

February Spotlight: Meadowland Farmers Coop

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For the month of February, the Wabasso EDA, Commercial Club, and Redwood Area Development Corporation are highlighting Meadowland Farmers Coop, an important business in our farming community that has locations across Redwood, Cottonwood, Murray and Lyon County. Brian Fischer of Wabasso, MN has been working at Meadowland for a total of 31 years now and has been managing the Wabasso Agronomy location since the fall of 2010.

Growing up, Fischer discovered his passion for the farming culture through helping out around his family's farm. They raised and milked cows for many years as well as farmed corn, soybeans and alfalfa. After school, Fischer began working at Meadowland as an applicator. After 18 years of working as an applicator, Fischer was promoted to the position of Agronomy Manager. "My family was a huge support system to me when I was transitioning from working out back to becoming the manager, they fully supported me through and through and I couldn't have done it without them!"

I asked Fischer what the main focus of Meadowland was to which he replied, "Our main goal is to help support our growers to achieve their needs and goals." Some of the biggest services they provide for their customers are crop protection services, product knowledge, plant food, fertilizer recommendations, sales and application, seed sales placement and service, as well as maintaining their inventory to ensure product is available to growers when needed. Other things Meadowland works with are agronomy parts, supplies sales, and petroleum products. Fischer's favorite thing about working at Meadowland is seeing the farmers they work with succeed in good growing years.

At the Wabasso branch of Meadowland, they employ 6 full timers and have several seasonal employees to get them through their busier times. "Spring and Fall are both very busy due to the planting and harvesting seasons," Fischer stated. "We definitely appreciate all the extra help from staff we receive during those times and couldn't do it without them. Spring time is by far the busiest as we have many different products going out the door like seed, dry fertilizer, liquid fertilizer, chemical sales, and part sales." The staff at Meadowland are busy preparing for spreading and spraying applications for this next season that is right around the corner. Fischer is thankful for the great customers and staff that help Meadowland to be a success.

If you or someone you know is passionate about farming and agriculture, Meadowland is always looking for qualified help, and offers positions in agronomy, trucking, grain, and energy. If their location is full at the moment, they can work with you to send you to a different location. You can find Brian Fischer at the Wabasso Agronomy branch Monday through Friday from 8:00 A.M to 5:00 P.M.