2017 Producer Appreciation

A Todd County Version Of
“God Made a Farmer”
And on the eighth day, God looked down on his planned paradise and said, “I need a caretaker.” So God made a farmer.
I need somebody willing to get up before dawn, milk the cows...
...work all day in the fields...

Thank you
Ahrens Dairy, Grey Eagle

Photo submitted by Lee Buchholz
...milk cows again...
2016 Feedlot Meeting and Producer Appreciation, Burtrum

...eat supper...
So God made a farmer...

Tim Stelling

Lee Buchholz
Clean water diversion and sediment basins- 2016- Birchdale TWP
I need someone with arms strong enough to rustle a calf and yet gentle enough to deliver his own grandchild...
Somebody to call hogs...

Thank you, Gerald!

Gerald Lenk
2016 Pit Closure
Moran TWP
...tame cantankerous machinery...

Hauer Farms, Clarissa
...and then go to town and stay past midnight at a meeting of the schoolboard...
Come home hungry, have to wait lunch until his wife is done feeding the visiting ladies and tell the ladies to be sure and come back real soon--- and mean it.
...So God made a farmer...
Bruce TWP- mid-construction- stacking slab, settling basin, and vegetative treatment area- 2016
God said, “I need somebody willing to stay up all night with a newborn colt or calf...”
…and sometimes watch them die. Then dry his eyes and say, “Maybe next year…”
I need somebody who can shape an ax handle from a persimmon tree, shoe a horse with a hunk of cow tire, who can make harness out of wire, feed sacks and shoe scraps...
And who, in planting time and harvest season, will finish his 40 hour week by Tuesday noon, then pain’n from “tractor back’, put in another 72 hours...

Zastrow Farms, Long Prairie

Thank you! - Photo submitted by Lee Buchholz
...So God made a farmer...
Hartford TWP- Erosion Control Project- 2016

BEFORE

AFTER
God had to have somebody willing to ride... at double speed to get the hay in ahead of the rain clouds...
...and yet stop in mid field...

Elk Ranch in Birchdale TWP

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...and race to help when he sees the first smoke from a neighbor’s place...
So God made a farmer...

Thank you Jon and Christy for the services you provide in raising heifers, hoof trimming, and your work in stray voltage.
God said, “I need someone strong enough to clear trees and heave bales...”
...yet gentle enough to tame lambs and wean pigs and tend the pink combed pullets...
One who’d stop the mower...

Pete Berscheit Farm

Round Prairie TWP
... or baler to mend the broken leg of a baby deer...
So God Made a Farmer...

Tyler Carlson

Kandota TWP
2016 Established Buffer in part to meet OLA agreement- Stowe Prairie TWP
Thank you Lee Buchholz for conducting trials on covers and hosting the Cover Crop event this year! Thank you for your support of the feedlot meeting and contributing Buchholz Bucks to the TodTalks presentation today! You are awesome!
It had to be someone who’d plow straight, and not cut corners.
Somebody to weed, ............... And feed....

Stelling Land and Cattle- West Union TWP

Kreemer kids
...And breed...
...To disc and plant...

Kreemer Farm
To chop...
... and combine...
Thank you Mae (Douglas CFO) for all you have done for area producers. You will be missed. Good luck in the organic world!

...and tie the fleece, butcher, and process...
Thank you Marie and Dale Katterhagen for all you do for the youth of Todd County

Somebody to replenish the self feeder and then finish a hard days work with a five mile drive to church...
Somebody who’d bale a family together with the soft strong bonds of sharing

Family of Josh and Meghan - Hauer Farms
...Who’d laugh and then sigh...
In memory of Duane Herzog, a friend to the farmers of Todd County

Duane Herzog lived to make a difference

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When Duane Herzog, 46, of Freeport died unexpectedly, Feb. 28, in a construction accident, he left a big hole in many hearts. He was the kind of man who could light up a room with his presence or make a complete stranger feel like he or she was the most important person in the world.

“He’d be deep in manure, but would still have that smile for us. He always smiled at everybody,” said David Van Heel, owner of Rainbow Acres Dairy in Swanville. Besides the interest in people, Duane was passionate about construction. At Rainbow Acres Dairy alone, he completed about 20-25 different building projects.

“He was our farm’s best friend. If something needed to get done, he’d be here. He was a wonderful man,” Van Heel said.

Duane’s heart was truly for people. They came first, and it was a value he inspired many others to follow. He led by example, said Duane’s brother, Dave Herzog of Osakis.
And then respond with smiling eyes...
...When their sons or daughters say...
...they want to spend their life doing what Dad does...

In Memory of John Eischeid, Joe's Father
So God made a Farmer!

Tom Williamson
In appreciation to all farmers for everything you do from dawn until dusk every day of every year. Thank You!

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Our sincerest condolences go out to the family and friends of Jared Anez of Anez Consulting. Jared and his family owned and operated a service based business with expertise in Crop Consulting, Precisions Ag, Engineering, Feedlot Permitting and Manure Management. He was well known throughout the ag community, locally and state-wide. Jared passed away Tuesday leaving behind his wife and six children.

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2 Cattle paddles, Farm Towels
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