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Working Together for Our Members and Our Communities

As we continue to move forward as a cooperative, I want to thank our members for their engagement, trust, and continued support of Gold-Eagle. The strength of our organization is built on open communication, shared priorities, and a commitment to serving agriculture and rural communities across our territory.

I would like to begin by thanking everyone who took the time to attend our annual meeting. These meetings provide an important opportunity to connect directly with our membership, share updates, and have meaningful conversations about the cooperative and the future of agriculture in our region. I also want to thank those members who were willing to step forward and run for the board. Serving in a governance role requires dedication and a willingness to represent fellow members, and we appreciate everyone who put their name forward.

This year's annual meeting also marked transitions on our board. Tracy Studer concluded his service after reaching the end of his term, and Jim Moore stepped down following his retirement from farming. I want to sincerely thank both Tracy and Jim for their leadership and commitment to Gold-Eagle. Each brought valuable perspective to the boardroom and played an important role in guiding the cooperative through years of growth, change, and challenge. We are grateful for the time, insight, and steady leadership they provided

on behalf of our members.

Looking ahead, the upcoming legislative session will be an important one for Iowa agriculture. Recently, the Iowa House moved legislation out of subcommittee that would effectively halt the proposed carbon pipeline project. This project has significant implications for corn demand, expanded market opportunities, and the long-term competitiveness of Iowa agriculture. As this issue moves forward, it is critical that farmers and agricultural stakeholders engage in the process and share their perspectives. Decisions made during this legislative session will have lasting impacts, and member involvement will be essential in ensuring those impacts are fully understood.

Gold-Eagle remains committed to advocating for policies and projects that support agriculture, strengthen markets, and create opportunity for our members. Thank you for your continued partnership and involvement in the cooperative. I appreciate the opportunity to serve you and look forward to working together as we navigate the challenges and opportunities ahead.



**CHRIS BOSHART, CEO/
GENERAL MANAGER**



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Strengthening Feed Operations for the Future

The feed department continues to build momentum as we move into the year ahead, supported by continued investment in our physical assets and long-term capabilities. Over the coming year, the team will be working through a series of planned improvements designed to strengthen reliability, efficiency, and capacity at both the Galt and Eagle Grove feed mills.

Work will begin early in the year with the installation of a new mixer at the Galt mill during January, February, and March. Once that phase is complete, the team will reassess progress in April before moving into another major milestone in May, when a new pellet mill and cooler will be installed at the Eagle Grove facility. These improvements are aimed at enhancing feed consistency, throughput, and overall service reliability, allowing us to better support livestock producers across north central Iowa.

Looking more broadly at the feed business across north central Iowa, livestock producers continue to operate in an environment where efficiency and reliability matter more than ever. Whether it's swine, poultry, or mixed operations, consistency in feed quality and dependable service remain top priorities as producers manage costs and plan for the long term. These realities reinforce why the improvements being made today are important. Updates to mixers, pellet mills, and cooling systems directly impact feed consistency, production flow, and service dependability, all of which play a role in helping our customers operate efficiently and with confidence.

Behind the scenes, the feed department is also navigating workforce transitions, including upcoming retirements and the ongoing effort to ensure labor is aligned to support both production and delivery. While this work doesn't always draw attention, it is essential to maintaining safe operations and dependable service for the customers who rely on us every day.

Together, these efforts reflect a long-term commitment to our members, our employees, and the livestock producers we serve. The year ahead will be busy, but it's an exciting time for the feed department as we continue strengthening our operations and positioning Gold-Eagle to support producers well into the future.



**JEFF CLARK, FEED
DIVISION MANAGER**

Gold-Eagle Coop's Scholarship Applications Open

Gold-Eagle would like to announce that scholarships are again available for high school seniors pursuing higher education next year. There will be four \$500 scholarships available to students attending high school in Faribault (MN), Hancock, Humboldt, Kossuth, Winnebago, and Wright Counties. For more information, please visit www.goldeaglecoop.com and click on the link located on the home page.

