

Our Vision

Building a consumer focused, farmer-owned agri-business with innovative people committed to excellence in a global marketplace.

Our Mission

To be a progressive, diversified agri-co-operative providing the benefits of ownership.

Our Motto

Proud to be farmer-owned.

12/09

Holiday Greetings

from Hensall District Co-operative

During this holiday season, we would like to extend our sincere thanks for your valued business and wish you continued prosperity in the New Year.

Headline on corn results

We are still gathering results from Headline trials conducted this summer. Results to date have shown there is a yield response to Headline. Some hybrids/field environments have been variable.

Plot #1 + 1.64 bu/ac
Plot #2 + 10.32 bu/ac
Plot #3 + 9.7 bu/ac
Plot #4 + 4.6 bu/ac
Plot #5 - 9 bu/ac
Plot #6 + 0.3 bu/ac
Plot #7 + 1.3 bu/ac
Plot #8 + 3.7 bu/ac

Generally we have not seen moisture differences that would indicate Headline increased the moisture content at harvest.

Stayed tuned for more exciting results from BASF.

HDC Seed Programs

Both Food-grade Soybean and Dry Bean Programs have been announced and HDC is pleased to offer the following seed programs:

FOOD-GRADE SOYBEAN SEED (HDC produced only; NK varieties follow NK programming)

- **5% Early Order** - orders placed prior to December 30, 2009
- **5% Early Payment Discount** - seed paid for prior to January 8, 2010
- **Volume Discount** - \$0.50/22.7 kg unit at 200 units; \$1.00/22.7 kg unit at +400 units (will be applied on HDC account June 30, 2010)

DRY BEAN SEED

- **5% Early Payment Discount** - Seed paid for prior to January 8, 2010

DIRECTORS' REPORT

HDC'S Annual General Meeting was held at the South Huron Recreation Centre in Exeter on November 25th, 2009 with approximately 180 members in attendance.

There were two new Directors elected and one incumbent was re-elected. Steve Jansen of RR 2 Seaforth and Keith Strang of RR 3 Exeter were the newly-elected Directors and Ross McIntosh was re-elected to his third 3-year term on the Board of Directors.

At the regular Board of Directors' meeting on November 26th, Gerhard Eilers was re-elected President and Rob Cornelis was re-elected Vice-President.

Winner of HDC's Ammonium Sulphate Plot Challenge

Congratulations to Bill Pincombe (Pincombe Farms of Exeter) – the winner of a 32" flat screen television.

Special thanks to the 11 customers that participated in the wheat plots this spring.

On average we saw yield gains from 0 - 3 bu/ac. We plan on repeating our efforts again in spring 2010 so stay tuned.



DRY BEAN CONTRACTS NOW AVAILABLE

- Limited contracted production available at \$34.00 to \$46.00 per cwt.
 - Discounts available for prepaid white and coloured bean seed until January 8, 2010.
- Order today – variety selection is limited.

GROWER PESTICIDE SAFETY COURSE

*Forest Fairgrounds, January 28, 2010
Contact 519-786-5424 to register.*

2010 NK Brand Seeds Program Highlights

Revised from November Newsletter - correction to programming

NK Brand Seeds products have had another great year in the field. Following are the 2010 programs that apply to your NK Brand Seeds' purchases.

- NK soybean seed continues to dominate the soybean market. Strong IP demand remains . . . stay tuned for HDC's IP contracts . . . premiums to be determined in the upcoming month(s).
- Introduction of 4 new NK[®] Brand Genuity[™] Roundup Ready 2 Yield[™] varieties.
- NK's Agrisure 3000GT hybrids allow you to optimize corn rootworm and corn bore protection and provide the broad herbicide-tolerant options you expect with glyphosate and LibertyLink performance.

NK Grower Early Corn and Soybean Order Program

- Growers that sign an order with HDC by *December 22, 2009* receive an additional 7% off HDC retail price for their NK corn and NK soybean order(s).
- Growers that sign an order with HDC by *January 15, 2010* receive an additional 4% off HDC retail price for their NK corn and NK soybean order(s).

Early Payment Discounts

<i>Payment by</i>	<i>% Credit</i>
January 8, 2010	6%
March 31, 2010	3%

HDC/NK Early Take Program

For those growers that have the capacity to store their soybean seed, HDC is proud to offer the following discounts:

LIMITED CONTRACTS AVAILABLE
Premiums up to \$4.75/bu

- Soybeans stored on-farm will receive a storage premium of \$0.40/bushel over HDC board basis.
- Discounts available for prepaid seed until January 8, 2010. Call today for available varieties.

