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Third Grade Cabbage Program

See Co-op Project on Television



Todd Lawrence, general manager, (center) is interviewed by a camera crew from RFD TV.

By Todd Lawrence

Farmers Cooperative had the pleasure of being featured on a national TV show entitled, "Time Well Spent," on RFD TV.

RFD is the World's Rural Channel, and is available for distribution on satellite, cable and IPTV platforms worldwide. The world's rural channel serves the needs and interests of country people and for those folks with country in their hearts.

RFD provides a wide range of programming for agribusiness professionals, farmers, equestrian enthusiasts and anyone with an interest for the rural lifestyle. If you are interested in quilting, cooking, crafts, auctions, country music and just the rural life in general, you will certainly enjoy watching RFD...there's something for everyone to enjoy.

RURAL TV EVEN went international on the Eurobird 1 satellite in March 2009. The United Kingdom and Ireland now enjoy country music and the many other programs offered by RFD.

The show segment featured Farmers Cooperative's involvement with the Bonnie 3rd grade Cabbage program. The segment did interviews with Mrs. Stephanie Knighton, 3rd grade teacher at Branford Elementary

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School, and two of her students, Riley Trice and Rhianna Christy.

Todd Lawrence also talked about the importance of young people understanding where their food comes from and what is involved in growing their food. Farmers Cooperative began this partnership with Bonnie Plants about three years ago.

THIS PAST YEAR, Farmers Cooperative gave out over 800 cabbage plants to local 3rd graders.

"Time Well Spent" can be seen every Friday night on RFD TV at 10 p.m. To see the episode that Farmers Co-op is featured in, tune in on Friday, Nov. 11, at 10 p.m., or you can go to our website at www.farmerscooperative.org/news.html#tv to view the entire show.



Stephanie Knighton, third grade teacher at Branford Elementary School, (right) is interviewed on RFD TV.



Branford third grader Riley Trice (right) is interviewed on RFD TV.



Branford third grader Rhianna Christy is interviewed on RFD TV.

Use Propane Safely

Propane gas is a safe, efficient, and clean source of energy that is easily transportable to your location. Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services has determined that over 1/3 of all propane-related accidents in Florida involve consumers attempting to repair or service their own appliances themselves or by unlicensed, untrained technicians.

These accidents are occurring when gas appliances are removed from the premises and gas lines connecting these appliances are being left open.

When the gas is turned on fires and explosions have resulted.

Florida law requires consumers and property owners to notify the gas dealer who next fills or services their propane equipment of any changes made to the propane system, especially when an appliance is removed. Failure to do so may result in serious injury, death or property damage. Safety is your responsibility.

If you smell gas you should follow these steps:

1. NO FLAMES OR SPARKS! This includes: do not operate lights, appliances, telephones, or cell phones. Sparks from these sources can trigger an explosion or a fire.

2. LEAVE THE AREA IMMEDIATELY! Get out of the building or area that you suspect gas is leaking.

3. SHUT OFF THE GAS. Turn off the main gas supply on your propane tank if it is safe to do so. To close the valve, turn it to the right (clockwise).

4. REPORT THE LEAK. From an area away from the leak, contact Farmers Cooperative by calling the local store number 24 hours a day. Make sure that you leave a number that you can be reached at other than where the leak is suspected.

5. DO NOT RETURN TO THE AREA. Make sure that Farmers Cooperative or your local fire department has determined that it is safe to re-enter the area.

6. GET YOUR SYSTEM CHECKED. Do not use any propane appliances until Farmers Cooperative has done an entire system check to ensure that it is leak-free.

Since there is a possibility of odor fade or problems with your sense of smell, you should respond immediately to even a faint odor of gas. If you have any further questions about the safety of propane, Farmers Co-op will be glad to answer them and provide safety brochures that you can review.

Farmers Co-op 4th Annual Big Buck Contest Rules

Florida and Georgia hunters are gearing up for the beginning of the 2011-2012 deer-hunting season. Farmers Cooperative wants to add a little more excitement to your deer-hunting season with our Big Buck contest.

To be eligible for the contest hunters need to sign up at Farmers Cooperative in Live Oak or Madison, Florida, no later than November 5, 2011. Any native Florida or Georgia whitetail buck legally killed in the 2011-2012 season, under ethical fair chase conditions within 75 miles of either the Live Oak or Madison Farmers Cooperative store will be eligible for the Big Buck contest. Bucks that are killed on for-profit private deer farms, game preserves or any other high fenced or pay-to-hunt property are NOT eligible regardless of size or acreage.