Using Data to Guide 2026 Fertility Decisions

The 2025 crop year began with a great deal of optimism, and in some areas, that promise carried through to harvest. Across much of our territory, however, the season presented its share of challenges. Extended periods of heavy rainfall in July led to drown-out issues in certain fields and created conditions that allowed southern rust to significantly impact corn yields. Later in the season, hail events in late August caused severe damage in parts of our area, and in some cases the effects were devastating. Together, these factors made 2025 a reminder of how quickly growing conditions can change.

As we reflect on the year and look ahead to 2026, many conversations this fall centered around managing input costs. With yields coming in lower than recent years for some growers, it's understandable that fertilizer rates and overall fertility programs are being closely evaluated. However, when we step back and look at longer-term trends, an important pattern emerges. Since phosphorus, potassium, and micronutrient prices increased sharply beginning in 2020 and 2021, fertility levels in many fields have gradually declined. In many cases, yields have remained relatively strong, but that success can mask the reality that nutrient removal is outpacing replacement. Over time, this imbalance increases the risk of yield loss driven by nutrient deficiencies rather than weather alone.

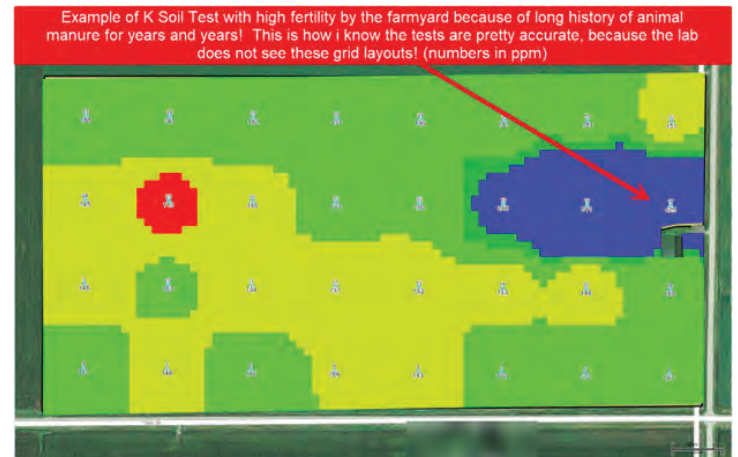
This is where soil sampling and data-driven fertility planning become especially valuable. Grid sampling, particularly on a 2.5-acre grid, provides a clear picture of what is happening beneath the surface and helps identify variability that often goes unnoticed. Fields that consistently underperform, or those that leave growers questioning why yields vary within the same field, are often the best candidates to start with. Soil pH, along with phosphorus and potassium levels, frequently tells a story that explains both strong- and weak-performing areas.

Spring sampling, completed shortly after planting, allows ample time to review results and develop a thoughtful

fertility plan for the following fall. This approach supports targeted nutrient placement through variable rate application, ensuring fertilizer and lime are applied where they are truly needed across the field. While variable rate spreading is already used on a portion of Gold-Eagle acres, there remains significant opportunity to expand this practice and further refine fertility programs field by field.

As planning for the 2026 crop year begins, our agronomy team is ready to help evaluate options and identify opportunities to strengthen soil fertility without unnecessary expense. Reaching out early allows time to schedule sampling, review results, and build a plan that supports both productivity and long-term soil health.

Thank you for your continued trust and partnership. We look forward to working together toward a successful 2026 growing season.



Renewable Fuels Leadership

Chris Boshart recently wrapped up his service as 2025 President of the Iowa Renewable Fuels Association Board of Directors. Throughout the year, Chris helped represent Iowa's ethanol industry during an important period of policy discussions, market challenges, and opportunities for growth.

At the conclusion of his term, Chris was formally thanked by Monte Shaw for his leadership and commitment to advancing renewable fuels in Iowa. CORN, LP continues to be an active member of IRFA, reinforcing its long-standing support for the ethanol industry and for policies that strengthen corn demand and benefit Iowa farmers.



Building Smarter Chemical Recommendations

As agronomy planning continues to evolve, one area that has seen meaningful change in recent years is how we think about chemical recommendations. Historically, much of the focus has been placed on fertility planning and the importance of having a sound, field-specific fertilizer recommendation. That approach has served growers well, especially as variable rate technology has allowed nutrients to be placed where they are needed most. Today, a similar shift is happening on the crop protection side.

