PUBLIC AFFAIRS REPORT for KFPX-TV Newton, Iowa for 1/1/15 – 3/31/15

In accordance with Section 73.3526(e)(11)(i) of the Federal Communications Commission's rules, the following, in the opinion of KFPX-TV, are the problems and needs of the community for the period noted above. They are not necessarily listed in order of importance. Each is identified by significant public affairs and/or public service programming in response to these needs.

Issues:

- 1. Agriculture
- 2. Water quality
- 3. Maximum yields
- 4. Organic matter
- Soil testing
- 6. Herbicide breakdown
- 7. Profitability
- 8. PH levels
- 9. Spray drift
- 10. Pesticides

A detailed summary of each program's content, including guests, affiliations and date of broadcast is included in this report.

Ag PhD is a local Midwest agricultural farming show, featuring Darren Hefty and Brian Hefty, "the Hefty Brothers". They give weekly farming tips, discuss soil issues, and identify a Weed of the Week and what to use to control it.

Ag PhD Rebroadcast airs Tuesdays 5:00 & 5:30am
Ag PhD airs a new show every Thursday from 5:30 – 6:00am

Ag PhD Rebroadcast airs the following Thursday from 5:00 - 5:30am

Program: AgPhD (Rebroadcast)

Topic/Title: Episode # 872

Air Date: Thursday, January 1, 2015 5:00am

Duration: 29:00 minutes Style/Type: Magazine format

Source: AgPhD Productions/R. Rasmussen

Issues Addressed: Agriculture/Economics

AgPhD winter agronomy workshops talk about all the things in production agriculture, crop production and especially how a farmer can do well in spite of low commodity prices. These workshops are held by the Hefty brothers every year. They also talk about your return on investment and everything that is connected to farming. They finish off the day by doing their radio program so everyone can participate. You can pre-register by going to the AgPhD website. Liberty Link soybeans are a viable option for broadleaf weeds. Use three pre emerge herbicides with Liberty Link soybeans. Rebates are available when you purchase Liberty together with an Authority product. Store it wisely because it can freeze. The cost in total is comparable to that of Roundup. Prepaying inputs offers the best deal for a farmer. Fertilizer should be cheaper in late spring. Ask a dealer about price protection and only by what you need. Seed is another product to be pre-paid. Crop protection is another part of the process that should be pre-paid. Look at return on investment to determine the best deal for you.

Weed of the week- Jointed Goatgrass. Pre Pare and Beyond will kill it.

Program: AgPhD Topic/Title: Episode # 873

Air Date: Thursday, January 1, 2015 5:30am

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Issues Addressed: Agriculture/Economics

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Program: AgPhD (Rebroadcast)

Topic / Title: Episode # 872

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Topic/Title: Episode # 873

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Program: AgPhD

Topic/Title: Episode # 874

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Weed of the week-Common Milkweed. Depending on the crop, Roundup, Tordon and 2, 4-D will kill it.

Program: AgPhD (Rebroadcast)

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Weed of the week-Common Milkweed. Depending on the crop, Roundup, Tordon and 2, 4-D will kill it.

Program: AgPhD Topic/Title: Episode # 875

Air Date: Thursday, January 15, 2015 5:30am

Duration: 29:00 minutes Style/Type: Magazine format

Source: AgPhD Productions/R. Rasmussen

Issues Addressed: Agriculture/Economics

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Weed of the week- Johnsongrass. Depending on the crop, Pursuit, PrePare, Discover, Harness, Surpass and Outlook will kill it.

Program: AgPhD (Rebroadcast)

Topic/Title: Episode # 874

Air Date: Tuesday, January 20, 2015 5:00am

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Air Date: Thursday, January 22, 2015 5:00am

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Program: AgPhD

Topic/Title: Episode # 876

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Weed of the week- Pineapple Weed. 2, 4-D, and Status will kill it.

Program: AgPhD (Rebroadcast)

Topic/Title: Episode # 875

Air Date: Tuesday, January 27, 2015 5:00am

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Weed of the week- Arkansas Wild Rose. Liberty or Roundup will kill it.