Bucks will be scored by using the Boone & Crockett scoring system, typical or non-typical. Bucks will be measured to determine a net score. Bucks with non-

typical antlers will have to exceed typical scores by 25 inches to be considered bigger. Under this rule, for example, a typical buck scoring 130 inches would be considered bigger than a non-typical buck scoring 154 inches. In the event of a tie the buck with the highest gross score would be the winner. Final scoring of antlers will be scored by an F.W.C. wildlife officer/biologist at a given specific time.

Highest Scoring Buck — \$500 Farmers Cooperative Gift Certificate

Second Highest Buck — \$200 Farmers Cooperative Gift Certificate

Third Highest Buck — \$100 Farmers Cooperative Gift Certificate

Division and distribution of the Prizes will be at the sole discretion of Farmers Cooperative, Inc. Promotional rights of the winner belong to Farmers Cooperative Inc.

Winners will be announced at the 2012 Spring Banquet of the National Wild Turkey Federation.

For the Past Quarter

NEW CO-OP MEMBERS

LIVE OAK STORE

Donna Faulkner, Madison
Martha H. Lucklum, Live Oak
Jay G. Dressen, Live Oak
Julia Overn, Live Oak
Randall W. Crouse, Jacksonville
Lori Kaezmarek, McAlpin
Mary L. Hubbard, Live Oak
Sandra Goodwin, Live Oak
Donna J. Smith & Juan V. Chirino, Live Oak
Melody Lesh, Live Oak
Cindy Kauffman, Sarasota
Tycor Farms, LLC, Lake Park, GA
Joni Ellis, Gainesville
Frances Kildea, McAlpin
Robert Adair, Live Oak
James E. Terrell, Jennings
Eduardo Baker, Live Oak
Doug Maggard, Seffner
James Kauffman, Live Oak
Logan Ragans, Live Oak
David & Michael Schmidt, Lake City
Linda McCook, Live Oak
Heath Hicks, Live Oak
Douglas Libby, O'Brien
Suwannee Co. E.O.C., Live Oak

Carl E. Binder, Sr., Branford
Jerry Fillyaw, Live Oak
Abigail H. Roberts, Lake City
Kenny Altman, White Springs
Victoria Stanavich, Live Oak
Gail Whiteford, Gainesville
Barbara Kuchau, Live Oak
William & Bonny Paulk, Live Oak
Lynn & Dale Brannon, Live Oak
Betty S. Bird, Live Oak
Brandon D. Williams, Lake City
James Spirek, Live Oak
James R. Kent, Live Oak
Brian Forte, White Springs
Priscilla Moore, Lake City
Brenda H. Lamb, Mayo
Cheryl Osgood, Live Oak
Kenneth Disbrow, Lake City
John Chamberlin, Sr., Live Oak
Ann Schwing, Orlando
Troy Lee Bradfield, Live Oak
Dorian L. Thomas, Sr., Lee
Muriel Mick, Lake City
Judi Sharpsteen, Live Oak
Juan Obed Cruz, Live Oak
Anthony Yurkovich, Lee
James Elliott, Williams, Live Oak

Teresa Cruz, Live Oak
Michael Bresk, Live Oak
Ronald Cotts, Live Oak
Annette L. Deas, Jennings
Joan Radford, Live Oak
Linda Nutt, Live Oak
Linda Stewart, Live Oak
Mark Holtzclaw, O'Brien
James Frailey, Glen St. Mary
Robert Cochenour, Lake City
Lafayette Dairy LLC, Okechobee
Virgil Wayne Webb, II, Jasper
Jeremy Ard, Ft. White
Evelyn Morales, Live Oak
David M. Dewey, Live Oak
Ronnie E. Caudill, Live Oak
Rocky D. Ford, Ft. White
Marty Hudson, Jasper
C. S. Touchton, Jr., McAlpin
Karen L. Wood, St. Petersburg
Yvonne Mollett, Live Oak
Caroline K. Balistrieri, Live Oak
Barbara Bray Shipley, Live Oak
Peter M. Wallace, Live Oak
Deborah Burd, O'Brien
James Kelly, Jasper
Leor Wolfe, Live Oak

MADISON STORE

Trey Barrs, Greenville
Andy Rudd, Monticello
Barbara Barrett, Jasper
Michael Deitz, Jasper
Heather Smith, Madison
Dwain Welch, Lee
Bennie Jackson, Madison
Steve Pfost, Monticello
MacArther Ford, Madison
Matthew Browning, Madison
Jeffrey Beeler, Islamorada
Willie C. Bell Jr., Madison
Bobby Pendergrass, Valdosta, Ga.
Mike Moore, Lee
Jerry Murphy, Madison
Jimmie Wood, Lee
Doug Finney, Madison
Lawrence J. Alexander, Jacksonville
Jeannette M. Roberts, Lee
Randall E. Schmid, Jennings
Johnny Recca, Jensen Beach
Dr. Hubert Clarke, Palm Bay
Joseph P. Doyle, Lee
Jonas Chipinos, Lee
Jerry Pettitt, Jacksonville
Richard M. Blaney, Live Oak
Virleen Williams, Madison
Donald Culpepper, Lake Park, Ga.
Sheffield Pinestraw, Madison
Rufus Wilder, Perry

'Red Brand' Purchases Help FFA Financially

Farmers Cooperative has teamed up with Red Brand Fencing in their FFA-supporting Home Grown Program.

