

Special points of interest:

- Coming soon the early order program, pricing and many exciting new products.
- Tips when turning on your irrigation pumps.
- Congrats to Al McAleer

CDS-John Blue 125th Anniversary Feature

Congratulations to Al McAleer, Horvick Manufacturing, Fargo, ND winner of the 2nd 125th Anniversary Contest. Al answered correctly the question “What city and state did John Blue Company start business?” The answer is Laurinburg, NC.

This issue’s question is: **“What year was John Blue Company sold and to whom?”** All correct answers received by June 24th will be entered in a drawing to win an \$125 gift card. Contact the sales department at 1-800-253-2583 with the correct answer and be eligible to win \$125!

CDS-John Blue Company’s 125th Anniversary Celebration



CDS-John Blue Company celebrated its 125th anniversary on May 21 with an employee and retiree BBQ plus a ribbon cutting ceremony by the Chamber of Commerce. The BBQ was provided by our very own Jeff Ferguson, Manufacturing Manager.

We were fortunate to share the day with the following retirees: Past CEO Ansil Poland and his wife, Lorraine (who also

worked at John Blue): Former Chief Engineer, Ervin West and his wife, Madeline and manufacturing personnel: Ed Hilliard, Tom Pace and David Quillen. Additionally our parent company, Advanced Systems Technology was represented by Kenneth Ohrstrom.

Thank you to our employees past and present and to you, our loyal customers for our 125 years of success in the Ag industry.

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Communications Tool:

Auto e-mailing of invoices proved critical during the [recent tornados](#). Your e-mail information enabled us to reach out to you during this difficult time. If you haven't signed up for auto e-mailing of invoices please provide an appropriate e-mail address to Stephanie Sanders at: ssanders@cds-johnblue.com or 256-721-7511. This new billing feature will complement our existing shipment notification e-mails that are currently being sent.

Facebook:

Become our Fan on Facebook—CDS-John Blue Company.

Updated Phone Numbers:

The phone number for calling CDS-John Blue Company outside the US and Canada has changed. The new number is 256-895-9936. The Phone numbers for the US and Canada have not changed. They are 800-253-2583 and 256-721-9090. The fax number has not been changed 256-721-9091.

Discontinued Parts:

The spare parts for the CDS 70-12 and 70-24 Flow Dividers will be discontinued. The associated products were discontinued 11 years ago.



Tips When Turning On Irrigation Pumps

It's time to turn on the irrigation pumps. Your customer has stored his pump all winter and now he has a few questions. This troubleshooting guide is designed to assist you in fixing simple problems, should they arise, during the long life of your customer's CDS-John Blue Irrigation Pumps.

When starting the pump—always make sure the product is gravity fed. Set the pump on full stroke and run the pump until the air is purged from the system. Then set to the desired application rate. Always run the pump with the safety cover in place.

If fertilizer is not getting to the pump—make sure the fertilizer is gravity fed to the pump. All joints should be tight to prevent air leaks. Check filters for restrictions. Hoses and valves should be sized correctly so temperature and viscosity do not restrict flow. Make sure all valves are open to allow flow.

The pump is air locking and does not clear air out of the delivery lines—Our



pumps are self-priming and should clear itself of air in a few minutes. If not, check the stroke length and make sure it is at full stroke, this will enable any particulates to be flushed through the pump.

For a complete trouble-shooting guide visit our web site: www.cds-johnblue.com or contact the sales department for additional assistance.

What Else Happened in 1886 the same year John Blue Company was founded?

Many new products were introduced in 1886 and just like CDS-John Blue Company are still in business today. Dr. Pepper was introduced as the “king of beverages free of caffeine.” Coca-Cola went on sale in Jacobs Pharmacy in Atlanta and Hires Root Beer was introduced in bottles. Door-to-door book salesman David H. Connell founded Avon Products.

Did you know since 1886 the United States has had 27 Presidents. Since 1886 CDS-John Blue Company has had two owners: The John Blue Family and the current owners Advanced Systems Technology.