

Fall 2019

Newsletter



Grain Bin

To increase our drying and storage capacity, we built a Sukup grain bin at our main drying location. The grain bin holds 133,000 bushels. It has a a side draw unloading function to more easily load trucks. With this addition, we will be able to load without the use of augers in the cold temperatures of winter.

New Chapter

After 42 years of operation, the sow unit on Floyd Line Street was demolished this summer. Mark has owned and operated this since 2001. By the end of fall 2019, there will be a new 2,500 head swine finishing facility up and running at that site. The building will be owned by Rogers Investment Group III.



Farm Focus

This year has surely been a roller coaster ride for the ag industry. It seems the only constant has been the feeling of humility brought on by government policies, markets, weather, and trade wars. Through it all, we continue to adapt and face the challenges with optimism.

As the crops mature in the fields, it appears that the stellar summer weather may have compensated for the less than optimal planting season. From good rains just in the nick of time, to cool weather during and after pollination, the crops are looking strong and healthy.

We are excited as always to see what the harvest brings.

We would like to thank all our partners that work alongside us and help our operation thrive, including family members, landlords, seed and chemical companies, professional service providers, equipment dealers and co-ops. We could not do this job without you. We are truly grateful for your support!

We wish you all health and happiness through this harvest season.

-Mark & Kimberly

"Agriculture....is our wisest pursuit,

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Half a Century of Progress

We purchaed two tractors this year, a 1967 Allis-Chalmers 190 and a 2019 CAT Challenger 743. After we lost our auger tractor this spring when the block heater started on fire, we considered many options to replace it. The

most reasonable, costconscious option was a 1967 Allis-Chalmers. Mark's grandfather, Frank Rogers, had the same model tractor many years ago. Frank named that tractor "Fred" after the farmer he purchased it from. So in honor of our history, we named this tractor Fred too. We also traded our planter tractor in for a new CAT Challenger. This new tractor will improve our planting speed in the spring



Legacy

Drew and Laurie Rogers celebrated 41 years of marriage this year while spending time with their two foreign-exchange daugthers and families in Germany. For Drew and Laurie, there is no better way to spend their time than with their

Family Tradition

At the first signs of fall, Mark looks at Kimberly with an excited, expectant look. And this look is not about the upcoming harvest. It is about chili!

Kimberly's Chili (from her mom)

2 cans tomato soup
2 cans tomato sauce
2 cans chili or kidney beans
2lbs. ground beef, cooked
2 Tbsp. sugar
2 tsp. chili powder
Dash of onion powder, salt &
pepper
Combine all. Add water to reach
desired thickness. Serve with chips
or crackers.

We hope you enjoy this warm dish!



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