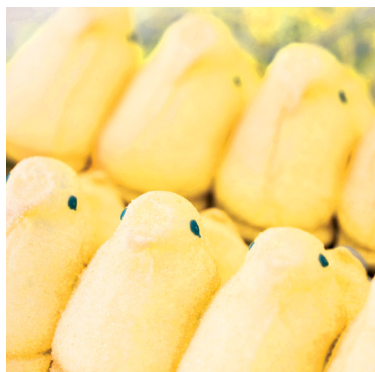


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You're One of Our Favorite Peeps

We hope you enjoy a sweet Easter season this year! All of us at Albany Fiber feel lucky to be able to call you a customer, neighbor, and friend. It's always a pleasure to see you—whether in our office or out and about in the community—and help keep you connected to today's technology.

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OUR BROADBAND MEETS GROWING NEEDS

EQUIP YOUR FARM OR RANCH WITH ROBUST CONNECTIONS

Smart technology — including precision agriculture, autonomous machinery, and water management hardware — can significantly increase output and lower costs. Taking full advantage of this technology, however, requires fast and reliable broadband throughout your rural property. That's where Albany Fiber comes in.

We can install fiber internet service with speeds up to 1 Gig and design a customized Wi-Fi network to cover every acre and every outbuilding. Our goal is to support your growth.



CALL 320.845.2101 TO DISCUSS INTERNET AND WI-FI OPTIONS

Service availability and internet speed will depend on location. Certain restrictions apply. Contact us for details.

National Ag Day Celebrates Growth

On March 19th, 2024, we celebrate National Ag Day and join with producers, agricultural associations, corporations, universities, government agencies, and individuals to recognize the importance of agriculture in the U.S. This year's theme is "Growing a Climate for Tomorrow," in recognition of the commitment of America's farmers to protect soil, air, and water as they raise crops and livestock.

Not only do America's farmers feed us, they also help feed the more than seven billion people in the world. Agriculture also provides fibers used for clothing and other products as well as many employment opportunities.

National Ag Day was founded by the Agriculture Council of America (ACA) and was first celebrated in 1979. Since then, the ACA has continued to build awareness about the role of agriculture in modern society and make sure none of us take agriculture for granted.

As a communications provider, we offer the internet service required for local farmers to increase efficiency and productivity through smart farm technology.



BY THE NUMBERS: Internet Usage Around the Globe

The internet continues to transform how people worldwide connect with others, organize the flow of things, and share information. While this newsletter usually focuses on the internet service we provide locally—talking about its speed or reliability, for example—there's value for all of us to occasionally step back and take a global look.

Check out these interesting statistics about the internet from www.broadbandsearch.net and www.statista.com:

- The exact number of global internet users is hard to pinpoint. However, reliable sources place the figure somewhere between 4.8 billion and 5.47 billion.
- As of October 2023, the countries with the highest internet penetration rate, all recording 99 percent, were Norway, Saudi Arabia, and the United Arab Emirates, and the worldwide internet penetration rate was 65.7 percent.
- China has an estimated 1.05 billion internet users. Nearly 3 in 4 people (74.36%) in China use the internet. India currently ranks second with just under half of its population (49.15%) using the internet – 692 million people. The U.S. rounds off the top three with 311.3 million of its 331.9 million population using the internet (93.79%).
- South Africans spend the most time online per day, with the global-high average of 9 hours 38 minutes.
- According to the latest data, 56.9% of internet access comes from mobile devices.

Albany Fiber is proud to keep our community connected to a world of possibilities. To learn more about the internet plans we offer, call 320.845.2101 or visit www.albanytel.com.