

After a fairly mild winter and unusual rain in December and January, things are starting to warm up and look like spring.

We have been busy visiting with project leaders and making final plans for the growing season. Final service is being done on tractors, planters, sprayers, and other equipment in preparation for planting time. Seed, fertilizer, and chemicals are being delivered or picked up, so that when the time comes they are ready to roll.

The month of March, the Armstrong Farm recorded 3.0 inches of precipitation and Neely-Kinyon recorded 2.7 inches.

Activities over the last month:

- Rebuilt 6-row Kinze planter
- Rebuilt drill
- Worked on 4 row planter
- Started flagging plots at both farms
- Tillage in studies that required it
- Worked down tile line trenches at Neely-Kinyon
- Soil sampled FACT plots
- Applied lime to P X Tillage, K X Tillage, Old K Study,
- Applied 0-46-0 to K X tillage study
- Applied liquid 32% UAN to bulk and studies that required it
- Tilled and sowed oats and alfalfa in LTAR plots and along the highway
- Set out true army worm traps
- Replaced hubs on Gandy trailer
- In stalled radar and monitor in tractor at Neely-Kinyon
- Got McNay's fall born calves ready and shipped to Allee Farm for cover crop grazing
- Hauled manure—more to come with this wet weather
- McNay's spring born bulls and steers keep things interesting
- Well pump at main building site went down and had to be replaced
- Had first planning meeting for electronic bunk system going into feedlot this summer
- Still visiting about potential project with the Wallace Foundation Crop's Committee

Wallace Foundation held their annual meeting March 4th with U.S. Senator Joni Ernst and Dr. John Lawrence on the program, with the business meeting held in the afternoon. Always appreciate working with Wallace Foundation and their commitment to Iowa State University.

As you can see it has been a busy month and we are ready to run when conditions are right. Feel free to contact any of us at the farm if you have any questions about what is happening or needs to happen.

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If there are other persons that you might know of that would like to receive these updates (hopefully each week), please let me know so I can add them to my list.