fall application. Once you get into this cycle, you'll find how convenient it is to have sampling completed early.

If you still need sampling done this fall, reach out to your local salesperson to get on the schedule as soon as possible. We offer 1, 2.5, and 4.4-acre grids, with the majority of customers choosing 2.5-acre segments. Our recommendation is to grid your fields every fourth year, sampling a quarter of your acres annually. This spreads out both the expense and the workload while keeping fertility recommendations up to date. It also helps you build grid sampling into your fertility plan rather than treating it as an "add-on."

## Post-Harvest Assistance

Yield data is one of the most valuable layers of information you can collect for your operation, and we're here to help you make the most of it. If you're using a cloud-based account like John Deere Operations Center or Climate FieldView, we

can link directly with your system for seamless data transfer. If not, we'll provide a thumb drive and help export data directly from your monitor.

Gold-Eagle will process your data, clean out errors like headland passes or miscalibrated strips, and deliver accurate, actionable results. Calibration is key; by using scale tickets, we can fine-tune your results for each load or field. We provide this service free of charge and you'll receive a PDF mapbook via email. Printed mapbooks are also available for a small fee.

We take data privacy seriously. Your field information stays with you and nothing is shared without your permission.

## Gold-Eagle Precision Ag Team

- Bruce Burns, Precision Ag Manager
- Teresa Burns, Precision Ag Assistant
- Adam Thompson, Precision Ag Tech & Dry Plant Operator

Have a safe harvest, and thank you for your continued business.



The Gold-Eagle Coop team and equipment were out on the streets this summer, taking part in local parades across the area. Being involved in these celebrations is one way we show our support for the communities we're proud to serve.



Bison Days Parade. Ben Baggenstoss and Jason Gruis with their respective children



Bancroft parade.



Chandler & Jason at the Winnebago County Fair parade.



## GOLD-EAGLE COOPERATIVE

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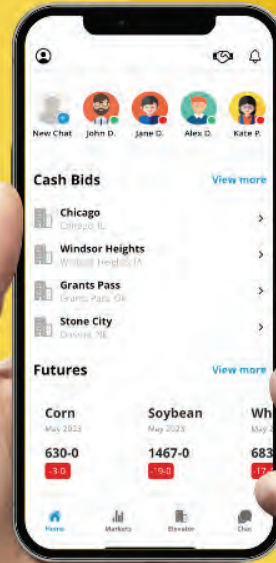
A couple of 4-H exhibitors at the Kossuth County Fair pleased with their new GEC buckets.

## 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](mailto: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!

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