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## USDA ending Food Box program; adding Dairy Donation program

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WASHINGTON, D.C. — The United States Department of Agriculture is ending its popular but expensive Farmers to Families Food Box program, which extended the department's normal food budget sixfold during the COVID-19 pandemic. In citing the factors behind the shuttering of the Food Box program, Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack said the program also suffered from uneven nationwide distribution, leaving some communities and counties unserved.

The program's tenets will likely survive in some form, the agriculture secretary hinted.

"We are obviously trying to take the best of the Food Box program and implement it into our traditional distribution system," said Vilsack. "I think you're just going to see it in a slightly different delivery system that is much more efficient and less costly. Which means that we're going to have more resources, more food for more people."

Vilsack also announced a new initiative, the Dairy Donation Program (DDP), would soon be rolled out to help dairy producers absorb some of the financial sting of losing the Farmers to Families Food Box program. According to the USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS), the DDP will facilitate the timely donation of dairy products to nonprofit organizations who distribute food to persons in need, while also reducing food waste.

The DDP, which the USDA said will be implemented soon, works like this: Eligibility is open to dairy farmer cooperatives and processors who "account to" a federal milk marketing order (FMMO) and donate dairy products to public or private nonprofit food distribution concerns. Producers must submit a donation and distribution plan for their dairy product(s) to USDA. Reimbursements will be at least equivalent to the minimum classified value of milk used to make the donated product on the date of manufacture, and records relating to the donation of products must be maintained and available for inspection.

The following detailed information about the DDP is provided by USDA-AMS:

**Donation and Distribution Plan Requirements:** The legislation requires participating dairy cooperatives and processors have a donation and distribution plan describing the process to be used for the donation, processing, transportation, temporary storage, and distribution of eligible dairy products. The authorizing statute allows for retroactive reimbursement, therefore plans covering donations made since the signing of the statute, December 27, 2020, can be retroactively submitted for approval once the regulations are published. Like the Milk Donation Reimbursement Program (MDRP), the plan will likely need to include: Dairy Organization Name, Contact Person and Title, Primary Mailing Address, Phone and Email Address. This same information would need to be included for the recipient of the donated products including Nonprofit Name, Contact Person and Title, Primary Mailing Address, Phone, Email Address and the nonprofit tax ID number. Appropriate forms for submitting this information will be provided once the regulations are published.

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Above: Cousins Zia Dukes (top) and Teagan Showley (in the tire) enjoyed time with Teagan's Dad as he prepared to get into the field at Showley Farms in Rochester, Ind.

## World Ag Expo panelists analyze benefits and future of propane

By DOUG SCHMITZ  
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WASHINGTON, D.C. — The Propane Education & Research Council recently hosted an online panel to discuss the future of U.S. agriculture and energy industries, as well as the unique benefits panelists see that propane-powered equipment offers U.S. producers.

"As producers across the country begin to focus more on environmental concerns or meeting stricter emissions requirements, we felt this was a very important conversation to have," said Mike Newland, the council's director of agriculture business development, in the panel discussion originally shared as part of the recent 2021 virtual World Ag Expo.

"Propane has several key advantages over other energy sources, some of which producers might already be familiar with, but others they might not," he said.

Newland joined California-based almond grower Alex Adams, and the council's Director of Technical Communications Jeremy Wishart, who served as the panel moderator, to address questions and concerns from U.S. producers, including Adams' own experience using propane on his farm, and why these panelists think propane is a leader in the clean energy revolution.

"I think we also have a great story when you start looking at it from a consumer standpoint," Newland told virtual attendees. "Back in 1990, (with) the Clean Air Act of 1990, propane was made and approved as an alternative fuel. I think most consumers would not know that."

"I think that's very important that the government had trust in us all the way back into the early '90s because they know our emissions profiles, and know that we are clean," he added.

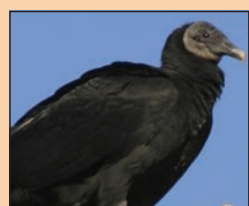
According to the council, propane produces 43 percent fewer greenhouse gas emissions than using an equivalent amount of electricity generated from the U.S. grid system, 24 percent fewer emissions than gasoline, and 11 percent fewer emissions than diesel engines.

Newland said the biggest thing throughout the Midwest drying grain with propane.

"Other things have a more national use: irrigation engines, generators, water heating systems for the farm as well," he said. "When we start thinking organics, we start talking about flame weed control systems."

"We start using propane to disrupt the growth and self-development in weeds, and we can control weeds with tools in that regard," he

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added. "We also do some other things with heat. We have a category called agronomic heat systems that also plays into that organic space."

Discussing what he referred to as the reliability and resiliency of propane, he said, "I've not yet a farmer who doesn't like to control his own destiny. I think it really gets back to farmers getting to run their farms how they want to, on the schedule they want to, and not being dictated by regulations, or peak pricing as to how they really have to from an economics standpoint."

Adams' entire farm operation is propane-driven

Adams said his farm operation started using propane on a test program in 2015.

"We put it on a deep well turbine," he said. "Ran it for about six months. I was so impressed with it that we switched our operations over between three different ranches, and added five more power units that essentially drove everything."

He said one of the issues California especially is facing right now is when "the wind blows a little bit, the power goes off."

That's why he said he has gone from an irrigation standpoint, "to all of my residences and vacation homes

all having backup power tied in, and it's all propane-driven."

"From the aspect of fuel containment, you don't have to contain it," he said. "You don't have the theft issue with it that you do with diesel fuel disappearing, or getting dumped. It doesn't go bad like diesel does. It doesn't grow bacteria, so it's been a very phenomenal experience for me. The cost saving alone on the power side of it was tremendous."

"I had one place, at the time, we were seven cents a kilowatt hour," he said. "Propane can beat that. So propane has its place. Propane works. Between five different power units, the only thing I've ever lost was the alternator, and that was because the battery failed. It had nothing to do with the engines."

He added, "Between the three different ranches, it is 120 acres. If I put it all together, on average, we're running about 3,800 pounds per acre. The propane in the engine systems give you an ability to have an infinitely variable drive system, so you can speed up that water."

"You can slow that water down, you can isolate it in a box if you need to where you have different soil textures before the ground changes if you need to apply more water in one area, turn it off, or apply less."

"It gives you a very flexible system that's you're not going to get without a mass investment in some type of

valving, or some kind of automated system that's going to manage that side of it for you," he said.

Newland said, "I don't think we can rely on all electric for the farm, and think we can pull that off in 10 years."

"The message today is propane is a clean thing," he said. "We need the regulations and the requirements today. (But) we don't have peak pricing concerns. We give folks the ability back to control their own farm and their own acres, which I think is awesome."

"(The council) has even done studies across the electric grid, looking at how much emissions are put off by producing that electricity that folks allege is clean, how much emissions are put off, and comparing our propane emissions to that grid power, and we win that conversation in comparison," he added.

"I've had people call me, 'Hey, our power is out,' he said. "How are you still running your sprinklers?' 'Well, my power source didn't drop off the grid; it's doing its thing, and everything runs along.'

"So there are a lot of positive benefits to (propane)," he added. "Not only is it water vapor once it's burned, you don't have any of the other issues that you have to deal with."

He said the message that is needed out in the agriculture community is there are other energy alternatives.

"(Electric) may be clean, compared to other fuels, but there are alternatives out there today, and they're better than that, so I think propane has a place," he said. "The regulation part of it is one thing, and we do what we can there. We have other folks working on the regulators a little bit, having those conversations as to why we should be included in any policy going forward."

"So we're excited about it," he added. "We think we've got a great story, and we think we have an opportunity if we're able to tell that story - and we think the best way to do that is to continue talking to our end users, and that's what we're trying to do."

For more information on propane, visit: www.propane.com.

# USDA

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**Reimbursement Rate:** The statute requires a reimbursement rate for eligible dairy products at a value that encourages the donation of these products, facilitates orderly marketing, reduces volatility related to significant market disruptions, maintains traditional FMMO class price relationships, or stabilizes on-farm milk prices. The rate also must be sufficient to avoid food waste and not interfere with the commercial marketing of milk or dairy products. Until defined in the regulations, dairy organizations can plan on a rate of reimbursement equal to the minimum classified value of the milk when the donated product was processed.

**Required Documentation:** Donating cooperatives and processors will need to keep appropriate documents demonstrating eligibility that may include documentation of the date of production of the donated dairy product, amount paid for the raw milk used to make the product, and proof of donation. In addition, participants will be subject to reviews or audits of the documents to ensure integrity within the program.

**Supplemental MDRP Reimbursements:** For entities participating in the MDRP, supplemental reimbursements will be made equaling the difference between the MDRP reimbursed value and the value reimbursed in the DDP. These supplemental reimbursements will not be made until the DDP becomes effective."

Through the Food Box program, USDA contractors delivered 157,152,030 boxes of food including fresh produce, milk, dairy and cooked meats in 2020, spending \$4 billion.

Vilsack is now focusing on redirecting tax dollars to existing hunger initiatives such as SNAP and other government food distribution systems, according to a USDA spokesperson, in addition to adding the DDP.

American Farm Bureau Federation President Zippy Duvall said he was surprised to hear of Vilsack's decision to end the food box program, adding that the pandemic had a devastating effect on farmers and families. "The need is still there. We look forward to continue working with Secretary Vilsack and learn how USDA plans to address the heightened need at food banks while providing a destination for the fresh, healthy food being produced by farm families across the country."

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# Shift in global feed grain demand is being monitored

Much of the domestic supply and demand data in the April WASDE report was as expected. Corn carryout was reduced 150 million bu (mbu) as feed usage increased 50 mbu, ethanol demand was raised 25 mbu and exports were bumped up 75 mbu. This left ending stocks at a comfortable 1.35 billion bu (bbu) which was in line with trade estimates. Soybean ending stocks were left at 120 mbu as 30 mbu reductions to crush and residual demand were offset by an equal increase in exports. Domestic wheat carryout was raised 16 mbu to an 852 mbu total from lower feed usage estimates.



**MARKET ANALYSIS**  
By Karl Setzer

Minimal changes were also made to the global balance sheets. World corn carryout is now projected at 283.9 million metric tons (mmt), down 3.8 mmt from March from lower U.S. ending stocks and a smaller Argentine crop. The world soybean reserves are expected to increase 3.2 mmt to an 86.9 mmt total as the USDA unexpectedly increased the Brazilian crop estimate. The world wheat reserves are forecast to end at 295.5 mmt, down 5.7 mmt from the previous estimate due to elevated feeding, mainly in China.

South American production was updated in the April release with one surprise. The USDA is now projecting a Brazilian soybean crop of 136 mmt, a 2 mmt increase from last month. This puts the USDA in line with other estimates, including the CONAB numbers. Brazil's corn crop was left unchanged at 109 mmt. The Argentine soybean crop projection was left unchanged at 47.5 mmt, but the corn crop was lowered 500,000 mt from ongoing drought, putting it at an even 47 mmt.

Beef and pork balance sheets were updated as well. Beef production for 2021 is now projected at 27.64 billion pounds, a 60-million-pound increase from March. Pork production is now estimated at 28.28 billion pounds, a 405-million-pound reduction from last

month. Compared to last month the USDA is predicting lower cattle weights but heavier hogs. A slower hog slaughter pace is the reason for the smaller pork production figure.

We continue to see a shift in global feed grain demand that is being closely monitored. For the past several months we have seen an elevated use of wheat in feed rations as both availability and price has been more favorable than corn. We are now seeing some countries shift to barley feeding in place of corn and wheat, including China. There are even thoughts this could lead to elevated barley planting in the global market, displacing other acres.

There are questions as to what this alternative demand will do to U.S. balance sheets. Chinese purchases of white wheat from the United States are at a 27-year high. Total U.S. wheat sales to China are at a 7-year high. This demand is not showing signs of slowing, even with elevated barley purchases, and will likely cause a further draw in U.S. wheat reserves. This makes the expected improvement to U.S. Wheat Belt weather crucial to prevent wheat ending stocks from dropping to a level that would call for rationing, same as with corn and soybeans.

