

Frontier Family FARMS



Twin row - 30 inch winter wheat acting as a cover crop - picture taken June 21st



Utilizing our "machine" shed to store corn—nearly 200,000 bushels



Cole and Katie in Kazakhstan's capital, Astana during EXPO 2017

Half way around the world...

Cole and Katie visited Astana, Kazakhstan in July to attend the World Expo as the theme was Future Energy. Understanding future trends in energy needs worldwide has a very large influence on our farm and our community since nearly 100% of our corn gets turned into liquid fuel. After visiting over 100 countries within the Expo, it was apparent that renewable energy is quickly becoming the preferred source of energy around the world.

Wind

The Wind that blows across the earth in just one year could supply mankind with energy for 22 years.

Solar

A solar surface measuring 700 x 700 km in the Sahara desert could provide enough solar energy to cover the entire world's energy needs.

Biomass

As the largest renewable energy source in the world, biomass provides 10% of the world's energy supply.

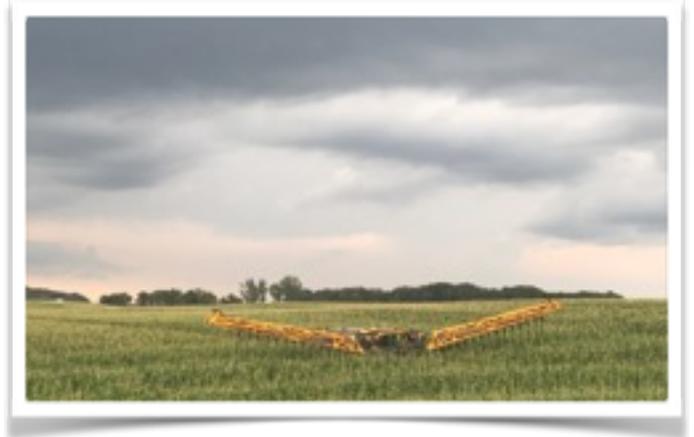
Winter 2017 Update

Well the end of another season has come and gone! First of all we want to personally thank each and every one of you for continuing to entrust us with operating your farm. If we continue to work together we're sure we will get through this economic downward trend.

We had a very good yield again this year, just shy of last year, which is amazing since we never had much of a summer! Also, the national yield is estimated to be an all time record yield at 175.1 bushels per acre. This is keeping supply at high levels, limiting price increases.

We continue to experiment with cover crops and double cropping to learn more about improving our soils and decreasing our input costs. Some of our best corn yields were behind a cover crop planted with no tillage. This is very exciting because it would greatly reduce input costs and in the long run it will improve our soil structure.

Your yield maps are enclosed with this letter. If you have any questions or concerns please contact one of us. Thank you.



“Agriculture is the most healthful, most useful and most noble employment of man.” - George Washington



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New Dryer Installed

Once harvest started in September, and we understood what the corn moisture was and what our current drying pace was, we began looking for solutions to speed up the harvest pace. So after some calls trying to find a new dryer, we found a used one close to home. Since most construction crews were busy, we did the majority of the work ourselves. I am still amazed the crane was only utilized for 4 hours to disassemble, haul it on our trucks, and erect it at our site. With no prior experience, our crew was complimented at how fast and efficient we were by the crane company.

