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## Beans and corn continue to look very good

As the *Clark County Courier* goes to press on Tuesday afternoon, it has been raining for much of the day to this point. This is a timely rain, without damage and very beneficial to the row crops. Most of the wheat has been combined and both the corn and the soybeans continue to move forward and continue to look very good.

"Everyone's pretty impressed with what's coming so far, the row crops are looking good," noted Josh Wilson of Vienna-Cargill Elevator in Vienna. "We're over half done with the wheat harvest I believe from what I've heard. We haven't seen what we expected to come in, so I'm assuming that a lot of it went straight to the bins."

Wilson reported the protein counts all over the board with some high and some low on the spring wheat crop.

"Where we're sitting right now, everyone's pretty happy," observed Wilson. "We're all looking forward to a good crop this fall."

During July in Clark County records show from July 6 to July 24, only one tenth of an inch of rain fell with dry conditions starting to develop.

The city of Clark had 1.33 inches on July 25, 1.64 on July 27 and 1.01 on August 8 which helped resolve some of the developing dryness issues.

Rainfall totals for this growing season so far in 2015 (city of Clark) have been: April - .90; May - 5.16; June - 3.83 and July 3.66 and in August (1-10), 1.35.

In comparison, totals in 2014 were: April - 2.27; May - 3.38; June - 3.59; July - 1.04 and August (1-10) - .25.

John Guest, Jr. at the Henry branch of the Watertown Co-op Elevator estimates that about 75% of the spring wheat crop is in.

If I had to guess, I'd say we're averaging in the 60-75 bushel per acre range and the protein count average is 13.5," reported Guest.

The oats harvest is wrapped up with 95% completion it was estimated. Guest continued that very good yields came in with nice, heavy oats weighing about 38-42 lbs. per bushel. Good yields showed 100 plus bushels per acre with the oats.

"There was a pocket southeast of Clark along U.S. Highway 25 that seemed to miss some of the rains this growing season, but everyone else is looking pretty good," continued Guest. "Row crops for the most part look good to excellent. Aphids seem to be a big thing now in the beans,



According to Karla Hernandez, South Dakota State University Extension forage field specialist, Watertown, the "hay crop is looking pretty good with some pretty healthy stands." She said some producers will even get a third cutting of alfalfa this year.

Above, this straw bales photo was taken south of Clark.

producers are starting to spray for that. One should be checking their fields as they're popping up right now. Aphids multiply fast. In the right conditions, they can double their numbers every couple of days."

Jeff Olson, manager of the Clark County Farmers Elevator, stated that he's seeing good quality across the board regarding the wheat harvests.

"The winter wheat wrapped up over two weeks ago," said Olson. "It was good quality, nice wheat with yields in the 50-70 range on average.

"We're about 90% complete with the spring wheat harvest I'd guess. Yields have been good there with 60-85 bushel per acre and everything's coming in dry and in good shape. Levels have been really low also with

vomotoxin in the wheat, this year. That's good! We struggled with that in both winter and spring wheat last year," ended Olson.

David Karki, South Dakota State University agronomy specialist added, "Winter wheat this season had a poor stand as we had such little snow cover all winter long. Also a warm thaw, melting and refreezing caused some ice injury and some producers replanted something else in the spring."

### Corn

Agronomy specialist Karki reports most of the corn in the area looking really good. "The moisture we received unfortunately came with some high winds and hail that damaged some crops in the Bradley area and around Clark. The moisture was very welcome for producers at the end of July."

### Soybeans

"With the dry soil that the beans were planted in this spring, no one thought the results would be as good as they are. The beans look really good," stated Karki. "We may get some 70s out of this year's soybean crop and overall, the state average could be in the 50s (bushels per acre). Hopefully harvest time won't become obstructed this year in the timing so we can bring in a good harvest."

### Hay

According to Karla Hernandez, SDSU Extension forage field specialist out of Watertown, a majority are working on their third cutting of alfalfa.

"The crop is looking good with some pretty healthy stands," said Hernandez. "We also have less insect infestation than in previous years. The ditch hay is also looking pretty good this year I've heard from area producers."

Hernandez added that they are testing a new variety of alfalfa, out of Wisconsin, in some test plots in the Brookings area. This Low Lignin Alfalfa in appearance has more leaves, a dense canopy with higher concentrations of leaves in the lower part of the canopy. It has a 35 day window period to harvest versus the conventional alfalfa which is 28 days to harvest. The newer variety also tends to yield better and have less weed competition.

"We're pretty excited so far with the results we've seen," ended Hernandez. "This is our first year testing this variety of Low Lignin Alfalfa."

## Henry School is now open; Clark and Willow Lake will open early next week

It's back to school time! All three area schools, Clark, Willow Lake and Henry will have begun by the time next week's paper has been published. Sports practices have begun in earnest. Volleyball games and football games will start at the end of August or early September. The Clark-Willow Lake Cyclones have a football game before Labor Day and the volleyball game schedule gets really busy following Labor Day.

As in-services are held, new faculty interviews and photos will occur, and be published next week.

### Clark

Classes will resume at Clark School Monday, August 24, with teacher in-services scheduled for much of this week. Second-year superintendent Luanne Warren has been busy with these inservices and meetings and said it's been a 'whirlwind of activity' but everyone is excited to get the new school year started.

