

## **MN Agriculture - Evan Oberdieck and Hefty Seed**

Evan Oberdieck is a salesman for Hefty Seed Company of Fairmont, MN. [Hefty Seed](#)'s corporate office is located in Baltic, SD. Evan is also a first year farmer, who just finished his first harvest on land owned by his grandparents. Evan is another shining example of a young person coming back to his hometown to farm and work in agriculture. Even though Evan's personality is reserved, you can hear his excitement in his voice when he talks about farming. Evan also happens to be our farm crop protectant salesman.

Evan and Hefty Seed sell multiple brands of seed and chemical, and advises growers on products, placements, and in field issues. In southern Minnesota, the most common crops grown are corn and soybeans and we personally have used their advisement services to help us make decisions on how to best protect our crops. They have been in business in Fairmont for about 10 years and work primarily in a 50-mile radius.

But most important ( :) I say this in tongue-in-cheek!), they also deliver a hot [harvest meal](#) in the fall. And I LOVE harvest meals!

### **Social Media Sites:**

Twitter: @FairmontHefty

### **What makes your farm/business unique or special? What are you proud of?**

"We really pride ourselves on service. We try to go out of our way to make the growers' life easier. We also spend a lot of time in customers fields throughout the growing season looking at fields and trying to stay one step ahead of any issues that may come up whether it be insects, diseases, or deficiencies."

### **Why do you grow/raise/produce? What went into your decision to do what you do?**

"I like being around and talking with farmers and learning what I can from them and their practices, and hopefully I'm able to share some of my knowledge with them."

### **What do you love most about farming/business?**

In agriculture there is always something new to learn or observe, and I really like that aspect of it. Every day I know that something will challenge me to think outside of the box.

**What is one interesting thing no one probably knows about your farm/business/product that you would like to share?**

"A lot of people know it but we have one of the largest field days in Baltic, SD every July with all our seed and chemical companies present and a lot of plots to look through."

**What makes Minnesota the place to farm/grow/raise/produce/provide a service?**

"Where we are in southern MN there are some great soils, so it's really interesting to be able to try to push the yield limits. One of my ag professors in college called the land around Truman "God's Country". That always made me feel good about being able to farm and help other growers raise crops around here. *We are really blessed with the soils we have to work with.*"