

Edson farmer featured

A new Case IH advertising campaign features Edson resident Richard Farris discussing issues he faces as a custom harvester.

The campaign focuses on Case IH's commitment to helping farmers solve global challenges such as population growth, shrinking amounts of arable land and government regulation. In a nationally released video featured on both the Case IH website and YouTube, Farris talks about issues facing the custom harvest industry today.

Farris comes from a long line of farmers. His grandfather on his father's side worked land in southwestern Missouri, while his grandfather on his mother's side worked as a Case IH dealer in the 1920s. Farris' father was a custom harvester — a profession Farris unwillingly took on in 1965 after his father's death.

"That's not what I planned to do when I got out of college, but my father passed away and I quit school," Farris said. "I did work for my banker one winter, but I decided after that I did not want to work inside."

For nearly half a century, Farris has crisscrossed the Great Plains every summer and fall harvesting other farmers' land. This year marked his 45th year harvesting one longtime customer's crop in Nebraska. He also provides custom services for brewing giants Anheuser-Busch and Miller Coors, harvesting malt barley in Montana.

It has been an interesting run for Farris, who has seen many changes in the custom harvest industry from the equipment utilized to regulation.

"The machinery itself has changed immensely. One of our pieces now probably does as much as four smaller ones did back in the day," he said, adding technological additions from air-conditioned cabs to field-mapping systems were significant contributions to the industry.

Farris points to overregulation of the industry as driving up hard costs and making it difficult to find labor. Some states require commercial driver's licenses for harvesters, which decreases driver availability.

"It becomes a pretty costly process because we have to have almost two months of training for new workers. The hard costs have increased substantially," Farris said. He has countered the cost by extending the fall run.

"Case IH had the best machinery to do the job," he said, "especially in terms of grain quality. Case IH does a good job in the field and handles custom crops very well."

View the video: <http://www.caseih.com/beready/Pages/Homepage.aspx>



Steel, floor moving ahead at city plant

Workers for Miller Construction are moving ahead on the erection of the city water treatment plant on Kansas Ave., west of Second Street. The water treatment plant is part of the \$5 million water quality improvement project the city is in the middle of. Miller workers (right photo) wrestled a section of wire into a section of the treatment plant floor to be poured later this week. Most of the water lines have been installed, but one major main on 10th has to be done.

Photos by Tom Betz
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matters of record

The following fines have been paid in the Sherman County District Court.

July 12: Russell L. Stolte, speeding, \$270.50.

Cathy K. Hazen, no seat belt, \$5.00.

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