



MAILBAG

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Got discounts? We do!

TA Seeds-Until November 18th, we are in the 12% cash discount period for 2014 seed needs purchases from TA Seeds. This applies to all corn, alfalfa, soybeans, small grains and grass seeds. TA Seeds Nutri-Dense corn is exciting because it packs lots of high quality nutrition into the plant, which means increased feed efficiency for your cows and a better IOFC for your checkbook.

King's AgriSeeds-King's is offering a 7% cash discount for 2014 seed needs purchases. In addition to King's great variety of grasses and forage blends, consider Master's Choice corn for your silage needs. The floury kernels found in select Master's Choice varieties allow for faster, more complete digestion and higher starch availability. This is great for your milking herd!

When you have questions concerning your 2014 seed needs, or when you are ready to place your order, please call Alan at Mill Hill 832-3458.

Cold Weather Supplies

Yep, it has already happened a few times, and we're sure it will again. The nights will be cold and the hose or the stock tank will freeze. But this year, you can make it easier to deal with the cold weather. Stop by Mill Hill and choose from our selection of pipe heating cable, stock tank deicers and heated buckets. We even have a heated stand for metal poultry waterers!

We also have cold weather gear for you! Stop by and check out our selection of gloves and boots. Muck boots are designed to keep you warm and dry. Try a pair on!!

Manure Gas Safety

As the crops are coming off the field and manure is being spread, it is important to remember about the dangers of manure gas. As the crust on the lagoon or pit is broken, gases that were trapped are released into the air, and can be deadly if inhaled. While this tends to happen more where gypsum based bedding is used, manure gas occurs in all types of storage locations.

There are always lots of things to think about on the farm, but the safety of you, your family and your employees should always be number one!!

Treating Respiratory Disease

This is the prime time of year for respiratory issues in animals. The temperature swings make runny noses and coughing an issue that we need to deal with. Mill Hill can help! We stock 4G Terramycin, 4G Aureomycin, and 2G Aureomycin S-700. If you have questions about feeding rates and length of treatment, please call Sarrah at Mill Hill 832-3458.

Mill Hill will be closed

So that you may plan ahead for your feed needs, please be aware that Mill Hill will be closed on Thursday, November 28th in observance of Thanksgiving Day. We are thankful for each one of you who work long days and even longer weeks to make your farms successful. Thank you for supporting Mill Hill!

We will also be closed on Monday, December 2nd for the observance of the first day of rifle season. Good luck to all hunters!

Hunting Licenses

Have you gotten your hunting license for this year yet? If not, stop by our Clover Creek location. Bring your old hunting license or driver's license, social security number, and hunter's safety card.

Rodent Control

Rodents are trying to move into your buildings as the days get shorter and the air gets colder. Help control them with products from Mill Hill such as traps, bait pellets, and bait chunks. The new packaging includes a bait station, and you can choose from disposable or refillable!

Dairy Recipe

Thanksgiving, a time to give thanks for the harvest, is right around the corner. As we give thanks for the food on our plates, remember the farmers who provided that bountiful meal for us. Farmers work hard to provide food for us and for their cows who give us the delicious and all-nutritional food-MILK. Remember to have your 3-Every-Day-of-Dairy and the farmers will thank you. I hope you enjoy the following recipe for your Holiday entertaining.

Thanksgiving Cheese Ball

8 ounce package CREAM CHEESE,
softened

½ cup canned pumpkin

8 ounce can crushed pineapple, well drained

2 cups shredded SHARP CHEDDAR
CHEESE

2 ½ ounce package dried beef, finely
chopped

1 tablespoon finely chopped onion
Celery leaves

Crackers and/or raw vegetables

In a mixing bowl, beat CREAM CHEESE, pumpkin and pineapple. Stir in CHEDDAR CHEESE, beef and onion. Shape into a ball; place on a serving platter. Score sides with a knife to resemble a pumpkin and add celery leaves for a stem. Serve with crackers and/or vegetables. Yield 3 cups.

From Alltech

Alltech invites you to our Milk Quality Workshop in Martinsburg, PA!

With fall in full swing, many dairies are finding relief in sight as temperatures begin to cool down. A common concern during the summer months may have been decreased milk production and milk quality; however during the fall months production and quality begins to improve. It is during the cooler months that producers should strive to make improvements to prevent downfalls in the future.

To learn how to avoid these road blocks plan to attend Alltech's Milk Quality Workshop. Workshops are scheduled for Nov. 6 at the Park at Morrisons Cove in Martinsburg, PA from 11am-2pm and Nov. 7 at Shady Maple in Lancaster, PA from 11am-2pm. Topics include bottlenecks in the parlor, enhancing milk quality through nutrition and mastitis treatment decisions. To reserve a seat, please call [717-393-9545](tel:717-393-9545) or email ssmith@alltech.com.