When it comes to alternative grain usage, we are also seeing elevated interest in soy meal displacement. This is not just from price, but from simple necessity. There are concerns over the volume of soybeans that will be available for crush later in the marketing year and this is generating more demand for products such as distiller grains. This is especially the case with more DDG's becoming available with ethanol production starting to rebound.

The demand for alternative feed grain uses is expected to increase over the next several weeks, and likely last through the end of the marketing year. The U.S. soybean supply is dwindling and approaching a minimal level. While producers and commercials continue to

trickle soybeans into the supply line, volumes are low and barely enough to keep some crush plants operational. The low movement is expected to continue, causing some facilities to halt operations until new crop supplies become available.

When it comes to corn demand trade is less concerned with domestic supplies. Instead, we are seeing attention focused on exports, mainly to China. China has a considerable volume of corn booked from the United States and there have been concerns some of these may be canceled. This is from the cheaper corn that is being offered from Argentina. While Argentine corn is cheaper, the value at which the U.S. corn was booked is still favorable and supply is more available. All importers, including China, are also concerned with the availability of Argentine corn long term.

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Weekly National Sheep Summary For the Week Ending Friday, April 16, 2021

Weekly Trends: Compared to last week slaughter lambs mostly steady to 15.00 higher, except at San Angelo, TX 20.00-30.00 lower; slaughter ewes steady to 20.00 lower; feeder lambs not well tested. At San Angelo, TX 9142 head sold. No sales in Equity Cooperative Auction. Western Video Auction sold 5045 lambs, 600 replacement ewes and 10 rams. In direct trading slaughter ewes and feeder lambs were not tested. 4,864 lamb carcasses traded with no trend due to confidentiality. All sheep sold per hundred weight (CWT) unless specified.

Slaughter Lambs: Choice and Prime 2-3: San Angelo: woolled and shorn 115-185 lbs 154.00-196.00. New Holland, PA: woolled and shorn 105-140 lbs 200.00-295.00. Ft. Collins, CO: woolled and shorn 130-140 lbs 265.00-280.00. South Dakota: woolled and shorn 105-145 lbs 200.00-225.00; 150-170 lbs 185.00-198.00. Kalona, IA: woolled and shorn 105-140 lbs 190.00-287.50; 150-155 lbs 145.00-155.00. Billings, MT: woolled and shorn 160-190 lbs no test. Missouri: woolled and shorn 105-150 lbs no test. Equity Coop: no sales. Slaughter Lambs: Choice and Prime 1-2: San Angelo: hair 40-60 lbs 270.00-302.00; 60-70 lbs 268.00-300.00; 70-80 lbs 260.00-296.00; 80-90 lbs 260.00-288.00; few 292.00-295.00; 90-110 lbs 250.00-270.00, few 282.00-293.00. woolled and shorn 40-60 lbs 278.00-308.00; 60-70 lbs 272.00-310.00; 70-80 lbs 266.00-298.00; 80-90 lbs 262.00-287.00; 90-105 lbs 256.00-258.00. New Holland: woolled and shorn 40-50 lbs 345.00-350.00; 50-60 lbs 320.00-357.00, few 370.00-385.00; 60-70 lbs 335.00-355.00; 70-80 lbs 310.00-355.00; 80-90 lbs 315.00-355.00; 90-100 lbs 295.00-315.00, few 342.00-355.00. hair 40-50 lbs 310.00-335.00; 50-60 lbs 300.00-340.00; 60-70 lbs 295.00-340.00; 70-80 lbs 320.00-332.00; 80-90 lbs 300.00-340.00; 90-100 lbs 290.00-346.00. Ft. Collins: woolled and shorn 70-80 lbs 290.00-335.00; 80-90 lbs 280.00-340.00; 95 lbs 280.00. hair 40-50 lbs 285.00-290.00; 50-60 lbs 285.00-295.00, few 305.00. Kalona: woolled and shorn 40-50 lbs 287.50-315.00; 50-60 lbs 285.00-327.50; 60-70 lbs 293.00-321.00; 70-80 lbs 295.00-320.00; 80-90 lbs 297.50-322.50; 90-100 lbs 282.50-305.00. hair 40-50 lbs 292.50-300.00; 50-60 lbs 307.50-317.50; 60-70 lbs 302.50-310.00; 70-80 lbs 287.50-305.00; 82 lbs 290.00. South Dakota: woolled and shorn 40-50 lbs 265.00-365.00; 50-60 lbs 260.00-325.00; 60-70 lbs 265.00-295.00; 70-80 lbs 255.00-277.50; 80-90 lbs 247.50-270.00; 90-100 lbs 245.00-260.00. no test. Billings: hair 40-60 lbs 270.00-285.00; 60-70 lbs 272.50-275.00; 78 lbs 255.00; 80-90 lbs 235.00-265.00. woolled and shorn 40-50 lbs 275.00-282.50; 50-60 lbs 275.00-285.00; 60-75 lbs 270.00-285.00; 80 lbs 250.00; 92 lbs 225.00. Western Video: OR: 1540 head 90-95 lbs 209.00-215.00 for May/June delivery. 940 head 95 lbs 200.00-204.00 for June delivery.

AZ: 800 head 120-125 lbs 235.00-240.00 for current delivery. Slaughter Ewes: San Angelo: Good 3-4 (very fleshy) no test; Good 2-3 (fleshy) 98.00-124.00; Utility and Good 1-3 (medium flesh) 130.00-148.00; Utility 1-2 (thin) 110.00-128.00; Cull and Utility 1-2 (very thin) 100.00-110.00; Cull 1 96.00-100.00. New Holland: Good 3-4 (very fleshy) no test; Good 2-3 (fleshy) 70.00-142.00, hair 80.00-160.00; Utility 1-2 (thin) no test. Ft. Collins: Good 3-4 (very fleshy) 72.50; Good 2-3 (fleshy) 80.00-105.00; Utility 1-2 (thin) no test. South Dakota: Good 3-4(veryfleshy)85.00-105.00; Good 2-3 (fleshy) 84.00-112.50; Utility 1-2 (thin) 72.50-110.00; Cull 1 35.00-79.00. Kalona: Good 3-4 (very fleshy) no test; Good 2-3 (fleshy) 92.50-120.00; Utility and Good 1-3 (medium flesh) 87.50-110.00; Utility 1-2 (thin) 87.50-90.00. Billings: Good 3-4 (very fleshy) no test; Good 2-3 (fleshy) no test; Utility 1-2 (thin) no test; Cull 1 no test. Missouri: Good 2-3 (fleshy) no test; Utility and Good 1-3 (medium flesh) 85.00-120.00; Cull and Utility 1-2 (very thin) no test. Direct Trading: No sales. Feeder Lambs: Medium and Large 1-2: San Angelo: no test. Ft. Collins: 40-50 lbs 260.00-270.00; 55 lbs 247.50; 60-70 lbs 265.00-275.00. South Dakota: 44 lbs 315.00; 59 lbs 307.00; 75 lbs 221.00; 87 lbs 221.00; 103 lbs 191.00. Kalona: no test. Billings: no test. Missouri: 30-40 lbs 250.00-275.00. Equity Coop: no sales. Western Video: OR: 465 head 105 lbs 197.00 for June delivery. CA: 460 head 105 lbs 234.00 for current delivery. UT: 840 head 105 lbs 194.00 for Sep/Oct delivery. Replacement Ewes: Medium and Large 1-2: San Angelo: yearlings 107 lbs 175.00/cwt; young 113 lbs 182.00/cwt; mixed age hair 80-115 lbs 154.00-180.00/cwt. ewes with lambs 230.00-350.00/family. Ft. Collins: ewes with lambs 230.00-350.00/family. South Dakota: bred young 217.50-330.00/head; bred middle age 185.00-280.00/head; ewes with lambs 240.00/family, no test. Kalona: no test. Billings: no test. Missouri: no test. Western Video: CA: 600 head open mixed age ewes 185.00/head for Apr/May delivery. 10 head blackface rams 900.00/head for Apr/May delivery. Sheep and lambs slaughter under federal inspection for the week to date totaled 35,000 compared with 35,000 last week and 36,000 last year. Source: USDA AMS LPG Market News, San Angelo, Texas Rebecca Sauder, 325-653-1778 www.ams.usda.gov/pgmn

Kentucky Daily Grain Bids

Grain Report for Friday, April 16, 2021

FUTURE SETTLEMENTS

Closing Settlement Prices (¢/bu) as of 2/19/2021

Table with columns: Exchange, Commodity, Price, and Basis Change. Lists bids for Corn, Soybeans, Wheat, White Oats, and MGE.

US #2 WHITE CORN (BULK)

Table showing basis change and price for US #2 White Corn in bulk.

US #2 YELLOW CORN (BULK)

Table showing basis change and price for US #2 Yellow Corn in bulk.

Barge Loading Elevators - Conventional

Table showing barge loading elevator bids for various locations.

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Daily Livestock Slaughter Under Federal Inspection

Friday, April 16, 2021

Table showing slaughter volume for CATTLE, CALVES, HOGS, and SHEEP by date.

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2021 \*Totals subject to revision 2020 \*Totals adjusted to reflect NASS revisions

Yearly totals may not add due to rounding

Previous day Thursday 86,000 Steer and Heifer 28,000 Cow and Bull

\*\*Revised Thursday Hog Slaughter...474,000 New Week to Date...1,926,000\*\*

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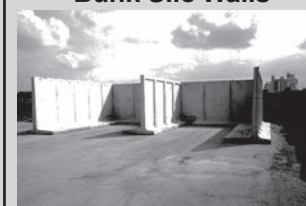


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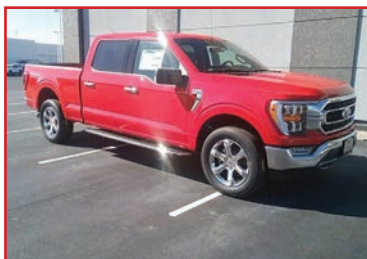


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# Regenerative Ag Initiative seeking grant proposals

By Tim Alexander  
Illinois Correspondent

URBANA, Ill. - The fledgling Illinois Regenerative Agriculture Initiative (IRAI) is inviting interested farmers, researchers and nonprofits to submit proposals for sustainable agriculture project grants before June 30, 2021. The competitive grants will be awarded to interdisciplinary teams of Illinois scholars and farming or food system stakeholders who address key metrics of regenerative agriculture, including soil health parameters, on-farm biodiversity or community health and resilience.

"The aim of IRAI is to bring University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign (UIUC) faculty, students, researchers, farmers, educators, communities, stakeholders and industry partners together to make progress in achieving regenerative agriculture outcomes," said Anya Knecht, associate director of the IRAI. The Initiative is a partnership between the U of I Department of Crop Sciences, College of ACES, Extension and the institute for Sustainability, Energy and Environment (iSEE). "It's an outcome-based approach to achieve improvements in soil quality, biodiversity, food security, and community and environmental health."

Knecht joined IRAI Director Emily Heaton for an April 10 webinar to release the Initiative's first request for proposals. Knecht said written proposals should be submitted in PDF form and include a list of approved team members, along with project outcomes that meet at least one of the key metrics that define the IRAI's sustainability approach.

"There are a lot of ways to win here. Some approaches may have modest changes across large scales, for example increasing cover crops on corn or soybean acres. Other approaches may be transformative, making really big changes that have large impacts. Regardless, achieving regenerative agriculture has a really broad scope," Knecht said.

Fresh Taste, an initiative by Chicago-region foundations working together to "relocalize the Chicago foodshed and improve equity of access to good food," is a major sponsor of the IRAI. Grants are extended through Fresh Taste's Good Food Fund, a pooled fund established in 2010 to support initiatives that lie outside their individual geographic or programmatic priorities.

Fresh Taste's focus is the Chicago foodshed, an area extending roughly 225 miles around Chicago including northern Illinois and parts of Indiana, Michigan, Wisconsin, Iowa, and Minnesota.

