

President's Letter
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Corn harvest has begun for most of us and there are a few of us that are waiting for the corn to mature hoping that mother nature will not bite us before we can get our crop in. There is a light at the end of the tunnel that can be seen, a finality, some point where we might for one instance be able to catch our breath before we have to start the next thing that we MUST do.

I am constantly reminded how global agriculture has become. Whether our feed prices are affected by crops being grown in South America or milk price is altered because Australia is in a drought or New Zealand had a production problem. As an industry and as individuals, we have had to adapt, make decisions and move on.

About a year ago, I wrote about the Farm Bill that was coming in 2012. Well it is almost nine months into 2013, and we are still waiting for it. Congress comes back from recess and only has a few days to do something before the self-imposed deadline. I am afraid we are destined for the same result as last year...another extension. I understand the political process is slow and debate is good but at what point does accountability come in or even just a feeling of accomplishment. I hope I am wrong, but given last year's results, I just don't see it.

I hope harvest goes well for everyone, and as always, thank you for your support of DPNM. If there is anything we can do, please contact your board member or the office.