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Good or Bad at Social Distancing?

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When I sat to write this newsletter, I looked back over these last three months to see what I've been up to and how the world around me has been doing. And this is what I realized. In a time of trying to stay isolated and protective of our space, keeping 6 feet from other people, staying "socially distanced", a phrase that did not exist in my world in 2019, I decided, I'm not very good at it. For those that know me are probably saying "Really Michelle? Everyone knew you'd be bad at this!" Let's look back and you decide…

June – The first EVER AgVantage "Live Streamed" Conference. Did Michelle follow the rules very well? I think from the perspective of that only 19 AgVantage employees were present at the hotel compared to our normal 250 people there – Yes. From the perspective of hugging, and did I end up hugging those 19 people and make them play rock – paper – scissors to move from table to table, probably not.

The 2020 Conference, even though it was the opposite of normal, really was quite amazing. Of course, we missed all the people (YOU!) that are normally present, but we hoped you were educated and maybe even entertained for those two days via our live stream. The feedback we received was VERY positive and it's leading us to find new ways to have the future AgVantage Conferences – like a hybrid version of both. One of the positive things that came from this year's conference is that we are able to use all the streamed data to create our own training and demo videos – something we've been wanting to do for the last few years. Those will be seen soon with the launch of our new website.

July – My second wedding officiant "job". Was Michelle good at keeping her distance? The wedding did go from 300 people down to 35, and was moved to the family country home from a big venue, so even though I had nothing to do with that, I'm going to put that in my "yes I did a good job social distancing" column. From the "connecting the audience with string to visualize my message" point of view, probably not.

> "We will prevail, and on the other side of this, be even stronger."

The message to my nephew Joey and his wife Emily was related to a marriage being about more than just the bride and groom for it to be successful and happy. That family, friends and everyone in your life has an impact on your happiness throughout your whole life. So, to show that, I handed Joey the ball of string, hang onto the end of the string and then pass it to his best man, and then through the audience and finally back to Emily. Once it was woven throughout the crowd, Joey and Emily turned and looked as the gatherers held up the string to show the connectiveness. I did have them wear gloves I provided so CHECK, one for the Michelle is good at being smart during a pandemic. :)

August – My whole family came to my cabin in northern Minnesota. How'd Michelle do with this one and staying 6' from her family? I probably don't need to even say it as I'm sure you're all thinking, "If one Blomberg is that huggy, it had to come from somewhere. That many Blombergs had to be a hugfest!" Well, yes, that is true. And no, none of us were very good at it. In the "win" column, we did cook most of our food outside. In the loss column, my brother Bob was giving his three kids the dad talk about keeping your distance as they were pulling into the cabin, and before he got out of the driver seat, I was hugging him and his kids. I saw him over by the shed spraying disinfectant on the three kids hands right after that hug. That was in the first 10 minutes on day one. I never saw the disinfectant come back out for the next 6 days. :) Sorry Bob!

Our life is so different and every day it seems like something new wants to kick us in the butt. But I hope everyone can stay positive and find the good things coming from this. We will survive it and even prevail! And on the other side, I believe we're going to be even stronger. And I will keep trying to be better at social distancing! :)
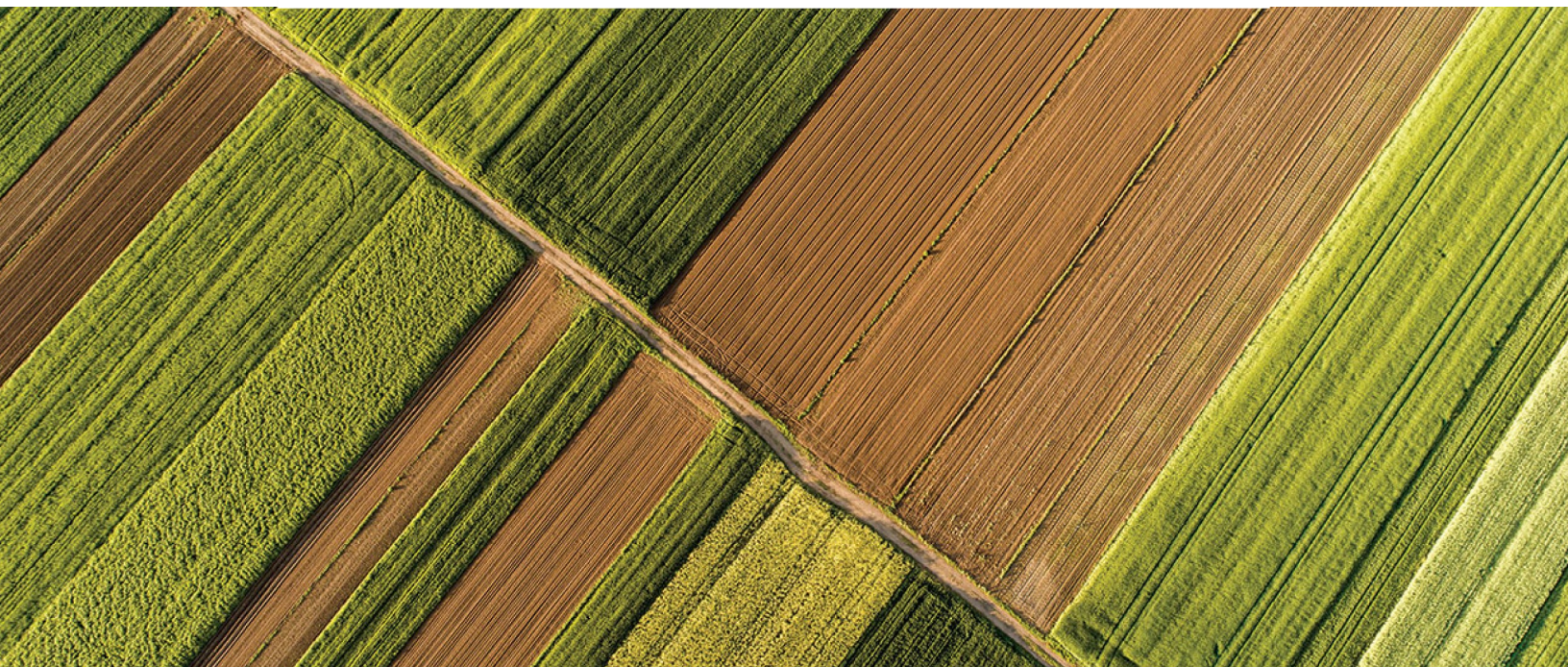
Thank you for your continued business. In our 44th year of business, I realize you have many choices for software providers. I will do my best, each and every day, to assure your happiness in your choice of AgVantage® Software as your Agri-Business Accounting system

