



HIGH
PLAINS



SPRING 2025



Preparing for the upcoming growing season

Hello! I hope everyone had a successful harvest and you are enjoying the winter months. With winter comes our peak propane season. The CHS propane rail terminal, which was opened last year, is once again serving our area well. During the recent cold snap, terminals to our east, where we have pulled product from in previous winters, were forced to go on allocation. However, the CHS terminal in Yuma was able to maintain supply throughout, while drastically reducing freight times and costs. This is the power of your cooperative!

On the grain side we are busy moving out last year's crop to make room for this year's. Even in a well-supplied wheat market, our merchandising team has been able to find markets to move your grain to. A combination of domestic and international destinations, including Mexico, and the Asia/Pacific Rim, have all been markets for your bushels this year. We continue to see favorable local demand for feed grains and the strong relationships we build and maintain with local feeders and

processors create value for your cooperative.

While the winter months used to be thought of as a period of downtime in agriculture, we know that the work in our industry never truly takes a rest. At your cooperative, we use the winter months much the same way you do. We make repairs to equipment that has served us well through the previous growing season and prepare items for the season ahead. We bring in products to have in place so when the weather breaks, we are stocked and prepared to serve your needs. We also take this time to explore what new products or services we can offer. We need to be diligent in the marketplace to ensure we are staying relevant to your needs.

Each day our team of dedicated professionals work hard to ensure we can efficiently and competitively operate the cooperative's assets, deliver quality products and services and continue to be stewards of your equity. We sincerely appreciate your trust in our team. We wish you a safe and productive spring season ahead! ■



Evan Fust
General Manager
CHS High Plains

SPRING 2025

Charles Knust Agronomy Sales Representative



Northeast Colorado faces some of the most challenging growing conditions for producers. These include years of minimal or no precipitation, cold and unpredictable springs, scorching hot summers and alkaline soils that often come with salinity issues. We often focus on the fertilizers our crops need but overlook the significant yield losses caused by our challenging environment.

I believe Releaf® OS is an excellent solution for crops like cereals, corn, milo and dry beans. This versatile product can be seamlessly applied during post-emergence herbicide treatments, offering targeted support to help crops thrive despite environmental stressors. Now, let's explore how Releaf OS supports crops throughout the growing season.

Releaf OS is a foliar fertilizer specifically designed to enhance nutrient uptake and help crops withstand stress during critical growth stages. It combines key components: macronutrient fertilizer, micronutrient fertilizer and biostimulants.

Are you curious about what's inside? The Releaf OS analysis includes:

- 00-00-15 (Potassium)
- 1% Boron (B)
- 1% Manganese (Mn)
- 1% Zinc (Zn)
- 0.01% Molybdenum (Mo)
- 0.001% Cobalt (Co)
- Convey™ (a proprietary component)
- Cellburst™ (a biostimulant designed to enhance nutrient absorption)

Together, these components provide crops with the essential nutrients and stress-fighting benefits they need to maximize yield potential.

Releaf OS offers numerous benefits to crops, addressing key aspects of growth and stress management. Potassium plays a critical role in carbohydrate movement and water use efficiency, while boron aids in carbohydrate transport and strengthens cell wall structure. Zinc supports auxin production, which is essential for enhanced root growth. Convey, a carbon-based, low molecular weight organic fulvic acid, further boosts nutrient uptake and reduces stress. By influencing the genetic expression of plants, Convey improves tolerance to heat and drought stress, increases chlorophyll production, enhances nutrient absorption and supports plant hormone responses like auxin production for better root development. Additionally, it improves nutrient use efficiency and mitigates abiotic stress. Cellburst complements these benefits by reducing stress and promoting stronger rooting, making Releaf OS a comprehensive solution for optimizing plant health and maximizing yield potential.

Cellburst is plant hormones derived from sea kelp used to complement Convey through increasing abiotic stress tolerance, enhancing rooting, improving photosynthesis and improving pollination by increasing pollen tube development. ■

Josh Carter Regional Energy Supply Specialist

I recently moved from Maine, where I am originally from. I graduated with a degree in business administration from Muhlenberg College in Pennsylvania. I spent several years working as a whitewater rafting guide and sled dog musher in my 20's. I then started at Fabian Oil in Oakland, Maine, as the director of logistics and procurement, where I worked from 2009 - 2024 performing many of the same duties that I will be responsible for in my role at CHS. I also managed the wholesale transportation fleet and employees while at Fabian Oil.



