

LEGUEE FARMS NEWSLETTER



Summer 2025

OUR WEBSITE

Check out our website to find information on our farm, from our vision and mission, to Jake's blog, to a variety of photos of the farm. You can also find the numerous agriculture industry projects Jake & Sarah have helped with.

www.legueefarms.com



TURBULANT TIMES CONTINUE

But the weather still drives our success—or failure

The daily news cycle has never been crazier. Tariffs and geopolitics continue to dominate our daily news and are driving our markets more than they should. The thing about farming, though, is that while half of our income is driven by the markets, the other half isn't—Mother Nature is still in the driver's seat.

I often feel like I could write a book on every growing season. Every one is different. Every one has its own personality. This year is no different.

We started seeding later than normal, on April 29th, on our southernmost land. Conditions were good but we were going around every single little pothole. We kept rolling, taking it slow, struggling to get through the driest fields we could find.

Early May was hot and dry and conditions were rapidly improving. Suddenly, we were starting to look for rain. Seeding progress quickened. As a couple of rain systems missed us, we started to wonder what kind of year we were headed for. Then, on May 15, we got 1.5 inches of rain. We were pretty excited – this was an ideal amount of moisture at this point.

But then it kept raining.

Over the next week, we got another 1.3-1.5 inches of rain. For us, in our area of flat, pothole land, this was far too much all at once. With 70% of the crop in the ground, including all the flax and some canola, we were concerned about how much reseeding we would have to do.

Finally, after a 13-day shutdown from May 15 to May 28, we got rolling again and finished up seeding on May 31st.

"I've learned how to farm 44 times. Every year is so different." ~Russ Leguee

The impact of that event was significant, especially because of the moisture we already had in the ground. Three inches of rain was simply too much. The impact on the canola, flax, and lentils wasn't devastating, but we did lose a fair amount of acres. Between reseeding the spots we could and filling



in drying up low spots, we seeded about 5% of our total acres after seeding was officially “completed”, finally finishing it all up on June 10th.

Strangely, after that massive rain event, it didn’t rain again, not even a drop, until June 23rd. For the winter wheat, this was just a little too long, and it certainly put some pressure on our seeding job after the May rain—on 30% of our crop, we never got a germinating rain event until nearly the end of June. Fortunately, our seeding tools today are so accurate that we got excellent emergence regardless.



Now, here we are in early August, and the crop generally looks pretty good. We received some good rains in the third week of July that saved us from a developing drought, and a very cool, humid summer has protected the crop from the overall lack of moisture. In truth, had we gotten the heat we saw in 2021 or 2023, our crop would have completely fallen apart. Good beach weather doesn’t grow good crops!



Harvest is coming quickly for our winter wheat, which will give us an early taste of what the year looks like. The rest of the crop looks to be a ways away yet. There will be a lot less August harvesting than we’ve been used to.

That’s the short story of the 2025 growing season—but it’s not over yet. Until it’s in the bin, the crop is never truly ours.

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WHAT TO EXPECT IN 2026?

Fertilizer prices are not creating a lot of optimism for the upcoming crop year.

Phosphate prices are the absolute worst we have ever seen. They’re higher than they were in 2021-23 and grain prices are considerably lower, making affordability the worst on record.

Nitrogen prices aren’t much better, with a very weak summer reset, mostly due to the turbulence in the Middle East. Whatever the reason for the high pricing, it is not setting a good tone for 2026.

BEYOND THE FARM

Emergency Services Building Opens its Doors

Russ and Jake have sat on a committee working on a new Emergency Services Building in Fillmore since April of 2023. The vision has been to build a building that can house Fillmore Ambulance and Fillmore Volunteer Fire Department under one roof for the first time.

While every project like this has its challenges in getting off the ground, from timelines to budgets to people, this building had its grand opening on July 30th. It was a great moment for Fillmore, for the first responders, and for all of us involved.

Big projects require big dreams.