Program: AgPhD (Rebroadcast)

Topic/Title: Episode # 876

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Air Date: Thursday, February 5, 2015 5:00am

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Program: AgPhD

Topic/Title: Episode # 878

Air Date: Thursday, February 5, 2015 5:30am

Duration: 29:00 minutes Style/Type: Magazine format

Source: AgPhD Productions/R. Rasmussen

Issues Addressed: Agriculture/Economics

Grain shrinkage occurs with higher moisture levels in the grain. This will cause the grain buyer to offer less money to the farmer for his grain. They will only accept grain with no more than fifteen percent moisture at the grain elevator. You should harvest the corn at an appropriate time so the farmer can maximize the yield profit. Generally, to harvest moisture at thirteen percent is ideal. Potassium and Base saturation shows how much potassium is in the soil in relationship to the other nutrients in the soil. Four to eight percent base saturation for potassium is the ideal range. To get more potassium is by adding more parts per million. Cultural practices means doing things to help limit the amount of money a farmer has to spend in their operation. A crop canopy with good drainage will stop a lot of weeds from taking root. This along with proper use of herbicides will lead to maximum yields and profitability.

Weed of the week- Italian Ryegrass. Depending on the crop, Pre Pare, outlook, Dual, Surpass and Harness will kill it.

Program: AgPhD (Rebroadcast)

Topic/Title: Episode # 877

Air Date: Tuesday, February 10, 2015 5:00am

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Air Date: Thursday, February 12, 2015 5:00am

Duration: 29:00 minutes Style/Type: Magazine format

Source: AgPhD Productions/R. Rasmussen

Issues Addressed: Agriculture/Economics

Grain shrinkage occurs with higher moisture levels in the grain. This will cause the grain buyer to offer less money to the farmer for his grain. They will only accept grain with no more than fifteen percent moisture at the grain elevator. You should harvest the corn at an appropriate time so the farmer can maximize the yield profit. Generally, to harvest moisture at thirteen percent is ideal. Potassium and Base saturation shows how much potassium is in the soil in relationship to the other nutrients in the soil. Four to eight percent base saturation for potassium is the ideal range. To get more potassium is by adding more parts per million. Cultural practices means doing things to help limit the amount of money a farmer has to spend in their operation. A crop canopy with good drainage will stop a lot of weeds from taking root. This along with proper use of herbicides will lead to maximum yields and profitability.

Weed of the week- Italian Ryegrass. Depending on the crop, Pre Pare, outlook, Dual, Surpass and Harness will kill it.

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Issues Addressed: Agriculture/Economics

Streambars are used to add nitrogen late season in wheat. This adds protein to the wheat. Streambars minimize leaf burn and maximize yield. This allows a farmer to apply later in the season. Put tile in the field if flooding concerns are persistent with non-crop acre conversion. Also, using beneficial bacteria products like Quickroots for seed treatment and Challenge 2050 in furrow will assist the process. This puts the right balance of fungicide in the soil. Banding your fertilizer is a good option. Some conversion concerns are perennial weeds, insect pressure and historical herbicide usage. As far as crop selection goes, RoundupReady soybeans instead of corn is the best way to go. Soil testing and fertilize accordingly keeping in mind the nitrogen tie up especially in year one. Soybean I.D.C. is an indication of high soil PH, high nitrate levels, high carbonate levels, and high salt levels. Any of these conditions will show discoloring in the plant leaves. Poor drainage causes these results. Picking the right variety will help alleviate this issue. Adding tile line will correct this issue.

Weed of the week- Green Foxtail. Roundup, Liberty, PrePare, Harness, Surpass, Outlook and Dual will kill it.

Program: AgPhD (Rebroadcast)

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Source: AgPhD Productions/R. Rasmussen

Issues Addressed: Agriculture/Economics

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Weed of the week- Palmer Pigweed. Depending on the crop, Treflan, Sonalan, Outlook, Dual, Surestart and Status will kill it.

Program: AgPhD (Rebroadcast)
Topic/Title: Episode # 879

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Issues Addressed: Agriculture/Economics

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Program: AgPhD (Rebroadcast)

Topic/Title: Episode # 880

Air Date: Thursday, February 26, 2015 5:00am

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Program: AgPhD Topic/Title: Episode # 881

Air Date: Thursday, February 26, 2015 5:30am

Duration: 29:00 minutes Style/Type: Magazine format

Source: AgPhD Productions/R. Rasmussen

Issues Addressed: Agriculture/Economics

Good drainage occurs by adding tiling. There is new technology and techniques regarding this facet of farming. On Wednesday March 4th the Hefty brothers will hold a tiling clinic at the Swiftel Center in Brookings, South Dakota. Tiling helps stop erosion and improve water quality. Farmer's should know their rights and information on the practice of tiling. There will be guest speakers at this free event. When drought proofing your crop, balancing your fertilizer in your crop is very important to not waste any moisture in the soil. Place fertilizer deeper in the ground to maximize its efficiency. Control bugs and weeds to save moisture and limit the potential for drought. Reduce compaction to keep your crop roots growing as much as possible. Crop canopies and variety selection are also part of the plan to drought proofing your crops. Get active on corn rootworms before they go into full effect. A pre emerge insecticide and proper seed should be considered. A two trait rootworm hybrid with a full rate and post emerge later on will lead to control and higher yields.

