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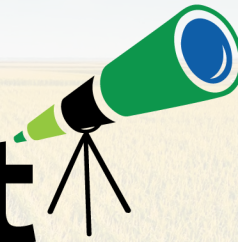## E-NEWSLETTER

**MONTHLY UPDATES FROM AGVANTAGE SOFTWARE - YOUR PARTNER IN AGRIBUSINESS**

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## Jam with Dave Hammond

*By Dave Hammond, Senior Software Engineer - daveh@agvantage.com*

Hello. My name is Dave Hammond. I am a Senior Software Engineer at AgVantage Software. Prior to working at AgVantage, I did IT and Programming for an ag coop in Wisconsin. However, due to a merger I found myself needing to find a new opportunity. I contacted AgVantage Software and they said yes… so, I packed up my family and we moved from Green Bay, WI to Rochester, MN.

I have been working for AgVantage for over 6 years. It has been the best job I have ever had. The job has been both challenging and rewarding and AgVantage really cares about their people. I have grown my skills as a Programmer and have gotten the opportunity to work on some exciting new things in our Edge product. I also enjoy helping the newer programmers better understand the agricultural industry as most of them have not had the direct experience I have had.

My family consists of my wife, Deb, and our three children, Alex, Hunter, and Hannah. Hannah is in High School and is the only one still living at home. I am also a grandpa and our grandson Kaizen brings great joy to my life.

Outside of work we enjoy camping and road trips. Recently we purchased a camper and are looking forward to visiting many State and National Parks. Last Summer we visited the Colorado River, the Grand Canyon, and the Petrified Forest.

Music is also a big part of my life. I play multiple instruments and was a guitarist in a band in college. As the kids were growing up, I taught them all to play an instrument… piano, guitar, drums, etc. To this day one of our favorite things to do when we get together as a family is to jam… think School of Rock.

AgVantage has grown so much in the time I have been working for them. It is exciting to see the company grow as well as my department. I work with the best people and truly consider myself lucky to be an AgVantage employee.

*"…enjoy helping the newer programmers better understand the agricultural industry…"*

## Welcome Back to Dawn Nemechek!

*By Dawn Nemechek, Customer Services Specialist - dawnn@agvantage.com*

I'm happy to say I will be celebrating 25 years at AgVantage Software this April.

You may have noticed I have been missing-in-action since the end of May. I had an injury where I dislocated and broke my shoulder requiring 2 surgeries resulting in a plate, 7 screws and radial nerve damage. This means I have continuing nerve pain from my shoulder to my fingers with paralysis. They call it radial wrist palsy.

I have seen many doctors over the months. Living just 10 miles from Rochester, MN, I am blessed to have access to the greatest medical experts in the world. I was surprised when the specialist at Mayo Clinic didn't know if I would heal. My thoughts were they would fix me. Well, the Mayo doctors decided to wait and see if the nerves would heal on their own before they tried surgical intervention. They told me I would need to be patient because nerves heal an inch a month. The nerve damage was high in my upper arm. The nerves, if they heal, would have to heal all the way down to my wrist, then my little finger, ring finger and so on. My thumb would be the last to heal. That is a lot of inches. And, anytime along the way, the healing could stop. It was possible I would be disabled.

Retiring had not yet been part of my plan but, because I could not lift my wrist nor use my fingers, I didn't think I could work. Or so I thought. Five months later, Michelle and Paul asked me to come back. At that time my shoulder had healed but I had no sign of progress in my wrist and hand. Even so, AgVantage made a job for me where I would have minimal typing. I am excited to share that, as of last fall, my new job became shadowing and training new grain support employees. Our new hires take their jobs seriously. They know the grain industry. Their goals are doing their best to find the correct answers you need to do your jobs while using our software. I know you are enjoying working with them as much as I am.

I am so thankful for my new position. I cannot express my gratitude enough that AgVantage deemed me worthy to continue working for them even though I may never regain use of my hand. I am eternally grateful and proud to work for this company. You made the correct decision to choose us, AgVantage, for your software solution.

