

THE BUCKWHEAT GROWERS ASSOCIATION OF MINNESOTA

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SPRING 2005

*A Farmer Owned and Operated Cooperative—
Looking forward to another year in business!!*

2005

THANK YOU! Thanks to our customers, 2004 was another busy year. The amount of feed processed was nearly 200 more ton than in '03. Customers are from the local area and some come from 150 miles and more to get feed or seed. Bulk feed is delivered to as far as 150 miles from the Mill.

Customers have told us that their chicken broilers have had fewer leg problems and lower mortality with our feed. Some customers have requested a higher protein percentage, especially for grazing birds. We are sending more grains in to be tested for the protein level and this year we are revising the feed rations to increase the protein level by 1% for our chicken starter and grower feed. We continue to strive for improved quality for feed and seed.

SPRING PLANTING —

- Seed available - certified organic and non-gmo/non-treated. The list includes Buckwheat (Manor), Oats-regular (Ebeltoft), Hulless (Buff), Spring Wheat (Gunnar & Parshall) and Hairy Vetch.
- For Gardeners we have potatoes for planting and some garden seeds.
- Fertilizers—Greensand, Rock Phosphate and Alfalfa Meal.

FEED for LIVESTOCK—

- Feed for chicken broilers and layers, swine, dairy cows, calves & goats — bagged or bulk —certified organic and transitional.
- Custom blends, available on request and approved by customer.

New Products —

1. Endura Plastic bale feeders
2. Ground Force—OMRI approved herbicide

Product List is on our website: www.buckwheatgrowers.com

E-Mail: info@buckwheatgrowers.com

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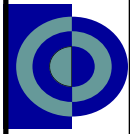


The BUCKWHEAT GROWERS FEED MILL IN WADENA IS OPEN

Monday through Friday — 9:00 AM- 5:00 PM
Saturday — 9:00 AM - noon

Call ahead to ensure that we can fill your order.

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We are on the Web!
www.buckwheatgrowers.com

Employment Opportunity—

Certified Organic Farm in Central Minnesota looking for individual or couple to manage Beef and Crop operation. Housing provided. Facility available to start Organic Dairy. Potential opportunity to buy into the operation. Prefer a Non-Smoker. If interested, call (320) 632-9787.

Field Peas in swine diets could lower feed cost and phosphorus level in manure. According to South Dakota State University associate professor of monogastric nutrition Hans Stein, field pea research at SDSU looks at the nutritional value in swine diets.
(Tri-State Neighbor January 2005)

HELP WANTED —

Office Clerk/Assistant for the Buckwheat Growers to work at the Mill. Position open immediately and will be open until filled. Part-time to start. Salary based on qualifications.

Call (218) 631-9212

See full announcement page 2.

FARM FOR SALE — 250 acre
Dairy farm near Parkers Prairie.
Contact Jeff Nardello,
Kruger Gallery of Homes
(218) 639-3751



Tom is usually available by phone in the office or by cell: 218-639-2312

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Buckwheat Growers Membership fee is \$100 to join and \$25 annually to renew.

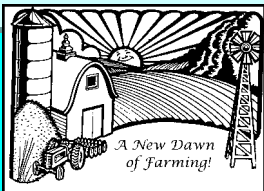
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MISSION STATEMENT — To provide an opportunity for farmers to learn more about growing and harvesting buckwheat and other alternative crops and to add value to these crops by processing and marketing as a group of growers.

The Buckwheat Growers Assn of MN incorporated in 1997, organized by a group of farmers to market buckwheat. The business expanded In the fall of 2000, with the purchase of the feed mill in Wadena.

Organic Certified with OCIA Intl.

To Process/Manufacture Feed for Poultry, Dairy, Swine and Cleaning/Bagging Grain and Legume



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