Update on New Software Releases

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AgVantage strives to meet your agribusiness needs by updating our software platforms on a regular basis. The following is a list of the various AgVantage software platforms and the many new software releases.

Accounts Receivable Edge

V8.1 - U4MEN3 Opt 12 Global Price Update (484241)

U4MEN3 Opt20. Move Prices one Loc to Another (484242)

U4MEN3 Opt15. Change Item Numbers (484245)

U4MEN3 Opt17. Create Items in a new Loc (484246)

V8.1 - U4MEN3 Opt 19. Update Prices from a Spreadsheet (484247)

Q3 Patronage Y/N on a detail line item (484969)

Orders with Split Groups Pull in with Split (485156)

Payments in Edge Invoice (485165)

Calculate quantity based on UPR and Ext (485169)

ReBill From History (485181)

Q3 V8.1 Print statement range for a customer (489191)

Add U4MEN7-4 : Move Budget Balances to Current (489203)

V8.1 -Missed Budget Report (489205)

Auto Update Customer Status (489218)

Price level incorrect computation and no quantity price breaks (493747)

V8.1 - U4MEN14 Opt 3 - Interest on Prepayment Balances (494105)

V8.1 U4MEN14 - Opt 4 Create a batch of Finance Charges (494107)

V8.1 U4MEN14 Opt 16 - Process Web Payments (494330)

Remove "counter" from invoicing product descriptions (494978)

Energy Edge

UC2020-Add all tanks from a tank group to the call file. (489443)

V8.1-add Propane Y/N to the Fuel type file (490416)

Energy PC

Added Gas Check date to tank tab. (458121)

Distinguish the VOID ticket on history view of invoices (488930)

Void reflect on the customer's information deliveries tab (490036)

Feed Edge

Q3 V8 & V8.1 UFMENU opt 10 - Maintain Standard Cost - add to Edge (451529)

Print a Ration (460853)

Grain

Q3 V8.1 Print buyer signature on defer grn contracts (419541)

V81 - Purchase contracts - ability to change footer info (473856)

Print Purchase Cont - print Price Adj detail (489654)

USDA Coronavirus Food Assistance Program (CFAP) - criteria (492301)

Make Last Exercise Date field required on PC 18's (494307)

Grain Edge

U5MNEM2-6.1 Priced Undelivered units- Sls Cont @ Curr BOT Prices Rpt (408284)

Q3 Cust Portal - Pur Pricing - Default to today's date (426679)

V8.1 State Fees Maint - Add WI indemnity fields-Edge only (446373)

Interfaces

Pull in the PO # from NAPA (465758)

UPC# are now added to items in the DIB Invoice interface automatically (491006)

Cost plus in intevacon (497585)

Cash patronage issue with the patron points cards (468960)

Inventory

Detail Inventory Report shows detail info for a date range with Y/N (424268)

Enhancement add yes/no flag to use inv cost for transfers (479010)

Inventory Edge

Edge Inv - U8MEN1-4 add menu option with enhancements (456457)

V8.1 U8MEN1.11 an option to close multiple lots at one time (457089)

Edge Inv - Editing IR's add drop box to select receiver to edit (472229)

Enhancement - add yes/no flag to use inv cost for transfers (476247)

Payroll Edge

U3MEN4-12 reprint pr stub (462318)

Seed Edge

Order summary enhancements (483811)

Adding crop file in seed in edge (489254)

Adding the customer portal and inventory options to seed (492113)

Create a second way to GPOS from dispatch (492220)

Add Manufacturer, Split Groups, Counter Invoicing to Edge Seed (494488)

Time PC

Implement auto lunch into web eta client and kiosk (474077)

Add Vacation Sick time to ETA Web client (489581)

Add ability to edit time records on the timecard part of ETAMClient (495882)

Add timecard feature to kiosk mobile. (497250)

Chicken Burger

By Valerie Ahlers

Ingredients:

3# chicken breast, boneless
1# bacon
2 tsp. minced garlic (optional)
1 tsp. black pepper
1 tsp. Tender Quick

Directions:

Trim fat and tendons from chicken and then cut into strips. Put a couple strips of chicken through a grinder, then a strip of bacon. Continue alternating adding garlic periodically. After grinding, sprinkle with pepper and Tender Quick. Mix with hands. Can put in baggies to freeze or shape in patties, freeze on a cookie sheet and then put in baggies for ready to use.

These are great for grilling, baking or frying. Love to make burgers, top with some sweet and sour sauce, and leftover pulled pork. (We will triple this batch so have a quick easy thing to pull from the freezer.)

Look for our newly branded website to be released soon!

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