With advancements in application technology and a growing range of product options, chemical programs are becoming more tailored and intentional. Tools like See & Spray technology, now available on multiple sprayers across our territory, allow product to be applied only where it's needed rather than across every acre uniformly. While this technology is often used later in the season to clean up end rows or problem areas, the concept mirrors what many growers already understand from variable rate fertility. It's about precision, efficiency, and targeting inputs where they provide the most value.

At the same time, the way chemical recommendations are built has changed. In the past, many programs were driven by a limited set of

premises, often resulting in similar products being applied across large acreages regardless of field-level differences. Today, we're seeing more flexibility through what we refer to as "bolt-on" products. These allow growers to enhance an existing program by adding specific active ingredients where pressure is higher, whether that's waterhemp, grasses, giant ragweed, or other problem weeds. Rather than relying on a one-size-fits-all approach, programs can now be adjusted field by field based on known challenges.

This shift also helps strike an important balance between cost and performance. While everyone is mindful of input expenses, the real frustration comes when dollars are spent and results fall short. By tailoring chemical programs and incorporating targeted bolt-on products where needed, growers can achieve stronger weed control and better overall performance without unnecessary application across acres that don't require it. In some cases, this approach helps control costs. In others, it may involve a modest additional investment that delivers significantly better results.

As options have increased, some producers have shared that building a chemical program feels more complex than it once did. That's where the

experience of the Gold-Eagle agronomy team plays an important role. With low turnover and an average tenure of more than 16 years, our sales team brings a deep understanding of active ingredients, weed pressure, and local field conditions. While there may not be a wave of brand-new chemistries entering the market, knowing how existing actives work and how to combine them effectively makes all the difference in developing sound recommendations.

The key takeaway is that chemical recommendations today look much more like fertility planning than they did in the past. Rather than simply choosing a product, the focus is on building a program, identifying where enhancements are needed, and applying the right tools to the right acres. This approach gives growers more options, stronger weed control, and greater confidence in their crop protection strategy as they head into the season ahead.



BOONE MORGAN,
AGRONOMY SALES
MANAGER



Photo courtesy of Emma Bailey,
Thompson location manager.

Crack an Egg to Understand Weaned Pig Feed Intake

Don't let stomach size limit feed intake and profit potential.

Getting newly-weaned pigs to eat several times per day is a first step toward successful finishing. Crack an egg, and you'll understand why. A 21-day-old pig's stomach is approximately 2 ounces, or about the size of a large chicken egg. But, only about half (1 ounce) is available for feed intake at any given time. The remaining ounce is reserved for water intake and air. To make the most of every feeding, provide feed with high-quality ingredients and implement management practices that encourage repeat trips to the feeder. Try these strategies to get the most out of your feed investment, 1ounce at a time:

1. Hydration is Key

Feed intake is highly correlated to water intake. It can take as long as 36 hours for 85% of newly-weaned pigs to find water. Products such as Gel and Electrolytes can help keep pigs hydrated and performing well in the first week post-weaning and other times of stress. Gel and Electrolytes provide sodium, chloride, magnesium, vitamins and pH acidifiers. These nutrients help balance the gut and keep pigs drinking and eating.

2. Mat train to create consistent eaters.

Mat training is ideal for nursery pigs because they naturally eat ingroups. Placing feed on mats initiates activity, which can lead to increased feed intake. Mat training also allows you to identify poor eaters early so you can respond and prevent

potential challenges as the pigs grow and develop. Mat feed pigs 4-6 times per day during the first 3-7 days post-weaning for best results. Provide 0.4 square feet of mat per pig, and sprinkle 1 pound of feed or feed supplement per 40 pigs at each feeding

3. Choose smart feed-intake technology.

Before weaning, the smell of the sow drove the young pig to seek food, and compounds in sow's milk triggered the urge to continue eating. This internal drive, triggered by the senses, is called imprinting, and you can use it to encourage repeat feeding in the nursery. The right ingredients combined with intake-enhancing technology can drive feeding behavior in newly-weaned pigs, even though they are unfamiliar with the feed. On average, pig feed intake 3-4 days after weaning is too low to meet the pig's needs.¹ Intestinal development can suffer as a result, leaving pigs vulnerable to health challenges and opening the door for poor feed efficiency. Additional stressors during this crucial time can increase the energy needs of the piglets and further compound the issue from reduced feed intake. Talk to Kyle to set your pigs up for strong performance. Newly weaned pigs are limited to an eggshell-sized scoop of feed at a time. Giving them feed with high quality, complex ingredients that bring them back to the feeder can help them to thrive through the finishing phase.



