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BASF

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\$1,500

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\$1,000

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At the 2014 MO-AG Convention, Missouri Attorney General Chris Koster receives MO-AG's Advocate for Agribusiness Award. Koster is seen here with members of the MO-AG Board of Directors and staff. Attorney General Koster is a candidate for Governor of Missouri

VOTE

You have heard it said "elections matter." It is true, they do. The primaries are over and the table is set for the general election. Many organizations are making endorsements. MO-AG encourages you to go to the polls this fall and vote for advocates for agribusiness. If you are a faithful reader of the MO-AG Minute, you know the candidates who have a record of being advocates for agribusiness. You know Attorney General Chris Koster has fought against regulatory overreach and fought for amendment #1, the right to farm. And, you know MO-AG's 2012 advocate for agribusiness winner, Sen. Mike Parson, led the charge on amendment #1, the right to farm, and has supported agribusiness friendly legislation throughout his career in the Senate. You know U.S. Senator Roy Blunt as an advocate for agribusiness who has pushed back hard against the heavy burden OSHA's is placing on the fertilizer industry. You know members of the House in Congress like Blaine Luetkemeyer and Vicky Hartzler have consistently supported MO-AG priorities.

So, let your voice be heard. It needs to be heard. This November . . .

El Dorado Supply
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Riggins Ag Equipment
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\$500

Bentrei Fertilizer
Company LLC
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Grain
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Rich Hill Equipment
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VOTE! To see a list of candidates for federal and statewide office and candidates in your State Senate or House district, [CLICK HERE](#).



MO-AG Advocate for Agribusiness Award winner, Sen. Mike Parson, addresses the crowd at the MO-AG Winter Convention in 2015. Sen. Parson is a candidate for Lt. Governor of Missouri

Farm Bureau Endorses Koster

Missouri Farm Bureau's political action group held a governor candidate endorsement session at the Farm Bureau headquarters in Jefferson City to determine which candidate to support in the Nov. 8 election. At the event, Missouri Farm Bureau's FARM-PAC announced an endorsement of Chris Koster. Koster, the state's attorney general, also served as a state senator from 2005 to 2009. Before that he was the prosecuting attorney for Cass County for 10 years. Koster touted his insider status. "I have a pretty good knowledge of this town," he said. "... Not only have I defended you (agriculture and farmers) in the legislature, I've defended you in the courtroom." Koster touted his agricultural record, including a 100 percent Farm Bureau voting record while in the state Senate. He also received the Missouri Corn Growers Public Servant Award in 2015 and the Missouri Agribusiness Association (MO-AG) Advocate for Agribusiness Award in 2014.

Source: Missouri Farmer Today

Munzlinger on Trump Committee

Donald J. Trump is pleased to announce his new Agricultural Advisory Committee. The men and women on the committee will provide pioneering new ideas to strengthen our nation's agricultural industry as well as provide support to our rural communities. Mr. Trump understands the critical role our nation's agricultural community plays in feeding not only our country, but the world, and how important these Americans are to powering our nation's economy. Mr. Trump said, "The members of my agricultural advisory committee represent the best that America can offer to help serve agricultural communities. Many of these officials have been elected by their communities to solve the issues that impact our rural areas every day. I'm very proud to stand with these men and women, and look forward to serving those who serve all Americans from the White House."

Source: Trump Campaign Press Release

Editor's Note: Missouri State Senator Brian Munzlinger, Chairman of the Senate Agriculture Committee, is on the Trump Agricultural

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Van Diest Supply
Marshall

Keith Boyd
Adams Fertilizer Mfg.
De Witt, AR

Jake Brodbeck
ADM

Advisory Committee. Also included is Rebeckah Adcock of MO-AG national affiliate CropLife America. For a complete listing of all committee members, [CLICK HERE](#).

AFIA offers FSMA Help

MO-AG's national affiliate, the American Feed Industry Association (AFIA), has been a leader in helping the industry with the Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA). AFIA continues to provide leadership by offering free webinars covering the details of FSMA, the new rules in place for the feed industry and how to comply. To find out more about the webinars and to register, [CLICK HERE](#)

EPA on Brink of Banning Atrazine

The herbicide Atrazine is currently under EPA registration review. It appears that EPA is on the brink of ignoring sound science and taking action that will effectively ban the use of Atrazine. MO-AG has a long history of demanding that the government use sound science when regulating agricultural product.

We need your help. We would ask that you learn more about the issue, send comments, and tell customers and friends to send comments. The environmental activists are flooding EPA with comments calling for the ban of atrazine. It is very important that we counter their efforts and get as many comments as possible to support the full re-registration of atrazine. This website ([CLICK HERE](#)) has background information on atrazine and the science supporting its re-registration. Use this website [CLICK HERE](#) to tell the EPA to listen to the recommendations of their own Science Advisory Panels and the more than 7,000 science-based studies that have consistently proven atrazine's safety.

To go directly to the government website that accepts official public comment, [CLICK HERE](#) for direct access to the atrazine docket (EPA-HQ-OPP-2013-0266). Under the box "Atrazine Registration Review" at top of page, click on blue "Comments Now" box (to the right of "Draft Ecological Risk Assessments: Atrazine, Simazine, and Propazine Registration Review"). Type or paste your comments into box (max 5,000 words) and upload any documents, then press "Continue" button at bottom of page on right. On the preview page, 1) review your comments, 2) check box "I read and understand the statement above," and 3) press "Submit comment." The deadline to submit comments is October 4th, but, don't wait. Take action now.

