NUTRIEN'S FEATHERED FAMILY IS GROWING







Far left: Nutrien recently played host to three peregrine falcons who were hatched at its Rocanville potash mine in Saskatchewan. Seen here is Rocky.

Centre: The falcon fledglings took their first flights in early August and were seen around the site until August 25th. Seen here is Hallie.

Left: Employees were invited to submit names for consideration and then voted on their favourites. Seen here is Sylvia.

utrien prides itself on being a good neighbour, and that goes for its wildlife neighbours, too. The company recently played host to three peregrine falcons who were hatched at its Rocanville potash mine in Saskatchewan.

Earlier this year, the site was preparing to start a roof construction project when employees discovered a nest on the rooftop. The facility sprang into action and contacted the Saskatchewan Ministry of Environment's Fish, Wildlife, and Lands Branch to set up guidelines to help ensure the nest would not be disturbed. In addition, a nest box was installed to protect the fledglings from the heat.

"The results show that we're doing a pretty admirable job. While this is an industrial facility and there is a lot of activity, we're still maintaining an environment that a falcon would find suitable to nest at," says Jason Grose, environmental coordinator at Rocanville.

Peregrine falcons are categorized as a sensitive species, but the good news is that the population for this species is nearing self-sufficient numbers due to conservation and safety efforts, including activities to protect the site's feathered friends at Rocanville.

The parent birds – identified using their leg-band tags as Bogart, an eight-year-old male, and Bernice, a two-year-old female – were drawn to Rocanville's 212-foot-high rooftop, giving them a commanding view of their surroundings.

Three eggs arrived soon after the parent birds nested, and they hatched over three days this summer.

Grose says the falcon fledglings took their first flights in early August and were seen around the site until August 25th. The falcons have not been seen since then and are presumably on their way south for the winter.

Rocanville employees enjoyed taking the falcons under their wing this summer, and even had a hand in naming the new arrivals. Employees were invited to submit names for consideration and then voted on their favourites.

Nutrien is pleased to have welcomed Hallie, Rocky, and Sylvia to the world.

ABOUT NUTRIEN

Nutrien is the world's largest provider of crop inputs and services, playing a critical role in helping growers increase food production in a sustainable manner. We produce and distribute around 27 million tonnes of potash, nitrogen, and phosphate products worldwide. With this capability and our leading agriculture retail network, we are well positioned to supply the needs of our customers. We operate with a long-term view and are committed to working with our stakeholders as we address our economic, environmental, and social priorities. The scale and diversity of our integrated portfolio provides a stable earnings base, multiple avenues for growth, and the opportunity to return capital to shareholders.



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I believe Mosiac at K3 has since claimed bragging rights for the "tallest steel headframe in the world." No doubt BHP at Jansen will best them both.

To understate it, peregrines are special.

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July 2024: More chicks have hatched this spring and been banded. (I am working Security at Scissors Creek now.)