"At the IRAI we plan to work hard to make sure we have sustained financial support for funding to ensure that the projects we fund have opportunities to extend beyond the (contracted) duration of the projects," said Heaton, who advised those interested in submitting a proposal to include language explaining the long-term sustainability of their projects. "Just tell us what you envision for your project and how you envision its impact," she said.

IRAI has secured \$150,000 in grant money for distribution during its initial funding cycle, according to Heaton. "We are planning to distribute that money in awards of up to \$50,000 over a 12 to 24 month period. We expect to hand out three to

five awards in our initial funding period, and we expect to have cash in hand for our awardees on Sept. 1," she said.

Applicant teams must include at least one UIUC faculty or staff member and at least one member from a stakeholder group, which includes not only farmers and agribusiness, but also organizations like schools, hospitals, banks, and faith or citizen groups.

"We are here to support you as you develop your proposals, so if you have questions please contact us," Heaton said.

Questions about IRAI 2021 grant applications can be sent to Emily Heaton (heaton6@illinois.edu) and Anya Knecht (knecht2@illinois.edu). To learn more about the IRAI and iSEE, visit: [www.sustainability.illinois.edu/research/illinois-regenerative-agriculture-initiative/](http://www.sustainability.illinois.edu/research/illinois-regenerative-agriculture-initiative/).

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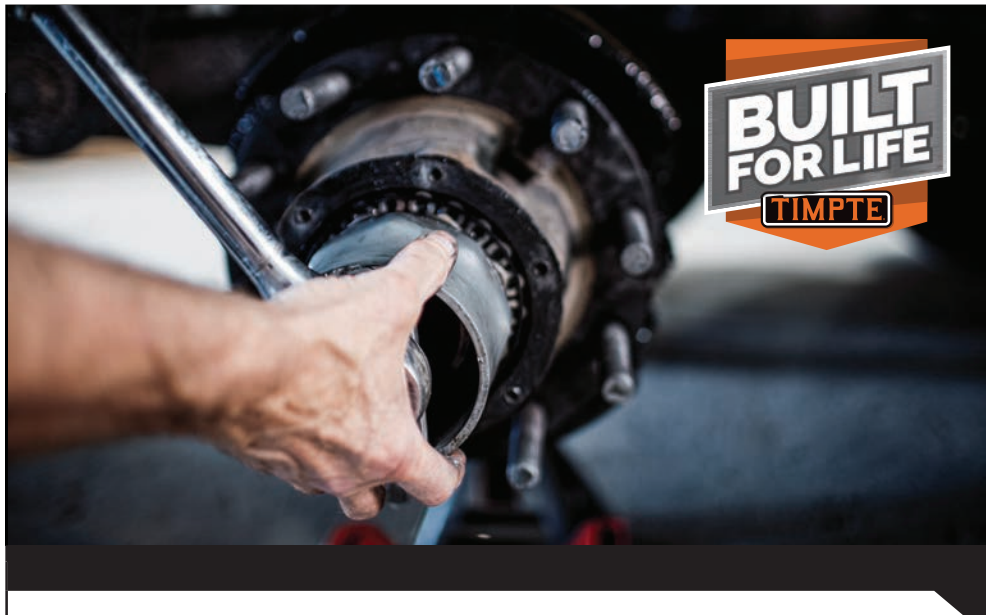
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**Above:** Tyler Klopfenstein, 18, looks at a hydrometer in his sugar house to see if the boiling sap is close to turning into maple syrup.

## Diversification is key at the Klopfenstein farm in Michigan

**By Stan Maddux  
Indiana Correspondent**

GALIEN, Mich. - The maple syrup making season coming to an end is just the beginning at a southwest Michigan farm using its history and rolling hills to become more of an agritourism destination.

The Payne Heritage Country Store, offering primarily meat, poultry and dairy products from small family owned producers, was put up in October at the farm on Cleveland Avenue near Galien.

Some of the meat in the store comes

from more than 20 head of brood cows that were already being raised on the farm to provide individuals with freezer beef.

Soap made from goat's milk and maple syrup produced at the farm are among the other goods available at the Amish-constructed store with a tin roof.

Denise Klopfenstein, whose grandfather used to own the property, said the picturesque farm with the original dairy barn, chicken house and other historic structures is ideal for tours which she also plans to offer at some point. Her vision also includes hosting

**(Klopfenstein continued on page 13)**

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# Go fishing for flavor

By Susan Mykrantz  
Ohio Correspondent

GREENCASTLE, Ind. - After a successful day on the water, catching your limit of your favorite fish, the next step is cooking up a safe, tasty meal from your catch.

Fish is a good addition to your diet, according to Abbi Sampson, MA, RD, LD. Sampson is a health and human sciences educator with Purdue University Extension in Putnam County. She has developed a series of four webinars on safely handling and cooking wild game.

"Fish is a healthy choice of lean, high quality, low calorie source of protein, it is delicious and nutritious," Sampson said. "Fish are diverse and provide you with a wide range of tastes, texture and nutritional profiles to explore."

Sampson said fish is a great addition to a balanced diet because of its nutrient density and it provides more nutrients per calorie than other proteins, but it is also low in fat.

"Fish are heart healthy, they boost our brain function and they are good for our muscles," Sampson said. "The USDA recommends two to four servings of fish per week."

Fish is a great source of energy, protein, vitamins, minerals, fatty acids and Omega-3's. Omegas 3's improve heart health, build muscles, boost brain function, fight inflammation and may reduce the risk of depression. Omega 3's can aid in the brain and eye development of children.

Omega 3 fatty acids like DHA and EPA are critical. For example, Walleye is high in Omega 3 fatty acids.

"DHA is to the brain like calcium is to the bones," Sampson said. "DHA aids in brain development, and can increase blood flow to the brain, improve memory and mental sharpness and it may reduce the risk of depression."

Food safety and food quality start before you catch your first fish, according to Sampson.

First, if you are planning to keep your catch to eat, do you have the equipment and know-how to clean the fish? Do you have coolers and ice or a way to keep the fish cold and fresh? Before throwing a hook in the water, fisherman should check the water quality and fish consumption safety guidelines for the waters they will be fishing. And most important, do you have a plan to incorporate your catch into your meal plan?

Mercury consumption from fish is a major concern, especially for children and pregnant women. Sampson said the size and species of the fish can impact how much mercury you are exposed to.

"Smaller fish, such as Blue Gill, have lower levels of mercury since they are at the lower end of the food chain," Sampson said. "Fish such as Catfish or Walleye on the higher end of the food chain could have higher levels of mercury in their systems."

Sampson recommends checking state health department or Department of Natural Resources websites for any advisories on water quality and fish safety guidelines. On the websites, you should look for the body of water you are planning to fish and the species of fish you are after.

So how do you know if the fish is safe to eat, once you catch it? Sampson said fisherman should avoid fish with loose scales, sunken eyes, discolored skin and white, bloody or slimy gills. A healthy fish that is a keeper will have bright, clear eyes and red gills.

Once you have your fish caught and cooled, the next step is dressing the fish.

"Contaminants can be reduced by removing the skin, fat and organs of the

fish," she said. "Washing fish does not remove the contaminants, so you don't need to wash fish before cooking it."

Sampson said there are four keys to preventing foodborne bacteria. Wash your hands, clean, and sanitize work surfaces frequently. She said it is critical to keep your hands and work surfaces clean, especially when you are working with fish, because you don't want to leave bacteria on other surfaces.

"With any meat, we need to consider foodborne bacteria such as salmonella and E.coli," Sampson said. "Those bacteria grow between 40 and 135 degrees and they grow more rapidly between 70 and 125 degrees. If it is that danger zone, it allows for bacteria to grow more rapidly, especially if there is cross contamination."

How do you tell if fish is fresh before you cook it? "Smell your fish and feel it. Fish should smell fresh and have a mild odor. It should be firm to the touch and spring back into place when you touch it. If the fish is frozen, look for frost or ice crystals. That means it has been thawed and re-frozen. Fish has a fishy odor if it hasn't been handled properly. If your fish has a strong odor, or you can see your finger print, your fish is old and you should dispose of it."

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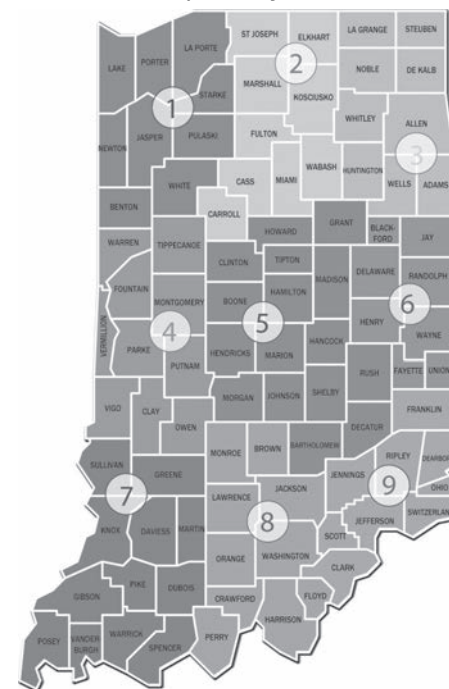
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# Go Fishing

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Sampson added that the only way to ensure that bacteria and other contaminants are removed is by cooking fish to the proper temperature.

"When it comes to controlling bacteria growth, cook the meat to the right temperature," she said. "A good thermometer is essential when you are cooking meat, (so) invest in a good meat thermometer and use it."

If you can't cook your fish right away, it should be stored in the coldest part of the refrigerator; allow the air to move around the package. If you are freezing fish, wrap it in air-tight foil or a heavy duty freezer bag and store it at zero or lower for no more than four to six months.

"If you store it longer than that, you can't guarantee the freshness and quality that the fish was when you caught it," Sampson said. "Never re-freeze fish. Cook it, chill it and use it as soon as possible."

Separate raw meat from other perishable foods. Don't use meat in torn or leaking packages because it may not be sealed properly.

When it comes to thawing frozen fish, the process is different than thawing red meat or poultry.

"Fish cooks more evenly if it completely thawed before cooking it," Sampson

said. "You want to keep the fish frozen until you are ready to cook it."

Sampson said ensure the best quality for the fish, thaw the fish overnight in the refrigerator. But if you need to thaw fish quickly, place the fish in a tightly closed plastic bag and put it in cold water for about an hour. But Sampson doesn't recommend using a microwave because the fish will not defrost evenly.

But if you are using a microwave to thaw fish, use the defrost setting. Remove the fish from the microwave while the fish is still icy but pliable and cook the fish immediately.

When you are cooking fish, you want to cook it until it is flaky and reaches 145 degrees to reduce the risk for foodborne illness. Thicker pieces of fish will need a longer cooking time than thin pieces of fish. You want to allow 10 minutes per inch of thickness until your fish is opaque and flaky. If you cook your fish at too high of a temperature, it will dry it out and destroy the flavor.

"You don't want to overcook your fish," she said. "Once your fish reaches 145 degrees, your fish is cooked to a safe temperature and it is done and won't dry out."

"When you serve your meal, present it nicely," she said. "Use color and make it look good on the plate. But if by chance you can't finish your fish, you can store the leftover fish in the refrigerator, but you should use it within a day or two of cooking it."

# Hoosier Ag Today collaborates on farm equipment safety video

As spring arrives and temperatures rise, farmers across Indiana begin to plant the state's 15 million acres of crops. To keep motorists and farmers safe this planting season, several state agencies have partnered to encourage Hoosiers to be alert, slow down and share the road with farm equipment. Hoosier Ag Today has partnered with these agencies to produce public service announcements (PSAs) urging motorists to be aware of farm equipment on the road. According to the most recent data from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, farm vehicles other than trucks were involved in 98 crashes across the United States, with two of those accidents occurring in Indiana. The video and audio PSAs present things drivers can do to avoid these accidents.

Indiana State Department of Agriculture Director Bruce Kettler said farmers want to move their equipment as quickly and safely as possible. "Normally people don't think of roadway accidents when they think of one of the dangers of farming," he said. "But, each year, lives are lost due to accidents on our rural roads and highways. That is why we are encouraging motorists and farmers to be cautious this spring. Please be alert, slow down and share the road."

