



## MAILBAG

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### Notes from Jim

The chemical marketplace has moved to allocating more of its production. In order to ensure that the products you need to protect your crops are available when you need them, it is important to order them early. We are seeing more and more examples of products that cannot be ordered in season. Please don't get caught in the scenario of not having what you need. Call Denny or Jim or Daren Brubaker today. Don't know which item or how much of it you will need? We can help you determine the correct product and appropriate use rates for your operation. This year there are more record keeping requirements for restricted use pesticides (RUP). The important information that you need to know is that when you want to pick up or have RUP delivered, we need the person who is the certified applicator to be present, and provide your pesticide license number and photo id. You may have someone else pick up or receive the product for you, but you must send a signed and dated letter with that person stating that they are allowed to pick up or receive the RUP on your behalf. This person must also show photo id.

### It looks like Spring at Mill Hill!

While it may not *feel* like it outside, spring has definitely come *inside* the Mill Hill stores. Wheelbarrows, spreaders, dog kennels, lime, fertilizer, grass seed, vegetable seeds, potatoes, onions as well as weed and pest control products are here! And our first sale flyer of the season has prices that are in effect until April 15<sup>th</sup>. Stop by and experience spring for yourself!!



### Clarify

As soon as the weather gets just a bit warm, we will see the fly populations skyrocket. That's why it's important to start feeding Clarify now. It works best if you start feeding it before the fly season is in full swing. We currently stock calf starter with Clarify, and after April 20<sup>th</sup>, we will have milk replacer with Clarify. Please call Sarrah if you have more questions about this exciting feed additive!



### Dairy Recipe

With spring arriving, we expect many changes: weather, budding flowers, and new life. For me it brings the end of a reign. But don't worry – I will be back again for another year. I am excited to begin a new year. With everything changing around you, don't forget to eat 3 servings of dairy every day of milk, cheese and yogurt to maintain strong muscles for your active lifestyle. I hope you enjoy this cheesy dish! From Katherine Orceck, 2012-2013 Alternate Dairy Princess.

#### **CREAM CHEESE FUDGE COOKIES**

1 package chocolate fudge cake mix

2 eggs

1/3 cup oil

1-8 ounce package cream cheese

1 cup chocolate chips

1/3 cup sugar



Mix cake mix, one egg and oil to crumbly mixture. Pat all but one cup of cake mixture into the bottom of a 9 x 13 pan. Bake 15 minutes at 350 degrees. While that is baking, mix cream cheese, one egg, and sugar to light, fluffy stage. Mix in chocolate chips. Spread cream cheese mixture over baked bottom portion, top with one cup of remaining cake mixture. Bake for 15 minutes. Cool before cutting.

### Soil Testing

Should apply lime or fertilizer to your yard or garden? The best way to know for sure is to have a soil test done. We have the PSU kits available for sale. It's easy! Take 10-15 samples, let them dry out, mix them together, and send it away. In a week or so, you'll know exactly what you need to add to your soil, if anything!

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