



Peterson Farms

Summer Newsletter

Midseason Update 2016

Our spring and early summer can be summed up in one word this year – timeliness.

We worked hard and with the help of our great crew, the wheat harvest was quick providing good quality wheat. We had six machines running to get all of the wheat out ahead of the rain in early July to protect the crop quality. This efficient harvest also provided us with enough time to plant soybeans into the stubble.

Then thanks to the timely rains over the Fourth of July weekend, the rest of our fields are looking great.

For 2016, we've kept with our typical crop rotations. This plan has served us well and continues to enhance our overall production. We started planting corn in mid-April with our upland acres. Then the rains came and we were rained out until late-May, when we were finally able to plant our remaining acres.

This past winter, we planted the most cover crops and winter wheat that we ever have – over one-third of our acreage! We believe this extra step helps us to conserve our land and is a good stewardship practice similar to our double-crop soybeans.

Like most farmers, we've been looking at where we can cut costs without cutting into production. We're focused on being as efficient as we can. This includes reviewing our inputs. Earlier this year we honed in on our fertilizer application. We want to make sure that we are applying the most effective fertilizer products to get the most out of every dollar and every acre.

Throughout the growing season, we'll also be keeping a close eye on our chemical application. We are already very selective about using chemicals and have a diverse chemical strategy, which has helped us to avoid a lot of resistance issues in our fields. But we are going to hone in, to see if there's anything more that we can improve here.

Harvest looks to be starting late August, so we'll be gearing up for that soon. We're looking forward to safe and productive crop season in 2016 and wish you all a wonderful fall season!

Our mission at Peterson Farms is to produce agricultural products using systems that reflect a balance between best cost and sustainability.

We will distinguish ourselves by continuously improving the productivity and viability of the land.

Remembering Rose Mary Peterson: Mother, Grandmother

This summer, Peterson Farms lost a very special lady who was the bedrock of our home, faith and operation. Rose Mary Peterson, passed away June 20. She with her husband, Bill, established Peterson Farms and she remained a vital part of our work throughout her life. In addition to her involvement in the family farm, Rose Mary taught in the Marion County School System – at St. Charles School in St. Mary, Raywick School, and St. Catherine School in New Haven. Few things made her happier than entertaining her friends and family, which includes eight children, 22 grandchildren and 26 great-grandchildren.

As we raise another crop on the fields of Peterson Farms, we will be thinking of our loving mother and grandmother who taught us so much.

Out & About

We have a great team at Peterson Farms. There's a lot of talent and ability. Because of this we're able to handle most of the fieldwork and preparation ourselves. However there are times that we reach out to other service providers.

We often work with construction companies to tile our fields. We also outsource companies to apply chemical and fertilizer for us. Even though we do much of the application

ourselves, there are several area companies we work with to spread dry fertilizer – CPS, Clements Ag and Southern States. This summer you may have seen some aerial application of fungicide on corn to keep the crop healthy as it matures.

Recently, we added Peterson Farms logos to all of our pickup trucks. So you will know if it's us you meet on the road or see in the field.



Employee Spotlight

There are many people at Peterson Farms who come together to make what we do possible. We'd like recognize a few of our employees for their outstanding work this year.



Brandon Lampkin

Operations Leader - 6 years

Brandon is very involved with the spraying, seeding and land surveying on Peterson Farms. He is our on-farm technology guru, as he is very savvy with many of the new technologies we are using now. When not leading an operation at Peterson Farms, Brandon can be found spending time hunting or shooting. He and his wife Monique have two children. It's obvious to all of us that Brandon truly enjoys agriculture and the technology that is becoming more a part of our industry. And we're all thankful that he's happy to teach others how to use it!



Jeff Bartley

Critical Operation Manager - 7 years

Jeff manages our truck logistics during harvest, plants corn, and conducts drainage and construction projects. He does all of this with a great attitude and energy. We admire Jeff both on and off the farm. Jeff and his wife Janine are foster parents. Over the years, they have given a loving home to more than 40 foster children. In his spare time he enjoys cabinet making and concrete work.



Sharing Our Story

We keep busy around the farm, but also like to take some time to share our story with our farmer colleagues. Over the years we've taken the opportunities to speak at various grower and industry meetings. We also attend many of these meetings to learn more about trends in agriculture and share information. Earlier this year, we attended an APEX meeting, the Top

Producer Conference, Commodity Classic and a meeting of the Organic Association of Kentucky.

At Peterson Farms we know that we need to provide learning and training opportunities for all of our team members. Safety is important to us and we've taken advantage of several safety trainings this year. Most recently we hosted one here on Peterson Farms in conjunction with the Kentucky

Department of Agriculture. In addition, Peterson Farms holds quarterly meetings with our staff to go over seasonal safety issues on many different topics.

Be assured that we are all doing what we can to be safe on the farm and when we're moving equipment from field to field. We'd like to thank the community for their patience when they meet large, slow moving farm equipment on the road.

About Us

Peterson Farms is a progressive, family-owned business with grain farming operations in central Kentucky.

Peterson farms produces corn, non-GMO soybeans, and wheat. We have the capability to segregate non-GMO and GMO corn. The majority of our corn and wheat production is used in the bourbon whisky industry, right here in Kentucky. Three brothers – William,

David and Bernard – and one nephew – Albert – form the partners who run the operation. Albert's wife Karen and David's wife Sandy work in our operation as well, involved in all areas of our business from accounting to human resources.