

## Join in the online conversation

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**W**HEN the newly designed Web site for *www.DakotaFarmer.com* went live in August, we added a host of new features that readers are continuing to learn about. One area where you can provide your own input is in the "Discussion" section, or in response to editor "Blogs."

There has been some confusion in the past about the difference between a "Discussion" and a Web log, or "Blog." To clarify, the "Discussion" area is where the reader starts the conversation and others can chime in with a response. Sometimes Farm Progress editors will be part of that discussion as well, working to answer your questions.



### WHAT'S NEW ONLINE

Registered users to the site — and registration is free — can reply to topics and offer their insight, ideas and opinions on a range of topics from risk management to machinery. Sometimes an editor may ask a question to get reader responses. Other times, readers will start the conversation. It all takes place under the "Discussion" section, or tab, at the top of the Web site.

### React to editors

The "Blogs" section is where the editors of Farm Progress throw out their ideas, thoughts, opinions and observations. There's a lot of interesting information you can find there. Some blogs you'll find right on the home page, while all blogs can be found in the "Blogs" section of the site. If you're registered, you can comment on any blog, and it's an opportunity to share your ideas.

Blog comments also allow readers to see what others are thinking. As editors, we all want to know what readers are experiencing. Most of the Farm Progress editors got into the business to help tell your story; now you can help those editors do an even better job.

Through "Blogs" and "Discussion" feedback, we'll have a better pulse on

### Key Points

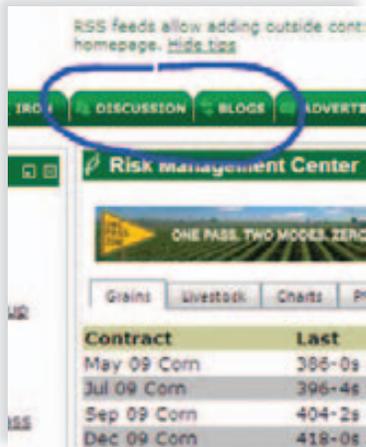
- "Blogs" and "Discussion" sections offer you opportunities to comment.
- The "Discussion" area has readers starting the conversation.
- The "Blogs" section offers added information from editors.

issues of the day, so if you're registered, throw out an idea or comment. If you're not registered, check out these sections, and if you've got ideas, thoughts or reactions, register and start sharing. Farm Progress editors want to hear from you.

### Get 'more' from the site

There's a lot going on with *www.*

*DakotaFarmer.com*, from user customization to new features. If you're looking for "Magazine Online" or other features for the site, look under the "More *Dakota Farmer*" tab at the top right. Put your mouse over that, and other features will drop down for you to choose. It's an added resource to check out every month.



**CHECK OUT THESE TABS:** The "Discussion" and "Blogs" areas offer added content that allows you to comment and be part of the conversation.

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