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DID YOU DO YOUR HOMEWORK?

In the August edition of The Irrigator newsletter, there was an article titled “Make An Irrigation Checklist.” In the article, we suggested starting a checklist of needed maintenance and repairs that you had discovered throughout irrigation season. Now is a great time to address those smaller issues that didn’t need immediate attention, before they turn into a costly repair. Call FSI today and we can get your service work scheduled.

While you are at it, you may want to consider taking advantage of our preventative maintenance program which runs through the end of December. We offer complete system PM in addition to well, riser and centrifugal pump winterization, and we provide you with a detailed report of recommended repairs so you can be a step ahead of the game next year.

“Often, next year’s irrigation startup problems are due to winter damage that can be prevented. Time spent now will prevent damage and lead to a better start on next year’s irrigation season. Inspecting the system now allows you to make improvements and repairs in the less costly off season and get irrigation problems out of the way for spring planting season when everyone is busy,” states Lyndon Kelly and Younsuk Dong in an article titled Checklist for Irrigation Winterization dated November 2, 2022 (www.canr.msu.edu/news/irrigation_winterization).

The article is very informative and gives some great preventative measures that can be taken such as drain pivots, clean and drain rock/sand traps, cap all large openings to prevent bird nesting, pump down or drain underground pipelines and inspect and lock down power supplies. Travelers and big guns should be drained as well. Finally “when choosing a location to park the system for the winter, consider the three most common potential sources of damage: (a) wire theft is less likely in a visible but inaccessible area of the field, (b) wind damage is less likely if pivots point into or away from the wind direction rather than perpendicular to the wind direction, and (c) damage to span wire from squirrels and other rodents is rare when pivots are 100 feet from the tree line (Kelly & Dong, 2022).”

Take the needed steps to save time and money in the spring. Give Farm Services Inc. a call and we will be more than happy to help you!



NEW FSI TEAM MEMBERS



Kyle Branson *Irrigation Sales & Technical Support*

Farm Services Inc. is pleased to welcome Kyle Branson back to our team! He will make a great addition to our sales team and will provide technical support to our service techs.

Kyle is a Chippewa Hills High School graduate and Central Michigan University alumni. He first started working on the build crew installing new systems before working his way into the service tech area at FSI. Kyle was with us for 11 years before moving to North Carolina.

Kyle returned to Michigan and went to work for a local septic company where he served several roles including management, sales and on-site sewage system technician.

Kyle lives in the Stanton area with his wife Carrie and their daughter Iris. In his spare time, he enjoys playing guitar, fishing and working on home renovating projects.

Brett Sagle *Irrigation Sales & Structural Support*

We are also pleased to welcome Brett Sagle back to our team! Brett will also be working on our sales team as well as providing structural support to our build crew.

Brett graduated from Lakeview High School. After high school, he worked full-time in the tool and die business and part-time for a local dairy farmer. Brett came to work for FSI in 2011 starting out installing new systems and working his way into the role of build crew leader before moving to North Dakota in 2015.

While in North Dakota, Brett managed a truck repair shop. He returned to Michigan in 2017 and for the past 5 years has held several different positions at a local company which include technician, sales and management.

Brett, his wife Lindsay and their daughter Saylor live in the Greenville area. In his spare time, he enjoys spending time with his family, hunting and fishing, and shooting guns for



CLASSIFIEDS



\$19,990

RAINBOW MFG CO GEN SET (NEW)

- 15KW Lima MAC Generator
- Yanmar 4TNV84T-BGGES-SSB Diesel Engine
- 535A Battery Kit
- Fusible Disconnect - 15KW
- Galvanized Hood



\$7,437

CAPRARI PUMP (NEW)

- Caprari D3/65 PTO pump with cart
- 4" check valve
- 4" NPT suction and discharge
- 500 GPM @ 130 PSI



\$1,500

NACD SAE MOUNT PTO CLUTCH (USED)

- SAE 3# bellhousing
- 140 hp rated
- Includes ring gear & PTO shaft
- Low hours



\$9,500

2003 NATIONAL N80A (USED)

- Unmounted knuckle boom w/(1) hydraulic extension
- Includes pump & hydraulic tank
- Approx. 2500 hours
- Serial #35293

Call 989-287-3633 for details



\$7,400

YANMAR/LIMA GENSET (USED)

- Unknown hours on genset
- Runs good
- New trailer, tires, battery, 30 amp disconnect



\$11,800

KIFCO B140G 1.4" X 350' (USED)

- Water reel w/SR75 gun, 24° x 1.5
- Booster pump 5.5HP with mounting kit
- 2 available



\$3,000

PORTABLE PRIMARY PUMPING UNIT ON TRAILER (USED)

- Honda 5.5 HP gas engine
- Monarch high PSI pump
- 5# primer
- 0-100 GPM @ 35-70 PSI



\$15,117

KIFCO B140G 1.4" X 350' (NEW)

- Irrigated acres per run: 0.9-2.0
- Water reel w/SR75 gun, 24 deg x 1.5
- Booster pump 5.5 hp w/ mtg kit
- Kit, pneumatic tire/wheel upgrade



\$2,300

EIM 40 HP SOFT START PANEL (USED)

- 480v 3 phase input
- Like new. used (1) year in field



\$450 EACH

RHINOGATOR TIRES (NEW)

- 11.2 X 38 tire size
- Tire and rim come assembled



END GUNS (USED)

\$425:

- Komet Twin 101

\$350 EACH:



\$250 EACH

RHINOGATOR TIRES (USED)

- 11.2 X 24 tire size
- Tire and rim come

UPCOMING EVENTS



Join us at booth numbers 609 and 610 on December 6, 7 & 8 for the Great Lakes Expo Fruit, Vegetable & Farm Market at Devos Place in Grand Rapids.



We will have a booth at the 2023 Great Lakes Crop Summit on January 25 & 26 located at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort in Mt. Pleasant. Stop in and see us!



Come visit our booth at the 2023 Winter Potato Conference being held at the Amway Grand Plaza in Grand Rapids on February 2, 3 & 4.

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