Update! I am thrilled to report that in December I was able to lift my wrist and this month my fingers are beginning to respond!

With that said... I am back and still here to serve you in the Customer Support Department along with our newest additions to AgVantage. Thank you for working with me over the years and I look forward to working with you again soon.

## Upcoming eTraining Class Schedule

*By Elise Musall, Customer Services Specialist  -  elisem@agvantage.com*

Hello everyone!

Here is an overview of our upcoming month's eTraining class schedule[**]. Please take a moment to view our eTraining calendar via the link below and follow directions to register for any of our eTraining classes[*].

https://www.supersaas.com/schedule/agvantage/AgVantage_E-Training_Schedule

Please email **elisem@agvantage.com** or **support@agvantage.com** for any questions or concerns about eTraining.

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| **Wednesday 3/8** | | **Thursday 3/16** | |
| 10am—12pm CST | **Edge Seed Shipments & Dispatching** | 10am—12pm CST | **Edge Inventory Costing & Reading Reports** |
| 2pm—4pm CST | **eAgVantage: Commodity DPR** | 2pm—4pm CST | **V8.1 Edge Inventory Q&A** |
| **Thursday 3/9** | | | |
| 10am—12pm CST | **1099s Patronage (No Charge)** | | |
| 2pm—4pm CST | **Edge Grain Customer Portal** | | |
| | | **Wednesday 3/22** | |
| | | 10am—12pm CST | **Edge Energy Dispatching & Mapping** |
| | | 2pm—4pm CST | **Grain End of Month Valuations** |
| **Tuesday 3/14** | | | |
| 2pm—4pm CST | **Grain Hauling & How It Works** | **Thursday 2/23/23** | |
| | | 10am—12pm CST | **PC Invoicing** |
| **Wednesday 3/15** | | 2pm—4pm CST | **AgVantage V8.1 & Edge—New Features** |
| 10am—12pm CST | **PC Energy** | | |
| 2pm—4pm CST | **Edge Agronomy** | | |

*\*eTraining fees may apply. Please see the Training section via the link below for single class rates or to sign up for company wide monthly/annual subscription options.*
https://www.agvantage.com/Services.html

*\*\*Classes are subject to time and date changes. Anyone already registered for a class will be notified on a time or date change.*

## Update on New Software Releases

*By Tim Underwood, VP Development - timu@agvantage.com*

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 Payable
Vendor Master - allow only 'I' as valid character in inactive field (588943)

### EDGE CRM
Add checkbox to include full comments on PDF or Excel document (586596)

### EDGE Admin
Add authority to view inventory cost (557864)

### EDGE Agronomy
Copy notes from plan activity when converting to order (496621)

Save & assign button to applicator when order is created (554584)

Allow to set application date when manually assigning applied status (567091)

Application: add 32% as a carrier option (567937)

Change file setup menu title - stages to phases (572690)

Remove Liquid/Dry from text notification and added dispatch type description (573093)

Converting plan to work order - populate state and county on work order (581736)

### EDGE Accounts Payable
AP Invoice Entry - additional validation for inactive field (588947)

### EDGE Accounts Receivable
Add COD to customer lookup (579093)

### EDGE Crop Protection
Chemical cross reference PDF export - landscape and logo (580134)

Add remember selection box to location drop down in shipments (581130)

Add ability to edit location on the shipment (582397)

### EDGE Dispatch and Mapping - Energy
Add fuel delivery report (572434)

### EDGE Grain
Add handwritten or print computer advance (344503)

Copy liens to deferred liens file (408244)

Create a quick add for purchase contracts (561771)

Add position date to purchase controls (580220)

Add hybrid contracts report (589232)

### EDGE Inventory
Inventory blends setup - display total quantity and extended amount (588296)

### Grain
Deferred Payment Contracts - archive if all payments for contract have been paid (543800)

### Interfaces
REST API change /graindiscounts to /gradefactors (589057)

### Investments
Investments preferred stock fields too small (587143)

### Payroll
Earnings report - use date range entered (589546)

**Remember to check your PULSE for more details on these Edge product enhancements.**

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