While the term "farm equipment" encompasses a wide range of vehicles, the most common types motorists will encounter during planting season include sprayers, tractors pulling planters or tillage equipment, and large trucks hauling agricultural products. These vehicles are wide, sometimes taking up most of the roadway, and often travel at speeds no greater than 25 mph.

The audio PSA has been distributed to all Hoosier Ag Today stations around the state for airplay during April, May and June. The video PSA, produced by farm broadcaster Andy Eubank in cooperation with local farmers, is being shared on social media by HAT, the cooperating state agencies and by a variety of farm organizations and

agribusinesses in Indiana.

The video can be viewed at <https://hoosieragtoday.com/once-again-time-for-heightened-awareness-on-rural-roads/>.

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## Klopfenstein

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private gatherings like weddings.

"There's a lot of history here on this property. We have a lot of resources at our hands," she said.

Her grandfather, Albert Payne, bought the farm in 1952 from Dr. Stanley Clark.

Clark was well known for the high quality Jersey dairy cows he kept on the 450 acre farm he operated for a decade.

Payne also left his mark on agriculture locally from his vast collection of horse drawn carriages and open houses at the farm. A few of the horse drawn carriages are still kept on the farm, which used to raise animals like horses, chickens and hogs along with row crops.

The farm ground is now rented to a farmer who grows mostly corn and soybeans.

Last year, Klopfenstein had the upper level of the dairy barn, once used to store feed, renovated into a workshop for her and several friends to make gift baskets.

Some of the baskets filled with frozen meat were offered during Christmas.

Klopfenstein said she just added Amazon to the websites offering the baskets which take on different themes to reflect the current holiday or season and personal liking of customers.

Her 18-year-old son, Tyler Klopfenstein, is busier than ever on the farm making syrup from two woods of maple trees on the property.

He was just 12 when he started making syrup with three buckets to collect sap.

His number of buckets quickly grew to well over a dozen and he used a retrofitted 50 gallon drum to boil his sap over an open fire into syrup.

Now, Tyler has a highway of plastic lines carrying sap directly from 700 taps in the trees to two large holding tanks at the edge of each woods. He pumps the sap into a large holding tank he takes to and from the woods on the back of a farm tractor.

Klopfenstein later acquired a reverse osmosis machine to remove some of the water from the sap before the concentrate is boiled into syrup in his nearby sugar house. He also added an evaporator to cook down the sap instead of boiling the liquid over an open fire.



**Above:** A sugar house for making maple syrup was placed on the farm as part of a plan to diversify the operation.

Klopfenstein said he collected about 800 to 1,000 gallons of sap over the past two weeks compared to 1,600 gallons in just one day at the peak of the season.

"It's definitely slowed down," said Klopfenstein, a freshman at Michigan State University majoring in dairy management and ag business.

He expects to make more than 190 gallons of maple syrup this year after boiling down the rest of his sap. He produced about 175 gallons of syrup last year.

Klopfenstein also works full-time at the J & A Koebel Farm in nearby Three Oaks.

He milks cows in the morning and feeds the calves at night. "Spring is a really busy time for me personally," he said.

His mother got him started making syrup as a way for her son to make money and decide for himself if agriculture was something he wanted to pursue as a career.

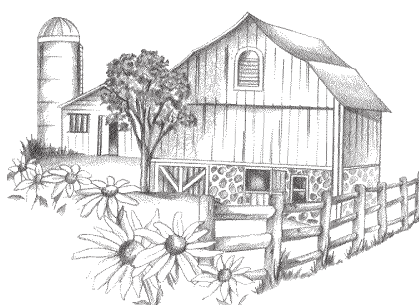
She works full-time traveling mostly throughout the Midwest opening new markets for the animal feed produced by her Ohio-based employer.

Her 21-year-old daughter, Katrena, is manager of the herd at the farm and one of the operators of the store.

She's also a student at Michigan State majoring in animal science.

Klopfenstein said her reason for diversifying the farm is to provide herself with additional income for retirement and a place for her children to make a living if agriculture is the direction they choose.

"My son shows interest in carrying on the tradition. So does my daughter. I'm letting them do their thing and figure out what to do. If they stay, great. If they don't, fine. I'm not going to force anything on them," she said.



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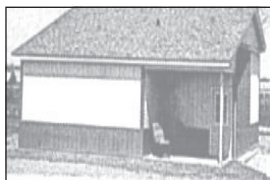
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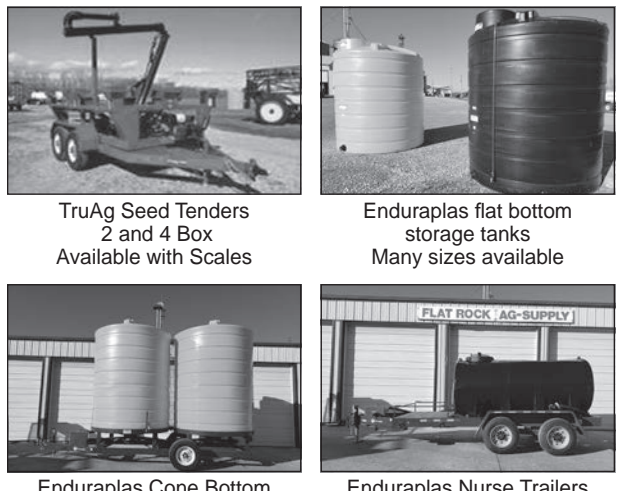
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# Firefighters share tips for grain bin safety, prevention and response

By Tim Alexander  
Illinois Correspondent

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. — With 70 percent of grain entrapments occurring on family farms, handling grain safely can be a matter of life and death for many rural families. Farmers with on-site grain handling and storage facilities can pattern their farm safety policies and procedures after programs developed by rural fire and EMT services.

A webinar offered during 2021 Stand Up 4 Grain Safety Week (March 29-April 2) spotlighted the efforts of rural fire departments that could be applied to on-farm grain storage operations. One of the earliest steps must be the adoption of an emergency action and response plan, according to Butch Hendrix, safety director for Kokomo Grain and a trained, 38-year veteran in fire, rescue and police work.

"An emergency action plan should lay out just how you plan to respond to a number of different emergencies that can occur on a farm," Hendrix said. "911 (by itself) is not an emergency action plan."

While summoning help via 911 is certainly a priority, Hendrix went on to describe what additional information should be included in a working emergency action plan. "The best practice would be to have a written action plan. If you have 10 or more employees you must have a written plan, but if you have less than 10 you can (legally) have an oral plan. I would always encourage you to have a written plan, even if it is handwritten on notebook paper. I would recommend one for the

buildings and one for the house," he said.

The plan should include specific information on how to respond to ammonia or chemical leaks and spills, fire, windstorms and tornadoes, power interruptions, accidents and other events including, of course, grain bin entrapments and fires.

"Make sure your emergency numbers and directions are posted or handy, and make sure these procedures are addressed with your (families and employees). Have plans on where to meet at and how to get there. Emergency evacuation routes should be posted on buildings, and make sure your exits are marked appropriately," Hendrix advised. The webinar was hosted by the Grain Handling Safety Committee through an Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) grant.

"It's a good idea to have your exit signs posted both high and low. In the event of a fire you will want to stay down low, so have them posted low as well," he said, adding that even the best emergency planning cannot substitute for prevention measures.

"For grain bins these prevention measures include permits, checklists, absolute power lockdowns, absolute atmospheric checks, having a proper lifeline properly anchored and never entering alone," Hendrix said.

Casper Bendixen, director of the Farm Medicine Center and deputy director of the Upper Midwest Agricultural and Safety and Health (UMASH) Center at the University of Minnesota, recently developed a collaborative

training program with first responders to help educate farmers about safety and injury prevention. Bendixen, who grew up on a farm and served as a rural firefighter and EMT, promotes voluntary adoption of injury prevention and response programs by farmers and rural communities.

"Our program is called Rural Firefighters Delivering Ag Safety and Health, or RF-DASH. It's really a program built around getting farmers and firefighters to tackle farm safety together. It is designed for all in agriculture, including grain and seed operations. We have some tools and strategies that we think are advantageous," Bendixen said during the April 2 webinar.

A community-based team research project, RF-DASH features input from fire associations, technical colleges, the ag industry and insurance companies. It does not rely on input from OSHA or other governmental agencies.

The project provides farm safety tools and knowledge to rural firefighters through community colleges, emergency responder training events and individual training officers. Fire departments, community colleges, and insurance companies in Wisconsin, Minnesota, New York, Massachusetts, Illinois, Vermont and Ohio are currently participating in the program, with graduates of the four RF-DASH training modules designated as Farm Hazard Analysts. The certified analysts — there are currently more than 70 — are qualified to consult with farmers and rural communities to help develop their own farm and rural emergen-

cy preparedness, prevention and response plans.

Online tools available to RF-DASH analysts include SaferFarm.org, a hazard analysis tool of farm elements that pose a risk for injury, and NFMCFarmMapper.com, a tool to preplan farms to expedite response, limit damage in the event of a fire and keep first responders safe when responding to a farm emergency.

"Ag emergencies are low-frequency, high-risk events. They don't happen a lot, but when they do they are often life-changing events or even fatalities," Bendixen said. "They are of risk to not only those who are involved, but also to the first responders who come in to assist them."

In Illinois, Department of Labor (IDOL) Director Michael Klenik urged fire departments to ensure their responders are kept up to date with current grain handling emergency response practices.

"Grain bin accidents can injure or kill not only the initial victims but also first responders. IDOL reminds fire departments that if they provide grain bin rescue response, they must ensure their members are trained to perform this service safely," Klenik said.

In addition, OSHA stresses anyone entering a grain bin should be in a body harness attached to a lifeline, with someone stationed outside the bin to keep track of the person inside and call for help if needed.

More information about the RF-DASH program may be accessed through the UMASH website, <http://umash.umn.edu/>.

# Researchers find plants have memories when it comes to drought

by Jordan Strickler  
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ADELAIDE, Australia — A joint research project between Australian and German scientists have found that crops actually have memories when it comes to keeping tabs on droughts.

The study found that crops can use a signaling acid called molecule gamma-aminobutyric acid (GABA) in order to help the plant "remember" drought conditions. The drier the previous day, the more GABA is accumulated — and remembered — by the crop. Based on this memory, crops know how much they should open their leaf pores.

"I've been studying how plants regulate their water balance for over 35 years," says Rainer Hedrich, plant scientist and biophysicist from Julius-Maximilians-Universität (JMU) Würzburg. "To find a completely new and unexpected way for saving water has certainly been one of the most surprising discoveries in my life."

Hedrich says that this memory is much like that

of the carnivorous Venus flytrap, which can count the number of times its prey touches it. This short-term memory depends on the calcium level in the cell, and it is the calcium level that regulates the enzymatic biosynthesis of GABA in plants.

"GABA minimized pore openings in a range of crops such as barley, broad bean and soybean, and in lab plants that produce more GABA than normal," said Matthew Gilliam, Director of the Waite Research Institute at the University of Adelaide, who headed the research team. "This led to the lab plants using less water from the soil and surviving longer in the drought experiments. We found plants that produce lots of GABA reduce how much their pores open, thereby taking a smaller breath and reducing water loss."

Scientists know of other signaling substances in plants that cause the leaf pores to close. However, GABA relies on a different mechanism of action, explains Bo Xu from the Australian Research Council Centre of Excellence in Plant Energy Biology.

"Both plants and animals produce GABA and they put it to different uses," he says. "Plants don't have nerves, instead they appear to use GABA to match their energy levels with their response to the environment. GABA doesn't close pores on leaves like other stress signals, it acts in a different way — how much a plant accumulates GABA when it is stressed determines how much it applies the brake pedal to reduce the pore opening the following morning, and water loss that day — like a stress memory of the day before."

