



GENERAL MANAGER'S MESSAGE



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As we move into July, it feels good to finally have another spring season behind us. Spring is always one of the busiest and most demanding times of the year for our Co-op, and once again our staff rose to the challenge.

I would like to extend a sincere thank you to all Midwest Co-op employees for their hard work and dedication throughout the season. We ask a great deal of our team during peak periods such as spring planting, and year after year they continue to deliver outstanding service to our members. Their commitment, long hours, and willingness to go the

extra mile are greatly appreciated.

At the end of June, we also saw the closure of our Mildmay Retail Store. Decisions like this are never easy and always come with a heavy heart. The Mildmay location has been part of the community for many years, and we are grateful to the staff, customers, and members who supported it throughout that time. While the store has closed, our neighbouring retail locations and delivery services remain ready to serve Mildmay-area members and customers with all of their retail needs.

Looking ahead, planning and budgeting for fiscal 2027 are already underway. Your Co-op continues to focus on maintaining our existing assets while also investing strategically in facilities, equipment, and services where needed to ensure we remain strong and competitive for the future.

With summer now here, many of our employees are beginning to take some well-deserved vacation time after another busy season. We hope all of our members, customers, and staff have the opportunity to enjoy some time with family and friends over the coming months.

On behalf of the Board of Directors and the entire Midwest Co-op team, thank you for allowing us to work through our 82nd spring with you. We truly appreciate your continued support and look forward to serving you throughout the summer and beyond. Have a safe and enjoyable summer!

Allan

JOIN OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- Advocate for agri-business rural development.
- Develop your skills in communication, leadership, and decision making.

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INVEST IN MIDWEST

Support local. Grow together. When you invest in Midwest Co-op, you're helping us reinvest in the people, projects, initiatives, and communities we all call home. We're proud to live and work alongside you, building stronger local roots and a brighter future.

What are the current rates?

You could earn:

- **3.75% per annum for 1 year**
- **4.75% per annum for 3 years**
- **5.50% per annum for 5 years**

UPDATED 3
YEAR RATE

How do I make an investment? For questions or to make an investment, please contact our Controller:

- Jess - jbatte@midwestcoop.ca

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Save the date for Midwest Co-ops annual meeting.
Wednesday November 25th at the Mildmay Arena.

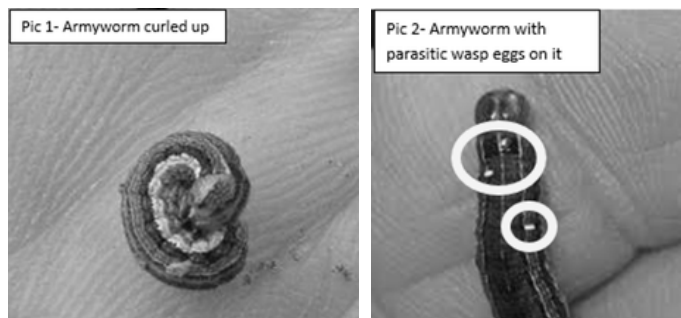
AGRONOMY UPDATE - HARRISTON

Armyworm—Scout your Spring Cereals and Grassy Hay Field!

Last summer armyworm hit spring cereal and grass hay fields in big way, and there once again have been reports of higher moth and egg mass counts again. This could lead to seeing this pest in local spring cereal and hay fields. Fortunately for our winter cereal crops, by July they're far enough along, that armyworm tend not to feed on them. They damage the plant by eating the leaf, and in severe cases, they can cut the heads off the crop. They feed at night, so the best time to scout is at dusk and dawn. According to OMAF, here are the scouting tips:

- Walk entire field, specifically looking at 10 different areas
- Count the larve per square foot in each of those areas
- Threshold is 4-5 larve per square foot that are less than 1" (2.5cm) in length

There are some natural controls against armyworm. These include predatory wasps that lay their eggs on the armyworm (see picture), and a fungus that infects them. If you have questions on Armyworm or are concerned that your fields are close to threshold, please contact your MCS Crop Specialist.



Fungicide on Soybeans and Corn

The corn and soybeans are off to a great start, and many growers are considering a fungicide application on each of these crops. For **corn**, industry's long term research indicates a 7-15bu/ac yield advantage with applying a VT (tassel) fungicide. This yield response is higher yet if Tar Spot disease shows up early. In addition to an increased yield, the fungicide also helps with:

- Vomitoxin (DON) reduction in your grain and silage sample
- Late season standability for grain corn
- Stay green and a longer harvest window for silage corn

For **soybeans**, the number one reason to apply a fungicide is to control white mold disease. This application needs to happen preventatively (before the disease starts). If there is no history of white mold in the field apply one application when the field is at R2 (full flower and can find 2mm sized pods at base of plant). If the field has history of white mold apply two applications—first application at R1 (start of flower) and 2nd application 10-14 days later. If you have any questions about fungicide on corn or soybeans, or you would like to book your acres, please contact your MCS Crop Specialist.

Forage Fertility

It is important that you are maintaining your base fertility levels in your hay fields. For an alfalfa based hay crop, a tonne/ac of alfalfa will remove 15lbs of P, 60lbs of K and 5lbs of S. Alfalfa also requires Boron, and we suggest adding 0.5-1lbs/ac to your alfalfa broadcast to prevent a deficiency. For grassy hay crops, it is important to add extra N to the fertilizer blend. This will help push the grass re-growth, since the crop is not able to fix its own nitrogen like alfalfa. If you have any questions on what blend you should be applying to your hay crop, contact your MCS Crop Specialist.

Soil Sampling—Book your Fields Now!

