

# GAPS

Gratiot Agricultural  
Professional Services

# NEWS

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## PESTICIDE APPLICATOR DOCUMENTS

A reminder that GAPS needs to have a copy of your up-to-date Private Pesticide Applicator License on file in order to sell you restricted use pesticides. The certifications expire Dec. 31 every third year. If you have updated certification, please email it to Lisa Young — lyoung@gaps-seed.com.

## JOIN OUR TEAM

GAPS is looking for bright, talented people to join our team. We are now hiring sprayer operators and full-time seasonal drivers (must have a CDL Class A), along with interns. Please call our office at 989-875-7661 for more information.

## CONGRATULATIONS ALYSSA



GAPS would like to congratulate our soil sampling representative, Alyssa Walters, on her recent Valentine's Day marriage to Ben Chaffin.

## LIKE US ON FACEBOOK

We are now on Facebook so be sure to "like" us. We will be posting news, notes, videos and more. Check it out at facebook.com/gapsseed.



## Additional Grower Meeting March 10

Our second grower meeting of the month is set for Tuesday, March 10 at The Emerald Golf Club in St. Johns. The program will run from 10 a.m. until noon, with lunch following the presentations. Restricted chemical points have been approved for the meeting.

The speakers include Dennis Clark from Bayer CropScience and Ken Sauder, Travis Marshall and Jeff Hinen from Precision Planting. Their topics are listed below.

Please RSVP for the event by calling 989-875-7661 or contacting any GAPS Sales Representative.

**Grower Meeting #2**  
**March 10, 2015**  
**10 a.m. to 12 p.m.**  
with lunch following  
The Emerald Golf Club in St. Johns



### Dennis Clark, Bayer CropScience

- Stratego YLD Fungicide on wheat, soybean and corn
- Provaro Head Scab Fungicide and the importance of proper timing
- Proline white mold fungicide
- Capreno, Laudis and Balance Flexx for corn



### Ken Sauder, Travis Marshall & Jeff Hinen Precision Planting

- FieldView
- Growers make 40 cropping decisions per year per crop
- FieldView can help prioritize these decisions from crop nutrients to mechanical adjustments
- Find out how GAPS can help you with this equipment on your farm



With FieldView from Precision Planting (display screen pictured left), see maps of population, singulation, spacing, down force, applied down force, ride quality, hybrid, liquid, seed prescriptions, speed, target population, imported shape file maps, moisture, yield, combine speed and loads. You can view these from your tractor, office, combine or anywhere else, anytime. Start this planting season with the best view of row-by-row performance available.

## Get to Know ...

### ED NICKELS

#### Crop Protection Manager & Sales



**Residence:** Perrinton

**Years at GAPS:** Six

**Responsibilities:** Coordinating GAPS' crop protection efforts.

**Best thing about working at GAPS:** Being a part of a company blazing its own trail.

**Mentoring Manager:** In his 36 years in agriculture management, Ed has had the privilege of bringing several individuals into the industry. He lists three standouts among the group, including GAPS owner Rob Blackwell, GAPS custom application manager Russ Huyck and Monsanto's Doug George.

**Hobbies:** Collecting Jack Daniel's items and Coleman lanterns. His most prized item in his collection is a very limited edition DEKALB Jack Daniel's bottle while he has around 40 of the lanterns hanging in his den.

**Family:** Wife - Jane; Son - Aaron; Dogs - Joey, Jimmy, Otis and Dexter.

## Agronomy Center and Dry Fertilizer Facility Open House March 18

Join us as we host an Open House for our new Agronomy Center and Dry Fertilizer Facility in Fowler on Wednesday, March 18.



The event date coincides with National Agriculture Day being celebrated throughout the nation.

The facility will be available for tours between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., with a ribbon cutting ceremony set for 11 a.m.

The facility is located at 1250 N. Edgewood Dr., behind Simon Brothers Inc.

The GAPS Agronomy Center is believed to be the first dry fertilizer blending facility built in Clinton County since 1963. Its five bins will be able to store 2,500 tons of fertilizer and the high speed blender can unload 3.5 tons in a minute.

*The first shipment of potash was loaded into the facility in late February.*



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