This fall's tailgate raffles brought together members, employees, and community partners to support local food pantries. Through three events across our territory, \$19,000 was raised for food pantries in four counties, pushing total donations and matching funds from this initiative past \$100,000 since it began. Thank you to everyone who continues to support these events!

Employee Milestone Recognition

At Gold-Eagle, our people are at the heart of everything we do. From the field to the office, collaboration, flexibility, and a strong sense of belonging continue to define our workplace. That culture doesn't happen by accident. It's built by employees who choose to invest their time, energy, and careers here, year after year.

That commitment was celebrated again this year through our Employee Milestone Recognition efforts. This recognition grew out of employee feedback and reflects how much we value tenure and the experience that long-serving employees bring to our

cooperative. Throughout the year, employees were recognized on their work anniversaries, and those reaching milestone years were honored together during a Milestone Anniversary celebration held at the corporate office.

The celebration provided an opportunity to pause, reflect, and say thank you to employees who have reached significant career milestones with Gold-Eagle and CORN, LP. These milestones represented years of dedication across many roles and departments, and each employee was recognized for the impact they've had on our organization and our members.

From five-year milestones to decades of service, the range of experience in the room was a powerful reminder of the strength and stability of our team.

Recognizing employee tenure is about more than marking a date on the calendar. It's about honoring the relationships, institutional knowledge, and shared history that help make Gold-Eagle and CORN, LP great places to work. We're proud of the employees who have chosen to build their careers here, and we look forward to continuing this tradition as a way to show our appreciation in the years ahead.



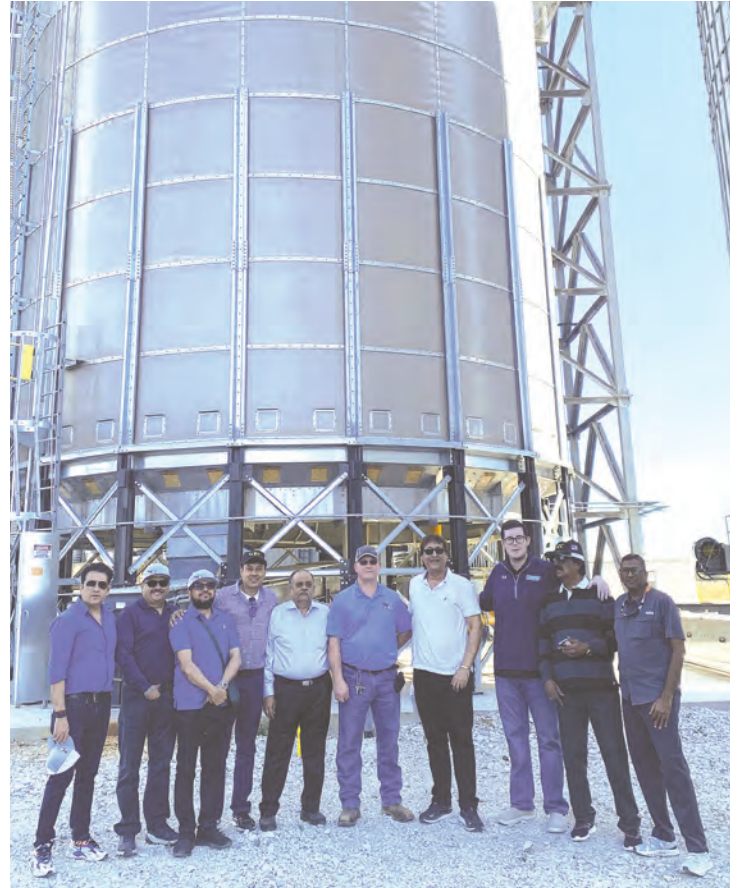
Connecting Local Grain to Global Markets

Gold-Eagle had the privilege of hosting a group of international industry representatives at our Eagle Grove feed mill and Clarion North grain facility, including potential buyers of DDGS from India. This visit provided an excellent opportunity to share how U.S. grain and co-products are produced, handled, and utilized in feed supply chains and to discuss how expanded markets can benefit producers here at home.

