

**Belgrade Brooten Elrosa Awarded Ag Classroom
Grant from Prairie Lakes Coop for GPS Units**



L to R: Randy Anderson, Prairie Lakes Coop -Elrosa Location Manager, Gary Rodgers BBE Ag Instructor , Darren Wander, Corey Tonn, Cole Tensen, Bryce Goodenbour, Brandon Felling, Colby Petersen, Levi Anderson, Brent Goodenbour, Tim Harvey, Prairie Lakes Coop Board Director.

Monday, January 18, 2010– Elrosa, Minn. – The Belgrade Brooten Elrosa Agricultural Classroom was recently awarded a \$250 grant from Prairie Lakes Coop as part of the company’s Community Grant Program.

Prairie Lakes Coop Community Funds Committee selected Belgrade Brooten Elrosa to receive \$250 grant towards the objective of purchasing a GPS unit for their Agricultural Classroom.

Gary Rodgers, BBE Ag Instructor, states in his application, “The number of students enrolling in Agriculture at BBE High School has been steadily increasing over the past several years. Because of the increase in students we will need to increase the number of GPS unites for our students to use and become familiar with. Students will be better able to understand how GPS systems work, be able to find waypoints, locate positions on a map, transfer information from one user to another, stimulate overall

navigation and increase their overall learning as it pertains to Precision Agriculture and agriculture in general.”

Applying schools and their organizations have to indicate their plans for the grant money, supply general information about the schools/organizations, project, and purpose of the request, along with specific financial needs and projected outcomes. Applications can be found online at www.prairielakescoop.com.

“The GPS units will enhance the learning of how to use this technology in real-world situations. We are proud that hundreds of students will benefit from tools that Prairie Lakes Coop is able to assist in funding,” says Tim Harvey Prairie Lakes Coop Board Member.

Prairie Lakes Coop awarded this \$250 grant to the Belgrade Brooten Elrosa Agricultural Department on behalf of its local member owners. Prairie Lakes Coop (prairielakescoop.com), a CHS Service Center, provides products and services in the agronomy, energy, and grain markets to meet the needs of its patrons. Prairie Lakes Coop has locations in the communities of Cyrus, Hoffman, Elrosa, Lowry, Long Prairie, Park Rapids, Glenwood and Starbuck creating relationships with customers in agronomy inputs, propane, fuel, and grain marketing.