- \$1.50/unit discount for product taken home in the November-December time frame
- \$1.00/unit discount for product taken home by the end of January 2010

NOTE: There are no returns permitted on seed that is taken home. It is your responsibility to store product properly and securely.

NEW! Combined Grower's Edge and Grower Volume Discount

Corn Units						
500+	11	11	11.25	12	12.75	14
400-499	9.5	9.5	9.5	10.25	11	12.25
250-399	8	8	9.5	9	9.75	11.25
100-249	6.5	6.5	6.5	7.5	8.5	10
50-99	5	5	5	5	6	7
20-49	3	3	3	3	4.25	5.75
10-19	3	3	3	3	4	5.5
0-9	3	3	3	3	3.75	5
Soybean Units						
0-49	49-149	150-299	300-499	500-799	800+	

- NK Grower's Edge Reward was established to reward loyal NK corn and soybean customers and to encourage those currently using NK soybean products to introduce NK Brand corn seed to their farm
- Program will be reconciled at end of season and discount applied to your HDC account

What should you be thinking about while harvesting and planning your order?

- IP soybean premiums will be available from HDC on applicable varieties
- CruiserMaxx should be included as a foundation to your soybean planting decision
- NK corn has been a consistent performer again in 2009
- Many exceptional NK Roundup Ready varieties available
- Match your corn hybrids to your crop rotation and soil types
- Select hybrids by maturity - 20:60:20 (early-average-late)
- Think about your herbicide options for next season and select safe herbicides for susceptible hybrids



<i>Hensall</i>	<i>Seaforth</i>	<i>Londesboro</i>	<i>Exeter</i>	<i>Ailsa Craig</i>	<i>Parkhill</i>	<i>Forest</i>	<i>London</i>	<i>Ripley</i>
519-262-3002	519-522-1000	519-523-4470	519-235-1150	519-293-3272	519-294-6252	519-786-5424	519-453-4026	519-395-5955
1-800-265-5190			1-800-265-9000	519-232-4449				1-800-497-8816

PAPER CONTAINS 50% RECYCLED FIBRE & 10% POST-CONSUMER WASTE





Trust Cruiser Maxx[®] Beans to ensure healthy crops

Don't ignore last fall's pests

If you saw any of these insects last season, chances are they are still living in your soil.



Soybeans

Seedcorn Maggot – Maggots feed on organic residue and germinating seeds. They slow down the emergence of plants and reduce stand establishment.



Bean Leaf Beetle – These insects move into soybean fields after crop emergence. They deposit eggs in the soil, which produce the first generation of bean leaf beetles. A large first generation can mean a higher probability for the transmission of bean pod mottle virus during early stages of plant development, reducing yield potential.



White Grub (European Chafer) – Eggs hatch and larvae begin feeding on roots in late July until the ground freezes.

Soybean Aphid – In the spring, soybean aphids hatch on buckthorn. They then begin rapid asexual reproduction, producing subsequent generations of winged aphids within days. They suck the plant juices resulting in damaged roots, stems, leaves or fruit, causing abnormal growth, wilted or flower drop. They also cause discoloration and spotting.

Wireworm – Using their network of burrows, wireworms tend to feed along crop rows taking out plants as they progress.

Edible beans

Potato Leaf Hopper- Adult females live for a month and lay eggs on the veins and petioles of plant leaves. A new adult generation appears two to three weeks later. Both adults and nymphs feed on edible beans killing the leaves and creating “hopper burn” (yellow pattern on leaf tips).



Seedcorn Maggot – see Soybeans section.



Wireworm – see Soybeans section.

Give your crops the strength to protect themselves

The most effective means of control is a dual-purpose seed treatment – including an insecticide along with the fungicide package.

Cruiser Maxx Beans* moves systemically through the roots, shoots and young seedlings to protect young crops from the inside out.



Not Treated

Improved yield potential due to better plant stands, root systems, uniformity and plant vigour.

Convenient, seed-applied insect and seed- and soil-borne disease protection.

Protects against target pests with reduced risk to beneficial insects.



Treated

Inoculant-friendly.

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