The Home Grown Program runs from January 1 through December 31, and applies to all new orders of Red Brand field fence, sheep and goat fence, barbed wire, and horse fence placed by Farmers Cooperative.

When you purchase these products from Farmers Cooperative, \$1.00 per roll is donated to the local FFA chapter.

So remember to buy your Red Brand products from Farmers Cooperative and support your local FFA chapter at the same time.



Farmers Cooperative General Manager Todd Lawrence (right) presents a check to FFA student Mallory Morgan (center) and Suwannee High School FFA Ag teacher Shawn Crocker.

Take Pain Out of Winter Heating Bills

Are you tired of trying to figure out how to pay the high heating bills in the winter?

Then you may want to look at Farmers Cooperative Level Pay Plan. What is a Level Pay Plan you might ask?

Well a Level Pay Plan is where Farmers Cooperative estimates the annual cost of your propane-heating bill and then equally divides it up so that you make the same payment each month. Since this amount

is only an estimate, the month of May is a month that the program ends and the balance is to be settled.

If your account has a credit balance, Farmers Cooperative will owe you money, which can either be applied to next year's Level Pay Plan or Farmers Cooperative will issue you a check for the credit balance. If you owe Farmers Cooperative then the balance is to be paid in full before the end of May.

The benefit of choosing the Level Pay Plan is that you avoid receiving and paying for a large heating bill in the middle of winter, usually near holidays, allowing you to better manage your household budget.

If you would like to enroll in the Level Pay Plan please give our L.P. Gas departments in Live Oak or Madison a call and we will be glad to explain the Level Pay Plan to you as well as get you enrolled.

Shoot Those Critters

Cattle: New Way to Control Horn Flies

By Jerry Owens

Recently the Farmers Cooperative store in Madison learned about an innovative method of controlling horn flies on your cattle.

Representative Dana Ankerstar with Agrilabs demonstrated the VetCap + Aim System applicator to Crop Specialist, Jerry Owens, Cooperative employees and a few Madison farmers.

THERE ARE SEVERAL advantages to applying the insecticide by using the applicator:

- LESS LABOR
- LESS STRESS
- MORE CONTROL

Parasite control is an important component of keeping your livestock comfortable and healthy plus horn flies are one of the leading causes of stress for cattle. Horn fly infestations can lower fertility, reduce milk production and significantly impair weight gain. That means lost money to you.

Introducing the VetCap + Aim System. An easier way to control horn flies on cattle.

THE UNIQUE VetCap System offers cattle farmers an easier way to control horn flies. When horn fly infestations be-

gin to bother your cattle, you can apply a proven insecticide as remote as 20-30 feet away. While your cattle are milling around or feeding, they can be treated from a safe distance, without added stress and without added labor. That saves you time and helps to put you in control of when and where you want to dose your cattle. It also makes it easier on them too.

No additional labor required.

No need to handle cattle to treat them to apply an insecticide.

No chute or special handling facilities needed.

No added stress to the cattle and calves.

DELIVERY OF the Insecticide is made easy utilizing the revolutionary new

VetCap Applicator. This unique applicator delivers the world's first EPA approved insecticide GelCap containing the proven cyfluthrin pour on.

Each AiM c Gelcaps is specifically engineered to be durable in transport, durable upon discharge and deliver an effective burst upon impact when delivered according to directions.

Read the label before use.

Simple dosing:

- 1 capsule for cattle 400 to 800 pounds body weight.
- 2 capsules for cattle 800+ pounds.

To learn more about the VetCap Delivery System and the Aim-c Gelcaps, ask your Cooperative sales staff or visit www.AiMGelCaps.com.



Tom Morse (right) observes fellow Madison Farmers Cooperative member Doyle Hale practicing with a VetCap applicator.

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Annual Meeting

It's time for our Annual Meeting. Our 65th Annual Meeting will be held Saturday, October 1, 2011, at Live Oak First Baptist Church on West Howard Street, Live Oak, Florida, at 10:00 a.m.

The Annual Meeting gives a brief review of the financial condition of the

cooperative.

Following the business session, door prizes will be drawn and awarded to members present.

Make a point in marking your calendars and plan to attend your Annual Meeting on October 1, 2011, at 10:00 a.m.