Insights into the water-saving mechanisms and drought tolerance of plants are becoming increasingly important the past several years with climate change becoming more and more of a factor in farming. Increasing heat and drought have been affecting crops as well as the planet's water resources used for agriculture. Mankind is therefore likely to be increasingly dependent on creating new varieties that still produce good yields with as little water as possible. This finding could go a long way toward achieving that goal.

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## UK and Purdue seeking calves lost to vultures

By Jordan Strickler  
Kentucky Correspondent

LEXINGTON, Ky. – A 2017 USDA report on cattle and calf losses in the United States reported that vultures were responsible for 10 percent of all calves lost to predators. Now researchers from the University of Kentucky (UK) College of Agriculture, Food and Environment and Purdue University want to get to the heart of the problem.

In conjunction with the USDA Wildlife Services and the Denis H. Heeke Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory in southern Indiana, the schools are requesting that producers donate calves or other livestock to the research effort if they believe the animal was lost to black vultures.

“The goal of this project is to determine the characteristics of an animal killed by a black vulture versus one that is just scavenged upon,” said Matthew Springer, UK assistant professor of wildlife management, who is heading up the effort. “This research should help inform any indemnity loss applications through the USDA Farm Service Agency.”

Springer said that the group will be prioritizing animals that producers personally saw being attacked. Upon notification, someone from UK will pick up the animals and take them to the Heeke lab for examination of injuries and necropsy. Researchers will then catalog the results to determine the features of a vulture attack.

The team is also attempting to locate black vulture nest sites throughout the Bluegrass State as part of a larger black vulture research effort in the Southeast United States. The larger project is a collaboration with the Murray State University (MSU) Biology Department and USDA Wildlife Services.

“Our goal with the larger study is to better understand the nesting behavior and survival of black vulture nests as well as fledgling movement and survival rates,” Springer said. “The research fits into a larger overall push by USDA Wildlife Services to better understand

black vulture populations and behaviors. This project should help us understand the reasons for the increase in black vulture populations and help minimize human-vulture conflicts in the future.”

To complete the study, the researchers will monitor vulture nests using trail cameras to observe nesting behavior and any predation events until the chicks leave the nest. Springer and his team will briefly visit nest sites every 10-14 days to collect the memory card and check the nesting status. They will attach GPS transmitters to a subset of fledglings when they reach the necessary size and age later in the summer.

While black vultures and turkey vultures are often seen together, they are actually different species. Turkey vultures are recognizable by their red heads. The black vulture has a black head and appears smaller than the turkey vulture with shorter wings. The undersides of their wings have white tips which can be seen while in flight.

Both turkey and black vultures scavenge animals which have died from various causes. Black vultures, however, can attack and kill calves, lambs, piglets and other vulnerable animals. This predatory behavior often results in serious injury to livestock, as vultures target the eyes and soft membranous extensive tissues. The livestock often die from the attack or must be euthanized due to the extent of their injuries.

Vultures are currently federally protected by the Migratory Bird Treaty Act of 1918, which is administered by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. This makes it unlawful to take, capture or kill the birds without a Migratory Bird Depredation Permit.

Cattle producers interested in helping with the projects should contact Springer at mattspringer@uky.edu, 859-257-8633, or Phil Kavouriaris at MSU at msu.blackvultures@murraystate.edu, 270-288-6097.

**Right:** While black vultures (top) and turkey vultures (bottom) are similar, they are actually two different species.



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# '21 Ohio State Fair closed to public; other states open

By Doug Graves  
Ohio Correspondent

COLUMBUS, Ohio – First the good news: state fairs will be held this year in Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, Tennessee, Kentucky and Michigan.

Now the bad news: the 2021 Ohio State Fair will be closed to the public because of coronavirus and financial concerns.

The Ohio Expositions Commission made the decision last week not to publicly open the fair for a second straight year because of ongoing concerns about spreading the coronavirus, the financial cost of maintaining health safeguards and the lasting impacts on the fair in the long term.

In 2019, the Ohio State Fair drew more than 900,000 to its 11-day event. In 2020, the fair was among many state fairs across the nation that canceled due to COVID-19. The Ohio State Fair annually contributes approximately \$69 million to the state's economy.

Virgil Strickler, the fair's longtime general manager, said that "even though vaccination rates are improving significantly in Ohio, the fight against the pandemic is still ongoing.

"Where we are today in this battle makes it challenging to plan a large-scale entertainment event, not knowing where we will be, or what Ohio will look like in late July," Strickler said. "I wish we had a crystal ball, but we don't. As such, the safest decision is to greatly limit the traditional aspects of the Ohio State Fair, sticking to our roots in agriculture. While this is a difficult decision, we feel it is the best path to protect the long-term viability of the Ohio State Fair, as well as the safety of those involved by limiting the scope significantly."

Strickler noted that if a fair were held this year, it would likely be financially devastating as attendance would likely be far lower than usual and seating capacities at events would have to be reduced.

"Although vaccination rates are improving significantly each day, Ohio continues to fight the battle against COVID-19," Strickler said. "Where we are today in this battle makes it challenging not knowing what Ohio will look like in late July."



**Above:** Ohio State Fair photo – In 1886, Ohio's state fair moved to its current home at what is now called the Ohio Expo Center. The Ohio State Fair has been canceled a few times throughout history, including during World War II (1942-1945). (photo submitted)

While the fair is closed to the general public, competitions will still be held this summer for exhibitors, their families and guests. There will be a focus on agricultural and educational competitions for exhibitors, their families and guests. This will include junior fair skill-a-thons, youth and junior livestock competitions, along with educational project judging for non-livestock competitions, such as 4-H.

This year's fair will include the Outstanding Market Exhibitor programs and a modified Sale of Champions. The status of the open shows for livestock will be determined by leaders within the individual species. The livestock competitions are expected to take place July 19-Aug. 8. The deadline for exhibitors to enter livestock competitions will be June 20.

The Ohio State Fair's announcement comes just

a few weeks after Gov. Mike DeWine announced that his administration's ban on county fairs and other mass gatherings would be lifted so long as visitors take proper coronavirus precautions, such as wearing masks and remaining in small groups that remain apart from each other.

DeWine said he still anticipated that all county and independent fairs will be able to fully open this year. But the state fair, he said, is "unique because of its size and sources of revenue. I'm comfortable with the decision that state fair officials made. My administration will ask state lawmakers to allow some of the funding provided under the latest federal stimulus package to help subsidize the fair."

Fair officials stated that they expect to hold the 2022 Ohio State Fair with rides, concerts, entertainment, live music, food vendors and shopping.

## New Castle woman dies after being trapped in grain bin

NEW CASTLE, Ind. — Barbara Smith, 76, died April 16 after being trapped in a grain bin.

James Smith and his wife Barbara were off loading corn from a grain bin located on their farm. Around 2 p.m. James called 911 to report that he was unable to locate his wife and believed she was inside the grain bin.

First responders searched for two hours before they located Mrs. Smith inside the grain bin, which contained

between eight to ten feet of corn. She was pronounced deceased at the scene by the Henry County Coroner.

The Indiana State Police was assisted by the Henry County Sheriff's Department, Henry County Coroner's Officer, and Fire Departments from New Castle, Jefferson Twp. (Sulphur Springs), Harrison Twp. (Cadiz), Adams Twp. (Markleville), Greensboro, Kennard, and Shirley.

## Toddler dies in farming accident

WAUPACA, Wis. (AP) — A 2-year-old boy has died in a farming accident in Waupaca County, according to sheriff's officials.

According to authorities, the child was riding in a skid steer loader, fell forward and was briefly pinned between the bucket and support arm. The accident happened in the Town of St. Lawrence.

The toddler was taken by medical helicopter to Thedacare Medical Center in Neenah. He was transferred to Children's Wisconsin hospital in Milwaukee where he died.

An investigation into his death is ongoing. The boy has not been identified.



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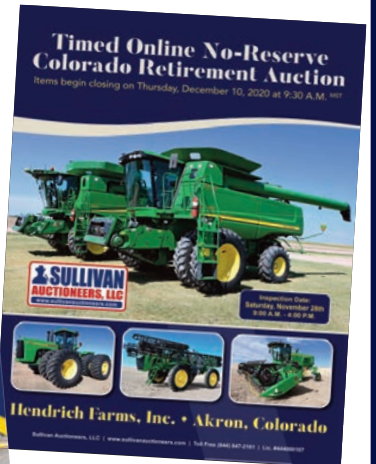
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# Pasture lambing - to do or not

For those of you who may have contemplated lambing on pasture this year, I suggest putting on the brakes for that activity. I know the "experts" may praise the benefits of pasture lambing and having an "easy care" breed of sheep. Let me tell you my experiences with it.



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you to the pen. If you carry the lamb up high in your arms like you would a human baby that is wrong. The mama sheep can't see her lamb and will think it has

pasture away from the barn and you are trying to get the family to the barn. So hold the lamb low at your side leg and she will come right along with you.

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**(Sheep continued on page 8B)**

**Below:** After the lambs are older they are let out of the lambing jugs.

disappeared, will panic and will run back to her lambing site looking for it. This often happens if a ewe lambs on



One year I decided to give it a try. I had a breed of sheep who liked to have multiples - twins, triplets and occasionally more. Everything seemed to be going well when I had a ewe giving birth to a single, but when the twins and triplets started coming (all at the same time), things starting getting really interesting. A ewe would lay down to give birth and then another one or two ewes would appear out of nowhere and would try to steal a lamb or two. The ewes were all due to lamb about the same time and their mothering hormones were running high. Another ewe interfering with a ewe that is lambing is not a good thing. Often when a ewe close to lambing herself steals another ewe's lamb(s) she may not have milk yet so the newborn lamb, which needs colostrum very soon after birth, doesn't get milk and dies. Or the stealing ewe may either desert her own lambs when they are born in preference to the one she stole, or the one she stole dies because she ignored it and gave her attention to her own newborns.

Another scenario is the weather. Oftentimes lambs may be born outside in cold spring rain, wind or snowstorms and chill from getting soaked to the bone. Another cause of death in newborns, especially if they didn't get that life-saving colostrum milk from their mom.

All this may be happening while the hapless shepherd is elsewhere thinking; "Oh, the sheep will take care of themselves. They are 'easy care' sheep that do pasture lambing." Wrong. Sheep need a shepherd who looks after them. That year (I was new to raising sheep) I lost a lot of lambs. Bodies laying everywhere. Lots of bottle babies to try and save. NOT going to happen again. Needless to say, I do NOT recommend pasture lambing. If a ewe needs help and you need to assist in birthing, a ewe out on pasture may not let you get close enough to restrain and help her give birth.

When you do barn or barn lot lambing, things get a lot easier and you save a lot of lambs (and ewes). I have quite a few sheep so they may not all fit in the barn at lambing time if this occurs in winter with cold, wet, muddy, snowing conditions. In this case I keep them in a lot next to barn and have a door open where they can come in and out. Most of the times a ewe (usually an experienced one) will come into the barn to lamb. This makes it easy to pick up the newborns with mama following close behind and put them in separate lambing jugs in the barn. I want to make a comment about picking up the newborn lambs and taking them to the individual pens. Always pick up your lamb by the two front legs-chest area and hold them low to your leg at eye level with the mama so she can easily see them and will follow

**Below:** A ewe with lambs in jug (pen).



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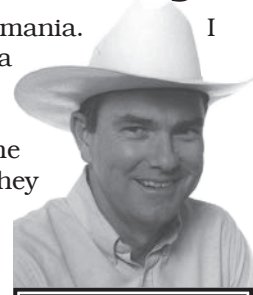
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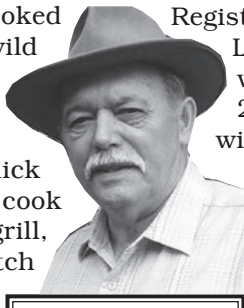
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# Gourmet cook's challenge

Over the years, I have cooked a lot of different things... wild critters and tame alike. In our family, I have a reputation as one who doesn't shy away, and I quick to rise to the challenge to cook anything at hand using my grill, smoker, deep fryer, Dutch oven or cast iron skillet.