Another Take On Illegal Herbicide Use

When the general media talk about agriculture we want them to focus on how we produce food, conserve resources and maximize every acre for crops and livestock. We don't want them thinking we're "poisoning" fields, yet I'm afraid that may be the message folks are

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getting thanks to the dicamba controversy unfolding in the Bootheel of Missouri and farther south. My take on this kind of thing is that consumers hear "blah, blah, blah, illegal use of a herbicide, blah, blah, blah" when they listen to the radio. So while 99.99% of you out there that chose to plant the dicamba tolerant technology did the right thing, the entire industry is getting smeared by a few bad actors. Though it's hard to measure how many bad actors there are since the impact acreage count keeps rising.

Farmers that took it upon themselves to skip the warnings and spray dicamba (and it had to be an older, more volatile form of the herbicide since the new stuff isn't really available) brought on just what our opponents to this tech warned us about; we'd cause off-target crop damage. So here's the deal - we in agriculture need to put on our big boy pants and act mature - that means following ALL label directions. The anti-GMO crowd already uses enough misinformation against us, this kind of thing could cause other problems down the road. As for you bad actors? A big ironic thank you for potentially causing problems we can't even identify yet - and well beyond a few burned soybeans or torched off-target crops. This is a self-inflicted public relations wound we didn't need. Shame on you.

Source: Willie Vogt, Farm Progress Editorial Director

Record Harvest Forecasted

Both U.S. corn and soybean growers are expected to harvest record-high crops this year, according to the Crop Production report issued today by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS). U.S. corn production is forecast at 15.2 billion bushels, while soybean growers are expected to harvest 4.06 billion bushels in 2016. Average corn yield is forecast at 175.1 bushels per acre, setting a new record-high. Soybean yields are expected to average 48.9 bushels per acre, reaching another record-high mark. Record soybean yields are expected in Illinois, Iowa, Missouri, Nebraska, and Wisconsin. Growers are forecast to harvest 83.0 million acres of soybeans this year. NASS interviewed more than 22,000 producers across the country in preparation for this report.

Source: Farm Journal's Aggro

Sporting Clays Shoot October 5th

As we have done in past years, MO-AG members plan to meet at River Hills Sporting Clays in Boonville, MO to show off our shooting skills. The gathering will occur 2:00pm, Wednesday, October 5th. This year, no registration through MO-AG is necessary. You can pay River Hills directly on site the day of the event. River Hills is a shotgun sports facility specializing in various types of clay bird games. They are located on the bluffs high above the Missouri River near Boonville, MO. For more information, [CLICK HERE](#).

UPCOMING EVENTS

October, 2016

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5 MO-AG Sporting Clays Shoot; Boonville, MO

5-7 MO Seedmen's Association Annual Meeting; Lake Ozark, MO

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December, 2016

15 MO-AG Winter Convention; Columbia, MO

February, 2017

3 MO CCA Exam; Columbia, MO

Note: Items in **red** are new postings since the last MO-AG Minute issue.

MO-AG DIRECTORY

Do you need to contact someone in the Ag Industry? If you are a MO-AG member you can go to the MO-AG website below and enter your username and password. If you don't know your username or password please contact the MO-AG office at 573-636-6130. As a MO-AG member you are also able to request a copy of the MO-AG Directory in excel form. To request a copy please email jleonard@mo-ag.com.

[MO-AG Website](#)

JOB OPENINGS

Retail Agronomy Sales/Service Opportunity:

Central Missouri AGRIService, LLC has a career opportunity for an experienced Retail Sales/Service Agronomist at our Marshall, Missouri location. Questions or Inquiry regarding this opportunity can be directed to Jerry Young at 660-886-6976 or 660-322-1983. Resumes can be sent to CMAS at 211 North Lyon Marshall, Missouri 65340 or emailed to jerry@cm-as.com.

General Manager Position Announcement Cameron Cooperative Elevator Association Cameron, MO

Cameron Coop announces the opening of the General Manager position effective in the fall of 2016. This position is both an exciting and rewarding opportunity to manage a profitable and well-established local cooperative.

Minimum requirements would include:

1. Two to four years of General, Branch or Department management.
2. Strong background in the agricultural industry.

3. Five or more years of experience in grain and/or agronomy operations.
4. Excellent communication skills and financial business knowledge with good decision making abilities.
5. A proven work ethic with a positive attitude that inspires others to do their best.

This position offers a very competitive salary and benefit package.

Cameron Cooperative was founded in 1920 with purpose of supplying its farmer members with crop and livestock inputs and a grain elevator. Today it is a full service Coop with grain, agronomy, petroleum, feed milling with delivery and farm supply equipment for sale.

Applicants should send resumes to Cameron Coop, Attn: Roger Wood
PO Box 724 Cameron, MO 64429

Note: If you have a job you would like listed on our Web site's classified page and in the MO-AG Minute, please email to mo-ag@mo-ag.com

Letters To The Editor

Do you have a response to the MO-AG Minute? Let us know! The MO-AG Minute is a publication of the Missouri Agribusiness Association (MO-AG). MO-AG is a member-owned association based in Jefferson City, Mo. which protects members' interests in state legislation and provides educational opportunities.

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