New faculty members for 2015-16 include: Ryan Larsen - second

grade teacher, assistant wrestling coach; Kay Whalen - kindergarten teacher; Nan Bell - social worker/counselor; Desiree Glanzer - kindergarten - second grade teacher at Silver Lake Colony; Betsy Kolden - fourth-eighth grade teacher at Hillcrest Colony.

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### WEATHER

Ryan Eggleston - Official Weather Observer

	HI	LO	PR
Aug. 11.....	79	57	0
Aug. 12.....	83	62	0
Aug. 13.....	81	65	.05
Aug. 14.....	85	64	0
Aug. 15.....	86	69	0
Aug. 16.....	72	56	0
Aug. 17.....	66	53	.06
2015 precipitation to date	15.60"		
2014 precipitation to date	11.83"		
(Tuesday was a rainy day. Look in next week's <i>Courier</i> for moisture results.)			



## Last week was swimming pool weather

▲ This week it is cool...and wet

It seems as if the weather has gone from summer to fall this week. Last week was perfect swimming pool weather and with full swimming pools it was easy to find swimmers.

At Clark, left photo, from left to right are Easton Huber, Ali Kretzschmar, Helen Kretzschmar, Grady Huber, Nevaeh Rusher and Lucas



Johnson. At right, in the Willow Lake pool from left to right are Jadyn Denman and Jacey Denman who were visiting their grandparents Ron and Janet Denman.

## Delmar Foiles has lived all of his 100 years in Clark County

▲ Foiles celebrated his 100th birthday on August 12



Delmar Foiles celebrated his 100th birthday on August 12, 2015. He loved farming and horses before he started a family with Hazel (Logan) Foiles.

"Pop would say" was one of his favorite sayings before quoting his father Oscar over the years - say his daughters Beverly and Arlys.

Delmar Foiles of Clark, formerly of Raymond, turned 100 years old on August 12, 2015. Having a good sense of humor, a love of family, horses, farming and tractors could describe this long-time farmer who spent his lifetime in Clark County.

Foiles currently resides at the Golden LivingCenter along with his wife Hazel, formerly a Logan, also from the Raymond area. The couple will celebrate their 79th wedding anniversary this upcoming October.

The couple came to know each other from school. Also, Hazel's brother stayed at Delmar's grandfather's for a time and their paths would cross when she would bring the car over.

They married on October 10, 1936 in Hazel's parents' home, after which a honeymoon was taken to Doland. They saw a movie together in celebration.

Then it was back to the farm to get to work. Delmar raising Black

Angus cattle and farming and Hazel at his side. They first rented from his uncle and then bought their own farm.

A few years down the road, three work horses and 90 dollars were traded for an F12 International tractor. Delmar always had a love of horses he supposedly inherited from his mother Jenny. "She would assist their hired hands in hitching up the horse teams, so it was done right," noted Foiles in an earlier interview with the *Clark County Courier*.

"When I was little, we had to use our imaginations for play. I would line up pairs of shoes in front of me, pretending they were my horses."

Foiles also liked to kid people that he brought electricity to Raymond as it arrived the same time he did in August of 1915. He recalls electricity on the farm

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## Post office buildings often rent for more than similar commercial buildings

A story by **Dakotafire**  
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By Wendy Royston, Dakotafire Media staff writer

Editor's note: This is the second story in a two-part series.

When it comes to the U.S. Postal Services' cost for renting post office buildings in the Dakotas, price varies as much as population, and the reasons for those rental rates can vary just as much.

Dakotafire Media looked at lease agreement data for 201 eastern South Dakota post offices (ZIP codes 57001-57481) and 87 southeastern North Dakota post offices (ZIP codes 58001-58081 and 58401-58497). There was some correlation between the rental rate and the distance between the ZIP code of the post office and the ZIP code of the property owner: In general, the

properties with rental rates lower than average were more likely to have a local owner. (See the infographic for more information.)

Beyond that, finding a rhyme or reason to the rates isn't easy. Some building owners charge nothing for the use of their facilities; other owners charge significantly more than what would be expected to be the going rate for other commercial space in the community.

### Determining market value

Rental rates are determined by "the market," according to Pete Nowacki of U.S. Postal Service Corporate Communications. The definition of "market," however, may not be the same for post offices as for other commercial rental properties.

A lack of comparable facilities in communities makes it tough to find a price point, according to Jim Thorpe, owner of Thorpe Realty and Auction in Aberdeen, S.D.

Normally, "you'd look at what a similar property rented out for," he said. "My experience in some of those small towns is that the commercial businesses are owned by

the commercial operator or business. I don't think there's a real easy way to determine what a market rate rental would be."

Thorpe explained that determination of commercial property rental value is dependent on "true market value."

"In essence, it's what the market will bear in that location," he said.

It's important to figure the cost based on other rental rates within that community, not based on rates of a larger community, because the building values of every community are going to be different. "The true market is what the average person would pay for a lease on a building on Main Street," Thorpe said.

Real estate in smaller towns often is valued lower than in larger communities, because properties tend to be more abundant, with fewer prospective buyers or renters.

"At one time, somebody said you could rent any building for \$1 per square-foot in Ellendale, N.D., because it's a small town" with more

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