**SPAULDING OUTDOORS**  
By Jack Spaulding

I have to admit, thanks to our oldest daughter Kristi and our son-in-law Mike Cooper, I had the opportunity to prepare what has to be my most unusual culinary item to date. For our anniversary, they bought us a full alligator.

The gator came hard-frozen, shrink-wrapped and weighed about 7 pounds. The carcass had been expertly and meticulously cleaned, gutted and skinned except for the head and the feet. (I thought it was a nice touch!)

Having no experience smoking a full gator, even a small one, I went to the internet to hopefully find some instructions. I found plenty of information including blogs, videos and cooking reviews. Turns out, cooking and smoking whole gators has been done for a long time, just not in Southern Rush County and not in my garage.

To start the process, I brined the carcass for 24 hours in a solution of one cup of pickling salt, one cup of brown sugar and two gallons of water.

To prepare the critter for the smoker, I rinsed it thoroughly, coiled it into a tight circle so it would fit in the smoker and used metal skewers to hold it in place. I placed the gator on a greased smoker rack, and blanketed the carcass with pieces of bacon to help keep it moist while smoking. (Everything is better with bacon!)

Into a 240 degree wet smoker it went, basking in apple and hickory wood smoke for a little over 5 hours. I have to admit, it was truly a unique experience. The result was a moist meat, very reminiscent of high grade smoked fish. The gator is the only thing I have ever taken out of the smoker that came out smiling at me!

The meat would make an excellent "gator salad" sandwich or blended with cream cheese and chives would make an excellent spread for crackers.

The main course was served with my wife's homemade bread, macaroni, leek and cheese, and paired with a crisp, white, homemade gooseberry wine. With seven pounds of smoked meat on the platter, there was plenty of gator to go around!

## Registration for Full Moon 5K race

The event could be billed as one of the most unusual foot races around.

Registration is now open for Patoka Lake's Full Moon 5K. The race will start on the beach on July 23 at 9:30 p.m. Participants will race 3.1 miles through the woods on roadways, a well-maintained gravel path and a paved bike trail lit by the moon and Tiki torches.

All proceeds from the race will go to support Patoka's educational ambassador birds of prey, which include a red-tailed hawk, an Eastern screech owl and a bald eagle. Early registration is \$25 and includes a race T-shirt. To register, go to [fullmoon5K.itsyourrace.com](http://fullmoon5K.itsyourrace.com).

For more information about the race, or if you are interested in sponsoring the event, please contact race director and park interpretive naturalist Dana Reckelhoff at 812-685-2447 or [dreckelhoff@dnr.IN.gov](mailto:dreckelhoff@dnr.IN.gov).

Patoka Lake (on.IN.gov/patokalake) is at 3084 N. Dillard Road, Birdseye, IN 47513.

As for yours truly, I don't think I'll be participating. If you would happen see me running through the woods at night, get ready to kill whatever is chasing me!

## Volunteer for garlic mustard pull

Interested in becoming a volunteer at Clifty Falls State Park? The park will be hosting a Volunteer Callout Day on April 24 from 10-11 a.m. at the Nature Center. Applications will be available as well as water and snacks. Find out about the volunteer opportunities available including caring for the animals, invasive species removal or helping with the pollinator garden.

If you're ready to jump right in, a garlic mustard pull is planned for 10:30 a.m.-noon. Just bring your work gloves and meet at the Nature Center. Staff will show you how to identify this pesky invasive plant and the proper way to remove it. Find out more about volunteer opportunities or download a volunteer application at [on.IN.gov/INStateParksVolunteer](http://on.IN.gov/INStateParksVolunteer).

## Clifty Falls is hiring

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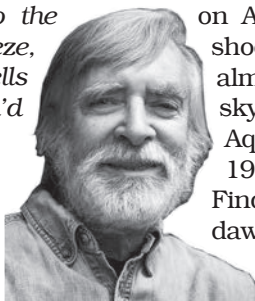
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# Watch for Supermoon on April 26 and take a peek at the Milky Way

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POOR WILL'S ALMANACK  
By Bill Felker

## The Moon, the Stars and Meteors

The Cows Switching Their Tails Moon waxes through its second quarter to become a full Supermoon on April 26, thanks to its position at perigee (its position closest to Earth) on April 27. Rising in the evening and setting in the morning, this moon passes overhead in the middle of the night, encouraging creatures to be hungrier at that time, especially as the cold fronts of April 24 and 28 approach. The Lyrid meteor shower peaked

on April 21-22. Expect up to 20 shooting stars per hour in Lyra, almost overhead in the eastern sky after midnight. The Eta Aquarid meteors run from April 19 to May 28, peaking in May. Find them low in the east before dawn while you are still looking for Lyrids.

Late in the evening, the Milky Way fills the western horizon as Orion sets just behind the sun. Now the middle of the heavens is in it prime spring planting position, Castor and Pollux to the west, Leo with its bright Regulus directly overhead and Arcturus dominating the east. At midnight, the brightest star overhead is Arcturus, the brightest western star is Regulus and the brightest light in the east is Vega.

At morning chore time, Vega is the brightest star above you. Arcturus is the brightest in the western sky. Deep along the northern horizon the brightest star is Capella.

## Weather Trends

After April 22, chances of snow drop below 5 percent, and chances of a cold day in the 30s or 40s fall to only 10 percent. Beginning on April 27, highs in the 90s become possible, and the chances of a high in the 80s pass the 20 percent mark. The chances of a high above 70s degrees are now 50/50 or better for the first time this year. On the other hand, the approach of lunar perigee and full moon on the 26th and 27th are very likely to produce a frosty close to this year's April. Lunar perigee and full moon may also increase the chances of storms as the second major tornado period of April begins this week, lasting through the end of the month.

## Zeitgebers

(Events in Nature that Tell the Time of Year)

Bird migrations intensify with the arrival of red-headed woodpeckers, catbirds, cedar waxwings, yellow-throated vireos, meadow larks, indigo buntings, scarlet tanagers, Baltimore orioles, cowbirds, kingbirds, and more than a dozen varieties of warblers.

The antlers of white-tailed deer begin to grow just as all major garden weeds are sprouting. Daddy longlegs start hunting in the undergrowth as cliff swallows migrate.

The first cycle of cabbage white butterflies is at its peak. Ducklings and goslings are born, and warblers swarm north.

Meadow parsnip, wood betony, honeysuckle, buckeye and red horse-chestnut flower.

Late Spring arrives as admiral butterflies hatch. Field grasses are long enough to ripple in the wind.

Mosquitoes may bite you in the garden as flowering begins on lilacs, azaleas, raspberries and ragwort.

## Countdown to Spring

- One week until iris, poppies and daisies come into flower.
- Two weeks until the beginning of clover time in yards and pastures.
- Three weeks until the first orange day lily flowers.
- Four weeks until roses bloom and thistles bud.
- Five weeks until the first strawberry shortcake.
- Six weeks until cottonwoods bloom and send their cotton through the air.
- Seven weeks to the first mulberry pie.

## Mind and Body

The S.A.D. Index, which measures seasonal stress on a scale from 1 to 100, reads a mild 28 on April 20, its lowest reading so far this year. It then rises quickly throughout the remainder of the month under the influence of the April Supermoon, reaching a troublesome 49 on both the 26th and 27th.

## n the Field and Garden

After full moon, destroy tent caterpillars as they hatch and plant all your remaining root crops. Weevils may be emerging in alfalfa. Iris borers are hatching now; check your roots.

Watercress flowers are opening, excellent for salads and garnishing. Field corn planting continues throughout the nation.

The high leaf canopy is beginning to fill in, casting shade on the flower and vegetable garden.

Use silage and hay supplements to take up the feeding slack if pasture growth is slow because of cold.

Aphids are appearing in the field and garden; ladybugs are hunting them.

Just one month until every single tender plant can be placed outside. Winter wheat is typically 4-8 inches high.

## Almanack Classics

### Cleaning Up By Naomi Bliss

Naomi was in her 90s when she wrote this account for the Almanack at the end in the last decade of the last century. It describes the way things were in rural southern Indiana in the first decades of that century.

My family practiced cleanliness much like our neighbors: a bath in a galvanized tub once a week; hair washed every two weeks; a little sponge bath every day. We had no deodorants, so a little talcum or a dusting of soda was helpful.

Most folks only washed clothing once a week on Monday, so clothing was worn for several days before we could change. Washing was hard work, water carried from the pump and heated in the copper wash boiler on the kitchen's wood burning range.

Two tubs were set up, one for washing clothing and one for rinsing. The washboard, a galvanized center in a flat wooden frame, was put in the tub for hot water, and the water was carried by bucket from the range. Sometimes we bought our bars of soap from the store. Sometime home-made lye soap was used.

White clothing was washed first, and then put in water in the boiler to boil - usually lye had been added to the water. Colored clothing was put in the cold water, after a good rubbing on the wash board, then wrung and hung on the wire clothes line with wooden pins.

The dry clothing was taken off the line, dampened and folded tightly into a large basket for ironing the next day. Washing day was just that. A long day of hot work. Another long hot day, using irons heated on the coal range, was necessary in order to get all those clothes and linens ready to use!

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# Field work a welcome sign of spring

While traveling to Stillwater, Okla., to cover the Southern National Holstein and Jersey shows we saw one of the best signs of spring - field work. Green pastures, daffodils and violets don't hold a candle to the first turn of soil and the dust flying across an open field when the weather warms up and the sun begins to shine more consistently.



TRUTH IN THE TRENCHES  
By Melissa Hart

This also means women are left alone in the barn for chores, kids are handling all the heifer chores after baseball practice, more parts runs, field dinners and lots of time in a dusty truck following large farm equipment from field to field.

The house will soon look abandoned, the kitchen will be a mix of dinners on the run with coffee stains on the counters and at any time of the day or night you will hear the washing machine running with the haphazard load thrown in when someone needed clean underwear or a pair of work pants.

This time of year leaves no room for margins. It's wall-to-wall working and running to catch up with impossible schedules. You will miss a birthday celebration and those darling cupcakes you saw on Pinterest that you were going to make for your daughter's class, will be but a brief good intentioned thought blown away in the spring whirlwind we call planting season.

If you have a graduate you're worried about the lawn, flower beds and remodeling the bathroom. If you don't, you're thankful you're not that mom this year and you'll be happy if the lawn gets mowed by Memorial Day.

If the school gets shut down for a week for COVID, you are secretly giddy because you know you'll have more help in the barn and now you can haul twice the manure. You also know your 15-year-old will learn just as much math and science from treating a sick calf and helping with planting as they would sitting in a computer lab or on a zoom call with their algebra teacher.

Farming never ends and we are glad for it. Those who have carved out a living from raising livestock or tilling the land wouldn't be happy waking up 365 days a year in a condo with nothing to push them through the days and weeks. They focus on weather and seasons and thrive on risk and chance. They are ready to adopt new technology but have a healthy respect for proven practices and admiration for the old faithful iron.

As we ramp up for another spring planting season, soak it up. You are blessed to enjoy the freedom of working the land that you own and control. A year ago, when the world came to a standstill, you kept moving forward because of your vocation. And this year we know the wealth of that freedom and the sweetness of its liberty.

## Sheep

FROM PAGE 4B

Supply or Rural King. The "hog" height makes it easier to lean over the side to put water buckets, hay, etc., in the pen. I cut the panels with a bolt cutter and hold them together with baling wire. These are very lightweight to carry and can be taken apart and stored against the barn wall when not needed. This makes it easier to clean out the barn later with a tractor and loader rather than having permanent fixed pens.

Another thing I would like to stress is the importance of feeding a good sheep mineral mix to your sheep, especially at lambing time. When turning pregnant ewes out to new grass in the springtime, the grass is full of water and may be lacking in important minerals a very pregnant ewe needs - namely the correct ratio of magnesium and calcium. This can develop into sheep staggering, falling down and not being able to get up, convulsions and death. I lost two very pregnant ewes last spring before I realized what was happening with them. So be sure to give your flock, especially pregnant ewes, a good sheep mineral. A cattle or goat mineral mix will not do, as they contain more copper than is safe to feed a sheep. A very good mineral you can get that is especially formulated for sheep can be obtained from Jeff Hunter Nutrition at Brookston, Ind. You can look him up online. He has been raising sheep for many years, studied at Purdue and has a particular interest in sheep nutrition. That is where I get my mineral. You can also get the mineral with deccox in it, which helps prevent coccidiosis in sheep (diarrhea).

