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Agri-Newsletter by
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News and Notes from the Home Place

Happy New Year! I mean that with the utmost sincerity. The last year has been a struggle for so many people, and if you had any challenges that came your way, I hope that you have been able to overcome them and are moving on. For those of us fortunate enough to have things still intact, we need to be thankful and appreciate our blessings.

Crop year 2009 began with a wet and cool spring which made for a delayed planting season. The adequate moisture most of the growing season gave us reason to hope for a very good yield potential. However, the record , cool summer we experienced left us with insufficient growing degree days and a rather immature crop at harvest time. (Refer to article *Record Cold July* on p2.) You might have noticed combines sitting still this fall while the corn dryers ran continuously to dry the wet corn. We did our best to organize our harvest to keep both the combine and the grain dryer running as efficiently as possible. Although a challenge, we did manage pretty well.

Warnings of corn mold came early this fall, and we checked our fields and harvested accordingly. We did not totally escape the mold problem in the corn, but we did minimize the impact by segregating the damaged corn. It took until early December to complete harvest, but that was still in time to help a couple of friends and neighbors finish their harvest. We felt fortunate to be able to help those in need.

I want to wish you the best in the New Year and decade. Let's all live our faith to the best of our ability and be deserving of God's blessings. Let's pray that our country's leaders make conscientious decisions for the betterment of the American people now and in the future.

Andy Wyss

Donald A Wyss Elected to Soybean Board

In August, Don was elected to a position on the Indiana Soybean Alliance Board. The ISA manages soybean farmer investments from the soybean check off. The 24-member farmer

board is responsible for annually investing approximately \$5.5 million of Indiana soybean check off funds in biofuels, livestock, research, grain marketing, aquaculture programs, as

well as new uses for soybeans. Don hopes to focus on the health and longevity of the soybean meal and oil markets in the state to ensure a high market price for soybeans.

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Pat & Cori Wyss Attend Seminar



Mother and daughter-in-law work together for

Continually working to improve the business accounting, Pat and daughter-in-law, Cori, attended a 2-day seminar in Indianapolis to learn more about an agricultural software product called "Center Point." They found the classes very informative and beneficial and will be working with daughter, Amy, to get everything in place for 2010.

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Future Farmer of America



Andrew Joseph Wyss III enjoys taking his pick up truck for a spin on Grandpa's driveway.

Commodity Classic in Anaheim, CA

As a member of the Indiana Soybean Alliance Board, Don has the opportunity to attend the annual Commodity Classic from March 4-6, 2010 in Anaheim, California, all expenses paid. This event is one of agriculture's premier convention and trade shows in the country. The latest innovations in the industry are showcased, along with marketing strategies, precision agriculture techniques, climate change legislation implications, and more. Being involved in this event should serve Don well as he continues to work toward a greater role for Wyss Farms Enterprises.

Record Cold July

Fort Wayne set an all time record low average temperature for the month of July in 2009. The average monthly temperature was 68.9 degrees, 4.5 degrees below normal. The previous record was 69.7 degrees set in 1967. The average high temperature in July 2009 was 79.2 degrees which is the record coolest average high temperature for July last set in 1915.

New Forms May be Required by FSA

The Farms Services Agency has sent out mailings to many farmers and landlords about signing forms 926, 927, and 928. Some of you have called me inquiring about your responsibilities concerning these forms. I contacted the FSA office about this and was told that if your land is cash rented, there is nothing you need to do. For those who are on a share crop agreement, there is some required paperwork. I can take care of what needs to be done for you. I do encourage each of you to make a call to the FSA office to clarify your personal situation, just to be sure. For your convenience, their telephone number is (260) 484-5848, Extension 2. I have an upcoming meeting scheduled with the FSA, and if any questions arise concerning your farm, I will contact you. If you need any help, please call me at (260) 639-6427.

FW Farm Show Has Many Benefits

Did you know that the Fort Wayne Farm Show is one of the five largest events of its kind held in the nation each year? Attending this premiere show is very beneficial for both agricultural and non-agricultural people alike. There are always a few seminars with a variety of topics each year creating annual interest for repeat goers.

One evening the show is open until 8:00 P.M. which allows for a lot of people to visit and learn something about agriculture. After the initial surprise at seeing the huge machinery, participants can browse the many ag related booths, pet the little farm animals, and enjoy some tasty food treats. There are always a lot of free "give aways" too. The most fun for the children, I think, is getting a chance to climb up on the big combines and tractors. That is my grandson, Andrew's, favorite thing to do!

At Wyss Farms, we are always researching something for future application on the farm, and having so many vendors in one place at one time makes the inquiries so much more convenient. A large part of my visit is business related, but the social atmosphere that prevails makes the day a lot of fun. Next January, you ought to give it a try. You'll like it!

Newest Additions to the Wyss Family Tree

Our family all arrived the day after Christmas, and we were able to be together for three days. A constant flurry of excitement filled our household now that we have 5 little grandchildren adding to

the merriment. Our two newest additions, Hailey and William, were both born on the same day in April, although Hailey was born in Indianapolis and grandson William made his debut in Chicago!



Hailey Marie Alberts and William Matthew Persohn celebrate their first Christmas!

Contact Info

I always appreciate hearing from you, so if you have a question or maybe just want to share something you find interesting, drop me a line. I can also be reached by:

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Seed Corn Orders

Don Wyss, representative for Agrigold Seed Corn, is still accepting orders for 2010 seed corn. You may contact Don any time on his cell phone:

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