

VFF NEWSLETTER

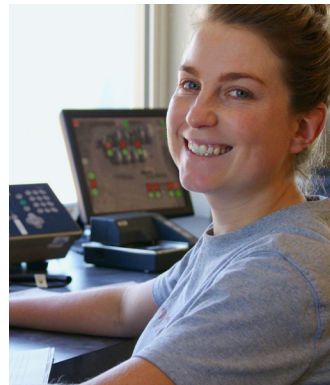
MAY 2023

VULGAMORE FAMILY FARMS CHANGES NAME TO VFF

The Vulgamore family takes immense pride in our rich heritage spanning over a century of farming in Western Kansas. However, we also acknowledge the invaluable contributions made by the numerous exceptional families who have become part of our operation in the last two decades. The synergies and collaborative efforts among us have yielded incredible results, fueling the growth and success of our farm.



We have reached a point where our operation surpasses the identity of a single family name. We are now a collective of multiple families, often spanning across generations. It is with this realization that we are transitioning to a new name: **VFF – A Multi-Family Farm**, reflecting our unity and the diverse strengths we bring together. This change will acknowledge the evolving nature of our operation and the collective spirit that drives our continued progress.





PLANTING UPDATE

In spite of the persistent drought impacting our subsoil moisture levels, the late April rainfall brought about favorable conditions for planting corn in May. We worked diligently during the initial two weeks of May and successfully completed the planting of all dryland corn before heavier rains arrived in mid-May. As a result, the corn has emerged from the ground and is progressing exceptionally well. Once the ground dries up, we will be fully prepared to begin planting milo.

The above picture shows the VFF planters positioned and eagerly prepared for action. When all the planters are operating at their peak performance, the skilled VFF planting team has the remarkable ability to plant over 400 acres per hour. This impressive efficiency showcases the dedication and expertise of our entire VFF team, as they utilize their resources effectively to achieve outstanding productivity.

The synchronized efforts of our planters ensure that we make the most of our time during the planting process, enabling us to cover extensive areas of land swiftly and efficiently.

Wheat Update

The situation is different for our wheat crop. Crop insurance adjusters assessed our wheat fields and concluded that the yields are insufficient to

warrant a harvest. In order to conserve soil moisture and make way for an insurable second crop, we made the decision to terminate the wheat before it reached the heading stage. However, there is a silver lining to the failed wheat crop: it has effectively shielded the soil from wind erosion throughout the winter and spring months. Moreover, the remnants of the wheat will serve as an ideal seedbed for a no-till milo crop.

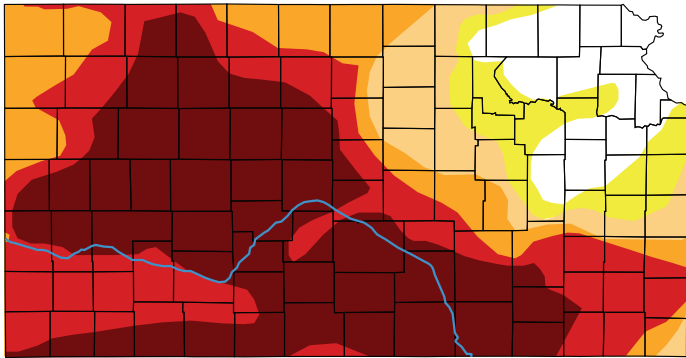


FUTURE AGRONOMIST

One of VFF's future agronomists is hard at work with his father Walter who operates one of VFF's planters. He carries his Pioneer seed tool for digging in the soil and checking the seed depth. He is making sure his Dad is doing his job correctly! Learn more about the families that make up VFF at our website: vffarms.com

IS THE DROUGHT STARTING TO BREAK?

In early May, VFF’s entire farming operation faced the grim classification of D4 exceptional drought, signifying the most severe level of drought. This prolonged drought has been a recurring challenge since the fall of 2021. However, there is a glimmer of hope on the horizon as indications suggest that this arduous period of drought is drawing to a close. The temperatures in the Pacific Ocean have begun to rise, signaling the conclusion of the La Niña cycle and an impending shift in weather patterns. Since May 14th, VFF has been fortunate to witness nearly 4 inches of precipitation recorded at its headquarters, offering much-needed relief to the parched land.