Well, that about does it for now. May you have a very successful lambing season and enjoy the coming warmer weather and sunshine!

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## Cheese and butter set records for disappearance in 2021

As I reported last week, the Agriculture Department raised its estimate on 2021 milk production in its latest World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates (WASDE) report issued April 9, based "primarily on increased cow numbers." Projected Class III and Class IV milk prices were also raised.

The 2020/21 U.S. corn outlook was for greater feed and residual use, increased corn used for ethanol production, larger exports, and lower ending stocks.

The feed and residual use projection was raised 50 million bushels to 5.7 billion, based on corn stocks reported as of March 1, which indicated disappearance during the December to February quarter rose about 6% relative to a year ago.

In the week ending April 3, 60,000 dairy cows were sent to slaughter, down 5,900 from the previous week and 4,400 or 6.8% less than that week a year ago.

The USDA's latest Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry Outlook, issued April 15, mirrored milk price and production projections in the April 9 WASDE. The Outlook stated however that, based on information from the most recent Milk Production report, the U.S. milking herd is projected to average 9.46 million head in 2021, 15,000 higher than last month's forecast. The number of milk cows was forecast to remain steady at 9.46 million for each quarter of the year.

"Relatively low milk-feed ratios in the first part of the year signal limited opportunities for expansion

of the milking herd in 2021," the Outlook stated. "Milk production usually responds to changes in input prices with a lag of several months. Milk per cow is projected to average 24,070 pounds per head year-round, 5 pounds more than the previous forecast.

Drought in the west is sure to have an impact, particularly in California.

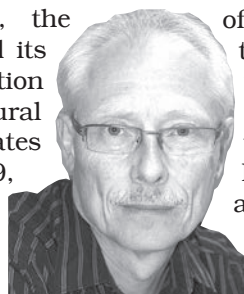
The April 15 Daily Dairy Report warned; "State and federal officials have already warned farmers to expect water shortages this summer, and dairies in particularly parched areas of the state are already trucking in water and fallowing cropland."

Looking at U.S. dairy demand, February was not only a good month for dairy exports, the citizenry chewed through a lot of dairy products here at home.

Total cheese disappearance was up from a year ago for the second consecutive month and marked a record start to the year, according to analyst by HighGround Dairy (HGD). "February demand was virtually identical versus the prior month; domestic disappearance stronger yet again on a year over year basis."

Butter disappearance topped that of a year ago for the fourth consecutive month and marked the strongest year over year gain in at least five years.

Total nonfat dry milk disappearance increased for the fourth consecutive month, reports HGD, "led by exports that surged to the highest monthly volume on record even as domestic



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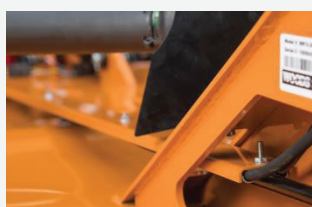
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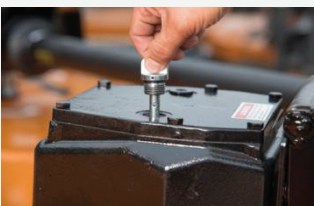
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# Michigan growers approve to continue wheat program

By Kevin Walker  
Michigan Correspondent

LANSING, Mich. – Michigan wheat growers have overwhelmingly approved a referendum to continue the Michigan Wheat Program (MWP), according to an announcement from the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD).

The purpose of the checkoff program is to promote the profitable production, marketing and use of wheat on behalf of Michigan growers. The program emphasizes advancements in wheat research, education, information delivery, market development and industry-wide collaboration. Funding for MWP comes from the growers; no taxpayer dollars are used for the program.

"We had 91 percent of our production volume represented in the vote and 85 percent of those growers were in favor of the wheat checkoff," said Bill Hunt, a wheat grower in Davison, and the current MWP chairman. "It's just fantastic. If farmers don't like what you're doing, they let you know it. Usually in a checkoff vote you're lucky to get 51 percent of the vote."

A total of 896 valid ballots were cast in the referendum. Of those, 766 growers voted in favor of the continuation, representing 12.5 million bushels, or 91 percent of wheat production; 130 growers voted against, representing 1.2 million bushels of wheat production, or 9 percent. For the program to be renewed, more than 50 percent of the grower votes cast, representing more than 50 percent of the total number of bushels represented on the cast ballots, must approve it. The program is funded by nearly 8,000 growers who grow wheat in 50 of Michigan's 83 counties.

"The vote is very exciting because we've only been around 10 years and our programs are fairly new, but we're

looking at doing a lot more," said Jody Pollok-Newsom, executive director of the MWP. "The results felt good because you're never really sure how the vote is going to go. It was also different this time, because we basically haven't seen anyone for a year. It's just nice to see that some people cared enough to actually vote."

Hunt said that growers for whom wheat is a high priority in their business did vote in the referendum. Growers who "really care about growing wheat voted," he said. "People who just grow acres for their cattle might not care about it." He praised Michigan State University (MSU) wheat breeder Eric Olson and said his hiring in 2012 was one of the program's major accomplishments. "Eric has been a real asset to this organization," Hunt said. "He's been with us for the past nine years. We never used to have a wheat breeder at MSU. When our organization started in 2011 we said, 'we have to have a wheat breeder.'"

Hunt said that Olson is largely responsible for development of the Whitetail wheat variety, which he said is now one of the main white wheat varieties on the market. "We're ecstatic with the vote and the amount of acreage represented in the vote," Hunt added.

The wheat checkoff was originally voted in during the summer of 2011 by a margin of 54 percent – both the popular vote and amount of production voted. The first continuation vote in 2016 passed by a much wider margin of more than 80 percent of the production and popular vote. The MWP board felt its mission was broadly supported by the growers and continued to build on the success of its first five years. The program will continue for an additional five years, beginning Sept. 1 and ending on Aug. 31, 2026. The current assessment that funds the Michigan Wheat Program is one half of one percent of the value of wheat sold.

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## Mielke

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disappearance crashed lower.”

Checking prices: CME block Cheddar cheese climbed to \$1.86 per pound on Monday April 12, highest since Jan. 14, 2021, but word of the end of the Food Box program sent waves into the markets. They fell to \$1.74 Thursday, only to rally to a Friday close of \$1.78, down a nickel on the week but 76.75 cents above a year ago when they hit bottom at \$1.0125 per pound.

The barrels got to \$1.7650 on Monday, fell to \$1.6575 Thursday, but closed Friday at \$1.69, a quarter-cent lower on the week, 68.50 cents above a year ago, and 9 cents below the blocks. Sales totaled 18 cars of block and 30 of barrel.

Midwest cheese output is busier than it was this time last month, according to Dairy Market News. A number of producers who were running four and five day workweeks have added a day to their schedules in light of stronger demand and strengthening market prices. Some have remained active throughout most of the year and still report being behind on orders, says DMN. But, spot milk is tightening a bit though prices reported mid-week remained below Class III. With spring flush underway, contacts are unsure what to expect as warmer weather will assuredly bring lower overall milk output.

Western food service cheese demand has continued to grow, while retail cheese demand held steady. Some contacts reported improvements at ports with getting vessel space and shipping containers, making it possible to move exports more readily. DMN says “The announcement of the cancellation of the Food Box program is causing manufacturers to closely monitor cheese markets, watching cheese futures for any signal of price direction and subsequent demand. With the uncertainty of what government purchases may look like, the market tone within cheese markets is more unsettled than what it had been a few weeks ago.”

Spot butter made it to \$1.9050 per pound on April 12, highest since Jun. 10, 2020, but finished Friday at \$1.85, down 3 cents on the week though 66.25 cents above a year ago. 13 carloads found new homes on the week.

The StoneX Dairy Group stated in their April 12 Early Morning Update: “We lean bullish for butter. Longer-term strength is debatable but for now we won’t concern ourselves with fourth quarter pricing. Re-opening demand coupled with strong global demand continues to drive market dynamics.”

DMN reports that churning remains busy for now, but some butter producers suggest the time for active churning may be limited. Cream availability was notably tighter this week and has been tightening the past month. Ice cream producers are ramping up production ahead of their busy season and is keeping cream from the churns. Butter sales are steady to robust, particularly in food service, says DMN.

Western cream is still plentiful. While some cream is flowing eastward, limited tanker availability is a barrier for moving heavier volumes. Butter production is seasonally active. Inventories are stable. Week after week, food service demand continues to swell; some, but not all, market participants feel strongly that rebounding food service orders are the main force behind higher butter prices. Retail butter demand is stable to strong. Export demand is steady and some industry contacts report that port congestion issues seem to be improving.

Grade A nonfat dry milk closed Friday at \$1.2150 per pound, up a penny on the week, highest since Feb. 12, 2020, and 36 cents above a year ago, with 27 sales reported on the week.

CME dry whey climbed back to its record 66 cents per pound perch Tuesday but added 1.50 cents Friday and set a new CME record of 67.50 cents per pound, up 4.50 cents on the week and 28.50 cents above a year ago, on 5 sales.

The Biden Administration announced that it will end the Farmers to Families Food Box program at the end of May but it appears the Dairy Donation program will remain a part of government assistance due to the COVID pandemic.

Speaking in the April 19 Dairy Radio Now broadcast, HGD’s Lucas Fuess said several billion dollars were spent on the program since the beginning of the pandemic but the aid will go in a different direction in terms of hunger initiatives, such as expansion of Food Stamp benefits and increasing food purchases through existing government food distribution programs.

Fuess charged that the Food Box program caused extreme volatility in cheese prices throughout most of 2020 as new rounds of the program were announced, and cheese prices skyrocketed to fulfill demand. Lessons have been learned by vendors, he said, and the program’s termination was expected.

Initial details were released of the Dairy Donation program, a program funded in the second stimulus bill signed by President Trump in December 2020. Fuess said there are still questions that need answers, such as the reimbursement rate, however “We do know that donated dairy products will be eligible for retroactive reimbursement back to December as USDA attempts to encourage donations over the next several weeks during the peak spring flush period.”

StoneX director of dairy market insight, Nate Donnay wrote in his April 15 Udder Intelligence report that “It is not clear if the USDA plans to keep dairy purchases going through some other program or not.” He suggests that Uncle Sam would need to buy an additional \$550 million worth of dairy products to keep the market in balance this year.

Meanwhile, more than 400 dairy farmers signed on to a letter asking the National Milk Producers Federation (NMPF) and International Dairy Foods Association (IDFA) to work together to “fix the milk pricing debacle.”

A press release from the Wisconsin-based American Dairy Coalition (ADC) reported that the letter called on the two organizations to “work with them to fix the irreparable financial harm producers have suffered and stop the bleeding the current Federal Milk Pricing Formula has caused.” The ADC says “This group of farmers is working on suitable and fair solutions and is asking for a meeting with NMPF and IDFA leadership.”

NMPF proclaimed that April 22 ‘Earth Day’ is a “natural opportunity to highlight dairy’s commitment to environmental stewardship. NMPF’s Nicole Ayache, senior director for sustainability initiatives and leader of Environmental Stewardship and Workforce Development for the National Dairy FARM (Farmers Assuring Responsible Management) Program, stated that “Caring for our natural resources is every day for a dairy farmer. There’s a lot of inherent dedication to taking care of the environment, because it’s how you live your life, and where you live your life.” Ayache discusses details in a podcast on the NMPF website.

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## ESTATE AUCTION SATURDAY, MAY 1st, 10:00 AM

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ALLIS-CHALMERS COLLECTIBLES – GUNS

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**OSSEO, MICHIGAN**



**TRACTORS:** Allis-Chalmers 190XT gas; Allis-Chalmers D9 gas w/loader; Allis-Chalmers D17 gas; Allis-Chalmers C; Allis-Chalmers IB; Allis-Chalmers B; Ford 1600 2WD w/1326 hours.



