

Next Meeting: April 2, 2010
Program: Jeff Sharpe

ATTENDING...

Marty Baddeloo
Ernie Barnes
Carroll Bennink
Steve Eden

Marv Fisher
Jim Harrington
Kurt Johnson
John Konior

Brenda Roe-Weaver
Al Suckow
Steve Vaught
Robin Toney

Doug West
Jonathan Woods

WE MISSED...

Bill Breckenridge
Wayne Bruns
Susan Cameron*
Bob Douglas

Dave Harrison*
Jake Joseph
Dan Kneeskern*
Sam Kraus*

Anita Messerschmidt*
Karen Novak
Roger Rinderknecht*
John Siembieda*

Jeff Sharpe
Scott Sundet*
Gary Wistrom*

**excused*

CLUB NEWS

- ☞ **Guest...** Marv Fisher invited our guest speaker for the morning, Tom Pfitzenmaier.
- ☞ **Social...** John Konior still has two tickets left for the July 21 presentation of "Jersey Boys" at the Civic Center. Let John know now if you're interested in these last tickets in the block purchased by BCI.

John is also investigating an April outing at Living History Farms or a nice dinner out somewhere in the Greater Des Moines area. Stay tuned for details.


PROGRAM

Marv Fisher, not wanting to regale us with the subtleties of raising suffolks, opted to invite our guest speaker, Tom Pfitzenmaier. Tom helped found Summit Commodity Brokerage in the 1980's and is currently an analyst on IPTV's Market to Market.

Tom informed us Iowa produces 18.5% of all the corn in the U.S. and 14.5% of all the beans. However, due to the increased use of technology, more crops are produced by less farmers. Gone are the days of the sustainable family farm with only a few hundred, or less, acres in production. Also, as a direct result of the technology we create, the rest of the world is catching up in the types and quantity of the crops grown. In fact, the U.S. is becoming the global supplier of last resort for corn.

He also touched on the fuel vs. food controversy and revealed that 34% of all U.S. corn produced is used to make ethanol.

Thanks to Marv and Tom for an interesting presentation.

REMINDER!!		
Future Programs		
April 16	Karen Novak	
May 7	Bill Breckenridge	
May 21	Steve Vaught	