My primary responsibilities at CHS are to act as the primary interface between the energy teams and retail operations. I will help maximize storage utilization and lead the decision on retail energy pricing in the different regions while working closely with local operations and salespeople to set local pricing strategy as well as implementing marketing programs. I will manage the long and short positions in each geography to enhance margins as well as helping to manage the trading decisions for the capacity and assets to maximize end-to-end margins with operations and the go to market team.

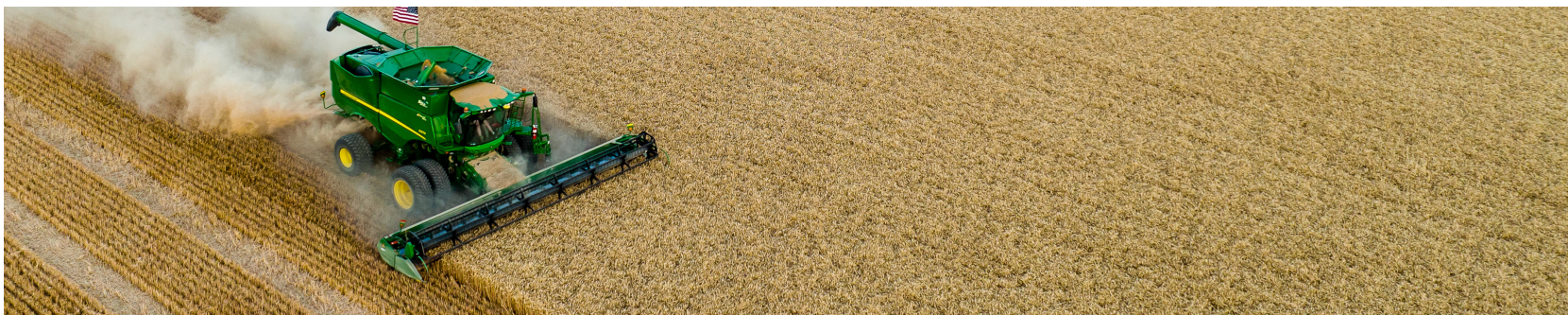
I am looking forward to the competitive advantage that CHS holds in its supply security given the depth of its upstream assets in the refineries. Knowing that the product is available is a huge piece of the puzzle and is an asset to the customer base. ■

Kristen Eldringhoff Grain Originator



I am Kristen Eldringhoff, grain originator in Byers, Colorado, for the CHS High Plains business unit. I have been in the grain business for two years, previously with Cargill Inc. I came to CHS with the Cargill acquisition in June 2024. Although I have been in the grain business for two years, I have spent my life in farming and ranching within the local community of eastern Colorado and I am fortunate enough to be a part of the agriculture family working alongside my husband. Before my current grain origination role, I served as a scale operator

in Byers learning the ins and outs of grain grading, specializing in wheat and learning the operations of the elevator. I'm excited to see what I can do to help CHS get settled into the community and continue serving our area farmers. ■



Jim Lengel Grain Originator



Hello! I'm Jim Lengel, grain originator for CHS High Plains. I'm based out of my home office in Cheyenne Wells, Colorado, but I travel to the Yuma office two to three days per week. I enjoy working for CHS and serving our customers. As a grain originator I like working with the growers in our service area and trying to understand their challenges. I am here to listen to customers' needs and concerns.

In my day-to-day job, the biggest challenge is becoming familiar with new programs, as well as operational changes in the business.

I live in Cheyenne Wells with my wife Rosemary and currently I'm fair board manager for the Cheyenne County Tumbleweed Fair and Rodeo. I'm also on the Cheyenne County Planning Board. I enjoy working in my yard and garden and doing Cajun boils for community events. ■

Layne Andrews Agronomy Sales Representative

Moxon™ CU is a great option for foliar fertility to add to your spring herbicide program for winter wheat. Offering the same chelation package as our Lumen® and Levesol® products, it provides a nice shot of nitrogen and copper to your crop during the key springtime growing period. While enhancing nutrient uptake, it will also help to fight off disease and ensure proper flowering and grain development. The low-salt formulation and ortho-ortho EDDHA chelation maximize availability of nitrogen. Paired with H-Pro 20, Moxon CU generates positive yield response and helps to give the crop a good “kick in the pants” at green-up. The investment for this nutrient package is minimal at low volume rates, but will set you up for increased bushels at harvest time. ■