India represents one of the world's largest emerging markets for feed ingredients, with a rapidly growing livestock sector and increasing interest in high-quality protein and feedstuffs. Representatives from Indian livestock and feed industries have highlighted ongoing challenges in sourcing reliable DDGS supplies and they have expressed genuine interest in building stronger partnerships with U.S. suppliers. This aligns with broader efforts by Iowa leadership to deepen agricultural trade relationships with India, including trade missions led by Governor Kim Reynolds and state economic and agriculture representatives to explore investment and export opportunities.

During the facility visits, guests had the chance to see firsthand how DDGS and other co-products are managed and integrated into feed production. They also engaged with our team on topics ranging from feed quality and consistency to logistics and supply chain considerations. These discussions highlighted not only the technical strengths of U.S. feed ingredients, but also the importance of collaboration and communication between producers, processors, and international partners.

Visits like this underscore the connection between local grain and feed production and global demand. As markets evolve and international interest in U.S. products continues to grow, maintaining strong infrastructure, production standards, and member relationships will be key to expanding opportunities for our producers. We appreciate the chance to host these visitors and look forward to continuing conversations that support new market development and long-term demand for U.S. grain and co-products.



Agronomy Infrastructure Improvements Underway

Several agronomy facility and infrastructure projects are taking shape across the territory, and they represent meaningful improvements to storage, logistics, and service for our members. One of the most significant is the new UAN, ATS, and chemical facility in Thompson. This site will include a new one-million-gallon 32 percent UAN tank, additional ATS storage, and expanded chemical availability. Construction is progressing well, with completion targeted for mid-February. Once finished, the facility will be ready to receive product and support spring 2026 application needs. This addition strengthens our ability to serve growers in the area with improved access and efficiency during the busy spring season.

Work is also moving forward on the new seed and chemical facility in Kanawha. With the older structures removed and final design details coming together, progress on the new building has become much more visible. This project addresses a long-standing need for additional storage and improved workflow at the location, something that has been discussed for several years as business in the area has continued to grow. The new facility will be centrally located and better suited to support current and future agronomy demand. The goal is to be fully operational by late summer.

In addition to facilities, continued improvements are being made to our rolling stock across the territory. Investments in sprayers, spreaders, tendering equipment, and support units

remain focused on speed to the field and reducing wait times for our members. These upgrades play an important role in keeping application work moving efficiently during tight weather windows and peak seasons.

Together, these projects reflect an ongoing commitment to strengthening agronomy operations, improving service reliability, and positioning Gold-Eagle to meet member needs well into the future.



BOONE MORGAN,
AGRONOMY SALES
MANAGER



Stewardship as a Cooperative Commitment

At Gold-Eagle, responsible nutrient stewardship and water quality protection are not reactions to headlines. They are core commitments that guide how we operate every day. As part of a broader group of Iowa cooperatives, Gold-Eagle follows the Agricultural Clean Water Alliance Code of Practice, a set of standards developed collaboratively by cooperatives to promote sound nutrient management and protect Iowa's water resources.

This Code of Practice reflects shared expectations across the cooperative system for how nutrients are recommended, applied, and managed. It reinforces the importance of stewardship principles such as proper rate, timing, placement, and ongoing evaluation of nutrient programs. More importantly, it recognizes that good decisions are built on education, agronomic expertise, and an understanding of how weather, soils, and cropping systems interact.

Gold-Eagle takes this responsibility seriously. Our agronomy teams are committed to providing recommendations that balance crop productivity with long-term soil and water

health. That includes encouraging informed nutrient decisions, supporting conservation practices where they make sense, and continuing to adapt as conditions and technologies evolve. Stewardship is not a one-size-fits-all approach, and we believe the best outcomes come from informed, field-specific planning.