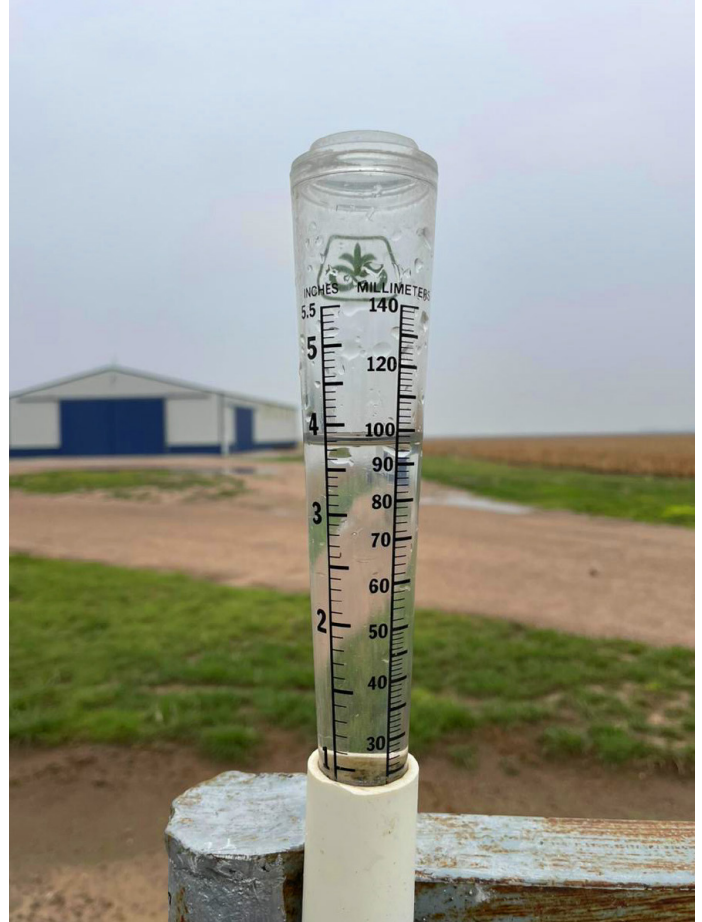


MAP RELEASED: THURS. MAY 4, 2023

Data valid: May 2, 2023 at 8 a.m. EDT

INTENSITY

- None
- D0 (Abnormally Dry)
- D1 (Moderate Drought)
- D2 (Severe Drought)
- D3 (Extreme Drought)
- D4 (Exceptional Drought)
- No Data



CATEGORY	DESCRIPTION	POSSIBLE IMPACTS
D0	Abnormally Dry	<p>Going into drought:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Short-term dryness slowing planting, growth of crops or pastures <p>Coming out of drought:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Some lingering water deficits Pastures or crops not fully recovered
D1	Moderate Drought	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Some damage to crops, pastures Streams, reservoirs, or wells low, some water shortages developing or imminent Voluntary water-use restrictions requested
D2	Severe Drought	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Crop or pasture losses likely Water shortages common Water restrictions imposed
D3	Extreme Drought	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Major crop/pasture losses Widespread water shortages or restrictions
D4	Exceptional Drought	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exceptional and widespread crop/pasture losses Shortages of water in reservoirs, streams, and wells creating water emergencies



SAVE THE DATE

Join us for a family-friendly Open House event
July 1 at VFF Headquarters:
1550 West Road 70, Scott City, KS 67871

Tour the operation and spend time with the VFF team doing a variety of fun activities. We'll end the day with a delicious meal, live entertainment, and a big fireworks display. We look forward to seeing you there!

RSVP at vffarms.com/openhouse

CAN'T MAKE THE VFF OPEN HOUSE?

If you are unable to visit Western Kansas during the first week of July, there's no need to worry! VFF warmly welcomes visitors at any time. Just inform us of your availability, and we will gladly arrange a tour of our farming operation for you. We are excited to showcase our work and provide you with an insightful experience whenever you're able to stop by.