Contact your MCS Crop Specialist to book in your farms for soil sampling. Taking samples after your cereal crops are off is often the best time to do it. It is advised to take soil samples from your fields every 3-5 years.

ENERGY UPDATE



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Spring is quickly turning into summer—bringing warmer weather, crops in the ground, kids out of school, and vacation plans underway. As you head out on your summer travels, don't forget that Midwest is part of a fuel cardlock network, giving you access to over 70 locations across Ontario.

This means you can fuel up anytime—day or night—and conveniently invoice purchases directly to your Midwest account. If you're still using an older card from one of our legacy companies, now is a great time to reach out to our team for an update. Worn cards are a common cause of issues, and we're happy to help get you up and running smoothly again.

A quick reminder for our premium gas customers: advance notice is required for delivery, as premium fuel is not regularly stocked on our trucks. To help us serve you best, please place your order during the last week of the month so we can schedule delivery for the **first week of the following month**. Planning ahead ensures timely service and helps avoid delays.

We're excited to introduce our **12-month Fixed Price Propane program**, running from **September 1 to August 31**.

This program allows you to lock in a set number of litres for the contract period—helping protect you from price fluctuations throughout the year. For those new to propane, our team uses a 3-year average to recommend the right volume for your needs, and you'll be receiving a letter soon with all the details.

If you've participated in the program before, please note that changes to the start date and contract length mean new agreements will be required this year.

We're Here to Help! If anything caught your interest or you have questions about your services, we'd love to hear from you. Please contact our team at 1-888-337-3835 or email energy@midwestcoop.ca.

RETAIL SPOTLIGHT - DURHAM



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Stop by our convenient Durham location for all your seasonal and farm supply needs in one place. Heading to the cottage? Enjoy fast, efficient propane fill-ups for 20 lb, 30 lb, and 100 lb tanks, as well as RVs. Expired tank? No problem—we've got new ones available.

Our garden centre is fully stocked all summer long, with fresh perennials and flowering shrubs still arriving, plus a complete selection of mulches, soils, decorative stone, and pavers. Keep your pool in top shape with our bulk chlorine and essential pool chemicals for the entire season.

We also offer a great selection of Husqvarna power equipment, including riding lawn mowers, zero-turn mowers, trimmers, and chainsaws.

It's not too late to order day-old chicks, with final pickups scheduled through July, August, and September. Limited quantities of ready-to-lay (20-week-old) chickens are also available.

As always, we carry a full range of home and farm supplies—agri-chemicals, twine, bale, and net-wrap products for all your forage harvesting needs.

Can't make it in? Take advantage of our convenient Thursday delivery service!



WELCOME NEW TEAM MEMBERS

We would like to welcome the following to our team:

- Murray Fischer – Driver – Harriston
- Kaydence Netterfield – Retail & Garden Associate – Belgrave
- Wyatt Uderstadt – Retail & Warehouse Associate – Durham
- Kayleigh Long – Retail & Garden Associate – Belgrave
- Keegan Sitt – Energy Yard Technician - Harriston
- Mike Tosh – Energy Driver – Harriston

Welcome Back

- Madeleine Tarlin-Wells – Energy CSR - Walkerton

NEW PRODUCT ALERT - TEESWATER

The Teeswater Store recently welcomed the community to its open house, and the event was a tremendous success. With a fantastic turnout, the team served over 200 burgers and enjoyed connecting with customers, neighbors, and partners throughout the day.

Behind the scenes, the team has been hard at work refreshing the store as part of the new Agrizone branding. The updated look is already bringing a fresh and inviting feel to the space, making shopping an even better experience.

One of the most exciting additions is the new frozen food section. The store now features ten fully stocked freezers offering a wide variety of options, including vegetables, fruits, meats, and popular pub-style foods—providing even more convenience for customers.

The store has also introduced a SICO paint section, expanding its product offerings and giving customers access to high-quality paint solutions right on site.

In addition, several improvements have been made throughout the store, including updates to the entrance leading into the garden centre, enhancing accessibility and overall flow.

Be sure to stop by, explore the new additions, and see all the exciting changes for yourself!



ITEM OF THE MONTH



KODIAK SAFETY WORK BOOT
ON SALE FOR \$89.99
REGULAR \$219.99

GET IT DELIVERED

Contact your local store at least 2 days before to set up delivery.

- Orders under \$400 will have a \$25 fee on scheduled delivery days.
- Regular delivery costs \$20 per metric ton or skid (minimum \$60 charge).
- Hand unloads will cost an extra \$20 per metric ton or skid charge.

TUESDAY | Mount Forest, Belgrave, Chesley, Teeswater

WEDNESDAY | Owen Sound, Wiarton, Harriston, Mount Forest, Mildmay

THURSDAY | Mount Forest, Durham

FRIDAY | Hanover, Dundalk, Markdale

**Note: Please contact nearby locations for deliveries in Owen Sound and Dundalk areas.*

TUB PROMOTION

SMARTLIC
SUPPLEMENTS

\$12.00 OFF 250LB
\$8.00 OFF 125 LB
\$6.00 OFF 60LB

CONTACT LIVESTOCK SPECIALIST
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519-323-7728

LIMITED QUANTITIES AVAILABLE





EXPLORE YOUR FUTURE

**OPPORTUNITIES AWAIT
IN OUR CAREER CENTRE**



Belgrave
519-357-2711

Dundalk
519-923-2014

Durham
519-369-2415

Hanover
519-364-4777

Harriston
519-338-2331

Markdale
519-986-2031

Mount Forest
519-323-1271

Teeswater
519-392-0090

Walkerton
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