As planning begins for the 2026 crop year, Gold-Eagle remains focused on helping members make educated nutrient decisions that support both their operations and the resources we all depend on. Practices outlined in the Code of Practice are not just guidelines, but actions we strive to uphold through our recommendations, conversations, and day-to-day work with producers.

Caring for water quality is a shared responsibility, and we are proud to be part of a cooperative system that leads by example. Gold-Eagle will continue to work alongside our members to strengthen stewardship efforts and ensure agriculture remains both productive and sustainable for generations to come.

Low Carbon Ethanol Update

In December, Gold-Eagle hosted a low-carbon ethanol discussion for Wright County farmers focused on how evolving fuel markets and carbon-reduction initiatives intersect with corn demand and long-term market opportunities. Representatives from Summit Carbon Solutions and CORN, LP joined Gold-Eagle to share perspectives and answer questions about the role ethanol plays in a changing energy landscape.

The conversation centered on how low-carbon ethanol initiatives can help keep Iowa ethanol competitive, protect and expand corn usage, and position producers for future demand. Attendees had the opportunity to ask questions and discuss what these developments could mean at the farm level, including how market access, infrastructure, and policy decisions influence corn markets beyond the current crop year.

Farmers also heard directly from Joe Griffin, the new CEO of Summit Carbon Solutions, who shared an update on the current state of the project and the company's efforts to reengage with landowners. His remarks focused on listening, rebuilding trust, and improving communication as Summit continues conversations across Iowa. Attendees appreciated the opportunity to hear directly from leadership and to ask questions in an open forum.

We appreciated the participation and thoughtful discussion from Wright County producers. Conversations like these are important as agriculture navigates change and evaluates opportunities that impact both local communities and the broader grain economy.



Based on the engagement at this meeting, Gold-Eagle hopes to offer similar informational sessions in other parts of our territory in the coming months. Our goal is to continue creating opportunities for members to stay informed, ask questions, and engage directly on topics that affect the future of corn and ethanol markets.

Cramer Harvest



Photo from Jacob Schermer



Cramer Harvest



Photo from Nolan Vaske



Grain Markets

Grain markets for both corn and soybeans continue to feel the weight of supply following the most recent WASDE report, which reinforced what the trade has been grappling with for much of the marketing year: abundance. Ending stocks for both crops remain historically comfortable, driven by strong yields, limited production issues, and demand that, while steady, has not been sufficient to materially tighten balance sheets. As a result, futures markets remain defensive, with rallies proving difficult to sustain absent an external shock.

In corn, the combination of large domestic supplies and competitive export competition has capped upside potential. Ethanol demand remains stable but mature, offering little incremental growth, while feed demand has not accelerated enough to absorb excess inventory. Export sales continue, but global buyers have multiple origins to choose from, limiting U.S. pricing power. The WASDE effectively confirmed that there is no immediate supply-side urgency, reinforcing a carry structure and encouraging storage where economics allow.

Soybeans face a similar narrative, though with slightly different dynamics. Crushing demand remains a bright spot,

supported by domestic processing capacity and renewable diesel feedstock demand. However, that strength has been offset by ample global supplies, particularly from South America, which continue to pressure export margins. The report underscored that even strong crush alone is unlikely to meaningfully tighten stocks in the near term.

For producers, the takeaway is not panic, but realism. Large supplies tend to compress volatility and reward patience, discipline, and margin management rather than aggressive price chasing. Incremental sales on rallies, attention to basis opportunities, and an honest evaluation of storage economics are critical in this environment. Until supply shows signs of tightening or demand accelerates materially, grain markets are likely to remain range-bound and headline-driven rather than trend-driven.



BRYAN MARTIN,
COMMODITIES RISK
MANAGER



Photo courtesy of Gary Fisher. These soybeans, planted in mid-April in 15-inch rows, were described by Gary as the best he has ever harvested.