Weed of the week- Depending on the crop, First Rate, Authority, Sonic, Valor, and Sharpen will kill it.

Program: AgPhD (Rebroadcast)

Topic/Title: Episode # 880

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Topic/Title: Episode # 881

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Weed of the week- Depending on the crop, First Rate, Authority, Sonic, Valor, and Sharpen will kill it.

Program: AgPhD (Rebroadcast)

Topic/Title: Episode # 881

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Program: AgPhD

Topic/Title: Episode # 882

Air Date: Thursday, March 5, 2015 5:30am

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Source: AgPhD Productions/R. Rasmussen

Issues Addressed: Agriculture/Economics

Herbicide breakdown and damage from this year's crop can do damage to next year's crop. Heat, moisture, soil type and soil PH are factors that cause herbicide breakdown. A crop canopy will limit weed growth and that will prevent herbicide breakdown. Timing is everything with in furrow corn products. Pop up fertilizer as well as startup fertilizer is part of the process with this issue. Do not place fertilizer with more than five pounds of salt with good soil conditions and normal rainfall. Water it down to dilute the solution if necessary. Put a fungicide in furrow like Headline to gain enough bushels to justify the cost of management. Be careful on the mixing of in furrow corn products to maximize your investment. Regarding sunflower production, start with weed control. Put down two pre emerge herbicides like Spartan, Sonalan or Prowl. Look at your soil testing to see what it needs. Insecticides and Fungicides should be utilized to create the right conditions for a successful crop.

Weed of the week- Ivyleaf Morninglory. Depending on the crop, Surestart, Triple Flex, Sharpen, Pursuit and Roundup will kill it.

Program: AgPhD (Rebroadcast)

Topic/Title: Episode # 881

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Weed of the week- Depending on the crop, First Rate, Authority, Sonic, Valor, and Sharpen will kill it.

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Weed of the week- Ivyleaf Morninglory. Depending on the crop, Surestart, Triple Flex, Sharpen, Pursuit and Roundup will kill it.

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Issues Addressed: Agriculture/Economics

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Weed of the week- Yellow Toadfox. Depending on the crop, Verdict, Roundup, Status, Tordon and Sharpen will kill it.

Program: AgPhD (Rebroadcast)
Topic/Title: Episode # 882

Air Date: Tuesday, March 17, 2015 5:00am

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Program: AgPhD

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Issues Addressed: Agriculture/Economics

Seed companies use special fields to harvest seed to be sold commercially. A farmer can bring seeds into a seed conditioning plant that have color and shape sorters which target the best seed quality possible. These will be close to the hybrid seeds that are produced by the seed company. Chopping corn heads are needed to clean up the stalks after harvest for corn residue management. A coulter cart or different type of machine will chop these up with vertical precision. Maximum breakdown will produce the proper or at least better conditions for the next planting season with nitrogen in the soil as a significant key. Managing residue properly will create the field for maximum yields. Look at a soil test to determine what a wheat field for fertility, timing and application need. N-P-K and micronutrients are needed with the nitrogen applies by streambars to give a boost in the spring. Using a nitrogen stabilizer will keep the nitrogen in ammonium form and make non-leachable.

Weed of the week- Hoary Vervain. Tordon, 2, 4-D, and Roundup will kill it.

Program: AgPhD (Rebroadcast)

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Weed of the week- Hoary Vervain. Tordon, 2, 4-D, and Roundup will kill it.

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Program: AgPhD

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Weed of the week- Prostrate Pigweed. Depending on the crop, Verdict, Harness, Surpass, Status, Authority, Valor and Roundup will kill it.

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Seed companies use special fields to harvest seed to be sold commercially. A farmer can bring seeds into a seed conditioning plant that have color and shape sorters which target the best seed quality possible. These will be close to the hybrid seeds that are produced by the seed company. Chopping corn heads are needed to clean up the stalks after harvest for corn residue management. A coulter cart or different type of machine will chop these up with vertical precision. Maximum breakdown will produce the proper or at least better conditions for the next planting season with nitrogen in the soil as a significant key. Managing residue properly will create the field for maximum yields. Look at a soil test to determine what a wheat field for fertility, timing and application need. N-P-K and micronutrients are needed with the nitrogen applies by streambars to give a boost in the spring. Using a nitrogen stabilizer will keep the nitrogen in ammonium form and make non-leachable.

Weed of the week- Hoary Vervain. Tordon, 2, 4-D, and Roundup will kill it.

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