

# SPOONER MILLS

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## News & Notes

March 2024

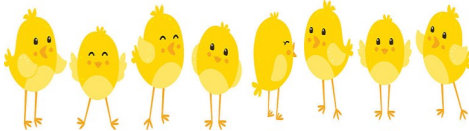


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Taking chick and turkey orders now. Because of high demand, chicks should be ordered 3-4 weeks before desired delivery date.

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## Spooner Mills

### Customer Appreciation and Seed Days

\*\*\*5% cash discount\*\*\*

On prepay for:

- Corn and soybean seeds
- Alfalfa and grass seeds

Prepay to lock in prices on seed, fertilizer, and chemical

Prepay or Book—Seed Oats, Barley, Pea Mixtures

Gilman: Tuesday, March 12<sup>th</sup> from 11a.m. - 2 p.m.

At Celebration Hall

Cadott: Wednesday, March 13<sup>th</sup> from 10a.m.– 2 p.m.

At the Mill

Thorp: Tuesday, March 19<sup>th</sup> from 11a.m-2p.m.

At the CAM building

(W8872 Pine Rd Thorp, two miles east of HWY 73)

Original whole corn and pellet program for steers



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Gilman, WI 54433

#### Spooner Mills of Thorp

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## From the Agronomy Desk...

March is here and planting season is not too far off. As we head for an early Easter, and hopefully an early spring, planning and purchasing should be in our thoughts.

Thoughts like: Where am I going to plant what? Is my equipment ready to go? Have I planned my nutrient applications (fertilizer/manure) for each crop? Do I have the right seed and enough ordered/ bought to get the job done? The month of March is a good time to get these questions answered. We have seed days scheduled. Please stop in and we can help with all of these questions. We will be running specials on seed (5% off.) and taking fertilizer and chemical orders.

For those who have Nutrient Management Plans to update, remember that we need to get them done A.S.A.P. Seed is arriving now. If you have room to store your order let us know. We will deliver it out to you, so all you have to do is take it to the field. We have had more customers order seed in boxes this year to take advantage of our seed carts and make the job of loading the planters easier. Please be mindful during the planting season that other customers may be waiting to use the seed carts.

The winter of 2023/2024 we could call the year of no winter. With that being said as we start to warm up and our hay fields green up we will be able to see what we have for winter kill. The more eyes, the better. Spring soil sampling is a short season and it takes a few days to get the results back, so plan ahead.

With where commodity prices are at, it's looking to be a tight year. Here are a few ideas we may want to implement.

\*Take a Maintenance Year: Consider a 'maintain' strategy instead of a 'build' mode. Using current soil tests and nitrogen modeling, calculate the least amount of fertilizer needed to maintain soil fertility levels for next year rather than building them up.


\*Don't Apply Where It's Not Needed: Take into consideration those areas where soil fertility is already higher, as revealed by soil tests. Can fertilizer applications be trimmed back in those fields without detrimentally affecting yield? By how much? This might not be a fit for all farms.

\*Don't Sacrifice Macros for the Micros: Consider the cost-benefit ratio of micro-fertilizer packages in the overall context of your entire fertilizer bill and soil fertility rates. Micros can take yields over the top but crops still need their primary fertilizer needs taken care of first.

\*In-Season Approach with Nitrogen: This may be a better fit for farms that have access to manure. Rather than apply all your nitrogen at once, consider waiting to top dress and see where price is at that time and if it's worth the added expense.

Your Spooner Mills Agronomy Team,

Tom, Paul, Cory, and Terry



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