Keep Your Dirt to Yourself: How Cover Crops Protect Iowa's Soil and Water

Iowa's fertile soils are one of the state's greatest natural assets, but without protective groundcover they are highly susceptible to wind and water erosion. During fallow periods, especially late fall, winter, and early spring, bare fields can lose topsoil to wind and water, turning the landscape brown or even black when soil blows onto snow. This lost soil carries valuable nutrients like nitrogen (N) and phosphorus (P) away from fields and into waterways, degrading water quality downstream.

One of the most effective tools farmers have to protect these soils and nutrients is the use of cover crops; plants grown between cash crops to cover and protect the soil.

When soil is left bare after harvest, wind can pick up the topsoil, which we all know is the most fertile layer, and deposit it elsewhere, including onto snow during winter.

In Iowa, it's estimated that the state loses about 5.1 tons of soil per acre each year due to erosion where conservation practices are not fully implemented.

Each ton of soil lost not only represents lost fertility but also nutrients. One study from SARE estimated that each ton of eroded soil contains approximately 2.32 pounds of nitrogen and 1 pound of phosphorus, nutrients that benefit crops if retained in the field.

Cover crops, such as cereal rye, oats, radishes, clovers, and other grasses or legumes, are planted after harvest and grow through fall, into winter (if winter hardiness allows), and resume growth in spring. Their benefits include:

Reducing Wind and Water Erosion

- The living roots and foliage of cover crops hold soil in place, reducing erosion by wind and water.
- Research shows cover crops can reduce soil loss by as much as 31–100% relative to bare soil, depending on species and height of cover.
- On average, cover crops can reduce sediment losses by about 20.8 tons per acre in conventional till systems.

Water Quality and Nutrient Retention Benefits

- Soil particles often carry phosphorus with them when they are washed into waterways meaning soil loss becomes water quality loss. Likewise, nitrate-nitrogen can leach out of fields and travel through tile drainage or groundwater to streams.

Reducing Nitrogen Loss

- Cover crops take up residual soil nitrogen after harvest and hold it in plant tissue rather than letting it leach into water.
- A review found cover crops can reduce nitrogen losses by a median of 48%.
- In Iowa surveys, research shows cover crops can reduce nitrogen losses by around 30–60% depending on management and species.

Reducing Phosphorus Loss

- By protecting soil from erosion, cover crops also help keep phosphorus bound to those soil particles in fields rather than transporting it to rivers and lakes.
- Phosphorus reductions of around 15–92% have been observed in studies, with typical Iowa estimates in the 30% range.

Beyond erosion and nutrient protection, cover crops also:

- Increase soil organic matter, improving soil structure and water infiltration which reduces runoff.

- Support soil biology and long-term fertility.
- Help farmers move toward longer-term sustainable production systems that tie soil health with water quality goals.



**MATT SWANSON,
CONSERVATION
AGRONOMIST**

Iowa farmers have been steadily increasing the use of cover crops as part of the statewide Iowa Nutrient Reduction Strategy:

- Cover crop acreage in Iowa has more than doubled in recent years, rising from 1.6 million acres in 2017 to nearly 3.8 million acres in 2023, roughly 17% of Iowa's corn and soybean acres.

Conclusion: Keep Your Dirt to Yourself

Wind and water don't discriminate, they will move soil wherever it's exposed. With cover crops, farmers can keep their soil in place, protect nutrients where they belong, and reduce the burden of sediment and nutrient pollution on Iowa's waterways. From reduced soil loss (measured in multiple tons per acre) to lower nitrogen and phosphorus runoff, cover crops are a practical, science-backed solution for soil, water, and climate resilience.





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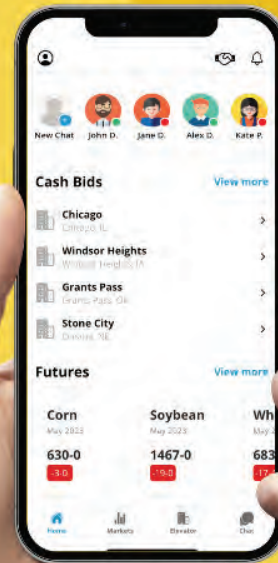


Newsletter Photos

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!

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