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**SHOP & MACHINE TOOLS:** 24" Cincinnati power feed drill press; Walker Turner drill press; "Huskee Line" surface mill; power band saw; Springfield lathe 3' bed x 9" chuck; machinist & toolboxes; machinist tooling; chucks; other machinist tools & items. Craftsman top & bottom tool chest; various quality tool chests & cabinets w/slide-out drawers (very clean & good quality); small parts cabinets; Snap-On ya217 MIG welder; Lincoln 225 welder; Ingersoll Rand air compressor; Craftsman 10" table saw; DeWALT compound miter saw; Lincoln Ideal Arc TIG welder; Roll-around shop hoist; pneumatic tools; Ignition cabinet & contents; Magneto test & workbench; Large amount of Mags & Magneto parts; pedestal grinder; RR jacks; jack stands; air jack; Massey Harris 2 HP hit & miss engine; anvil; chain fall; (4) hose reels; large drill bits; pallet jack; shop floor fan; Devilbiss 14 HP 7000-watt generator; Sears air compressor; DeWALT cordless power tool set; several pipe wrenches including (2) 60" ridges; C-clamps; large amount of log chains; binders; clevis & hooks; tire tools; pintle hitch; Huskee snowblower; corn sheller; very clean hand tools; many Snap-On wrenches; sockets; deep well; large wheel sockets; ¾" drive impact; Chilton books; Electric power tools; 10-gallon air compressor oil; roll-around racks; steel rack & steel; shelving; fiberglass extension ladder; electric chain fall.

**ALLIS-CHALMERS COLLECTIBLES & PARTS:** AC dealers parts books counter binder; AC manuals & parts books; approximately 60 OR MORE toy tractors, mostly AC, many with boxes. AC chain saw; AC rototiller; AC top links; AC plow points & parts; AC belt pulley; Extensive selection of AC souvenirs and dealer give away items with AC decor, promotional items; literature; AC plow btms & parts; AC steel wheels; AC tractor weights; AC snap coupler hitches; AC mower decks; many other miscellaneous AC collectibles.

**GUNS:** Remington Model 760 .35 CAL; Marlin Model 99 .22 CAL; Marlin .22 CAL bolt action mod. 25 w/scope; Remington Model 511 .22 Cal bolt action; Nobel .22 CAL bolt action w/scope; New England 410 Gauge single action; Remington Model 511 .22 CAL bolt action w/scope; Remington Model 10-C .12 Gauge pump; H&R .243 CAL Single action w/scope; Remington Model 700 Classic 300 Savage CAL bolt action; White Mountain Carbine .50 CAL; Red Ryder BB gun.

**AMMUNITION:** 500 plus rounds .45 auto; .243, 9mm; 22 mag; 410-gauge shells.

**KNIVES:** Over 30 knives including Remingtons & others.

**GUN CABINETS:** Stack-on 14-gun steel cabinet; Cannon gun safe.

**MISC:** Super Biro meat saw; Toledo meat scale; glass front cooler; power carpet stretcher; carpet steamer; shop vacuum; filing cabinets; cookbooks; small amount of household misc.

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APR 24 VEEDERSBURG, INDIANA: Fountain Co. — Greg Clingan Auction & R.E.. Equipment, trucks.. 11 am EST

APR 24 WHITELAND, INDIANA: Haveman — Findley Auctioneers. Farm and orchard equipment.. 10 am SEE AD ON PAGE 11B

APR 24 MARNE, MICHIGAN: Bolthouse MAI 16 — Miedema Auctioneering. Farm equipment.. 10 am

APR 24 WINCHESTER, OHIO: Baxla Tractor — Hess Auction. Consignment auction.. 10 am

APR 23 MARKLEVILLE, INDIANA: Consignment — Jeff Boone Auctions. Farm equipment, other.. 1 pm EST

APR 23 VALPARAISO, INDIANA: Annual Spring Sale — Kraft Auction Service. Antique and vintage toy auction.. 10 am CDT SEE AD ON PAGE 15B

APR 24 CONNERSVILLE, INDIANA: Consignment — Koons Auctions & Realty. Farm machinery, tools, equipment, other.. 10:05 am SEE AD ON PAGE 10B

APR 24 MARKLEVILLE, INDIANA: Consignment — Jeff Boone Auctions. Farm equipment, other.. 9 am EST

APR 24 MILAN, INDIANA: Huxsoll — Vestal Auction Service. Equipment, personal property.. 10 am

APR 24 MILROY, INDIANA: Consignment — Milroy Amish School. Farm machinery, antiques, collectibles.. 9 am

APR 24 PITTSBORO, INDIANA: Wilson — Ted Everett Auction. Farm equipment.. 10 am SEE AD ON PAGE 12B

APR 24 VALPARAISO, INDIANA: Annual Spring Sale — Kraft Auction Service. Antique and vintage toy auction.. 10 am CDT SEE AD ON PAGE 15B

APR 25 VALPARAISO, INDIANA: Annual Spring Sale — Kraft Auction Service. Antique and vintage toy auction.. 10 am CDT SEE AD ON PAGE 15B

APR 30 WILLIAMSBURG, INDIANA: Flower Day — Wayne Co. Produce Auction. Hanging baskets, other.. 10 am SEE AD ON PAGE 15B

MAY 1 MT. STERLING, KENTUCKY: Consignment — Clays 3 Warehouse. Farm machinery and other.. 9 am

MAY 1 OSSEO, MICHIGAN: Boardman — Brian Hasty Auction Co.. Farm equipment, personal property.. 10 am SEE AD ON PAGE 13B

MAY 1 CEDARVILLE, OHIO: Campbellco Cattle — PrimeTime AgriMarketing. Cattle equipment, cow/calf pairs, embryos, semen.. 4 pm SEE AD ON PAGE 11B

MAY 6 COVINGTON, INDIANA: Lewsader — Clingan Auction. Real estate.. 11 am EST SEE AD ON PAGE 12B

MAY 6 LIMA, OHIO: Cain Estate — Oak Ridge Realty & Auction Co.. Real estate.. 1 pm SEE AD ON PAGE 11B

MAY 13 OSTRANDER, OHIO: Grener Farms, LLC — Wilson National Real Estate. Real estate.. 6 pm

## Who and what do you love?

1 John 2:15 "Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him."



VERSES FROM MAMA  
By Sandra Sheridan

In recent years T-shirts with sayings on them have become a real craze. The wearer selects apparel with a message for others. You can tell something about the person by this message.

But there is a more accurate way to evaluate a person's inner values. This is discerned by the way they live daily.

I am intrigued by the messages sent through the T-shirt medium. Some messages are in good taste. Others are downright rude. Still others share information about the wearer like "I 'heart' my boyfriend" or "I 'heart' my cat." But just because someone has a phrase printed on a T-shirt doesn't mean the words are true. If a supposed cat lover kicks her cat every time it purrs, the action reveals the real heart of the matter.

Many people profess to love God. They may do all the "right" spiritual things such as attending church, tithing and singing in the church choir. They may even sport spiritual T-shirts, reading "I 'heart' Jesus." But the truth is revealed in the way they live their everyday lives.

John instructs his readers to

consider who and what they really love. He tells them not to love the world or the things in the world.

Of course, he is not saying it's wrong to care for your boyfriend or cat. He is talking about priorities within this world's system. The world, run by Satan, doesn't recognize God as supreme ruler and organizes all its passions – the desires of the flesh and the eyes and the pride of life

– apart from God. Anything in our life that takes precedence over God and His purposes fits into these categories.

John goes on to say, "If anyone loves the world, then the love of the Father is not in him." Those who make materialism, pleasure or relationships apart from Christ their main goal in life show with whom they identify and what they truly love. When the world's priorities rise to the forefront, the person's heart values become clear.

So have you thought about your own life? Maybe it's time to evaluate where your priorities truly lie. Don't love the world or the things in the world because they quickly pass away. Instead seek to do God's will and give Him precedence in your life. Then everyone you meet will be able to read your heart's true passion . . . even on the days you are not wearing your "I 'heart' the Father" T-shirt.

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**Above:** Michael Matthews and son, Michael Elijah, are shown here lifting frames to inspect one of their hives on their Columbiana County, Ohio, farm where they also raise rabbits, goats and have multiple gardens.

## Bees become lesson plan for homeschool group

The people you meet and friends made through beekeeping are priceless. Little did I know several years ago when a friend of a friend contacted me with questions about keeping bees, that Maria Matthews, her husband Michael and son, Michael Elijah, who live on farm in Columbiana County, Ohio, would become part of my beekeeping experience.

Fast forward, four years, I think, and the Matthews are experienced beekeepers who continue to learn and expand their apiary, but now they are the ones dispensing information. Maria homeschools her son, and now works with other homeschoolers to teach about honeybees, their life cycle, and importance to the humankind's food supply among other things.

And what a wonderful way for son, Michael Elijah, to learn. Self-study, guided by mom and dad, and then put to actual use in the bee yard. Every child should be so lucky to learn about what interests them in this way.


But Maria is not satisfied just educating her son. Maria recently put together a short article to help explain the life cycle of the honeybee; specifically during the winter and early spring season, to her homeschooling group. I asked Maria if I could share it here and was greeted with an enthusiastic, "Yes! I am humbled that you asked this of me!"

Enjoy!

"Helping bees to survive is a blessing," Maria explained. "It has allowed my family to humbly observe the wonderful creation of God. I fell in love with the idea of beekeeping back in my country of Venezuela 30 years ago, when one day my uncle invited me to his field of sunflowers to show me why he was planting flowers. He had hives in there and his passionate talk was contagious. I wish he could see me now; maybe he does from heaven. I want to keep his passionate talk alive, to teach my son and maintain alive this legacy, doing something this important for me and for them...the bees.

I wrote this article for our homeschool group, those who are interested in bees, beekeepers or not, who want to know a little about what happens with the happy bees during winter and the beginning of spring.

After the bees fill their storage for winter in the fall, the queen slows and



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BY SUSAN EMERSON NUTTER

stops egg production. A healthy population of bees should have approx 50-100 pounds of honey stored before winter.

Varroa mites

and moisture are the enemies of the bees during winter; not so much the cold if the population is big enough to keep 95 °F around the queen in a good cluster. They 'shiver' to keep the cluster warm, and rotate places to stay warm and feed.

In my apiary, I apply monthly treatments during the warmest days of winter (> 50°F) to reduce the population of mites in the hive. This increases the chance of survival. Mites feed from the body fat of the bees and when spring comes, if the bees survive the stress of a high count of mites, the integrity of the new larva is compromised.

The chemical process that the winter bees go through to feed the first brood (larva) when no gathering of nectar or

**(Bees continued on page 15B)**

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## Bees

FROM PAGE 14B

pollen is taking place, can end in an unsuccessful overwinter and the death of the colony in the late winter or early spring. Winter bees clustered in their hive consume more resources during warm winters. This too can affect the survival of the colony before the first natural flow of resources.

Summer bees live an average of four-six weeks after they reached their adulthood. Winter bees can live six months, sometimes more. A molecule called Vitellogenin is responsible for this phenomena and its production is powered by the fat in the body of the winter bee.

Queens can live five or more years (there is one in each colony). Drones (male bees) are thrown out of the hive before winter. They don't produce or work, and they consume valuable quantities of resources needed by the rest of the hive to survive the winter.

Winter bees are amazing. During winter, on warm days, bees go out to 'potty'. It is normal to see yellow dots on the snow. They hold in a lot, so when it is warm enough to go outside the hive for a 'cleansing flight,' the bees do so. Remember never eat yellow snow.

Winter survival is not the hardest part for an overwintered hive. It is to build the colony up again in late winter/early spring when there are no natural resources to gather yet. The body structure of winter bees is prepared for this function. Their fat bodies can break down proteins, carbohydrates, and other nutrients and reassemble the components into new chemicals.

In this way they are able to feed the new generation of bees who will use spring nectar flow and pollen to survive and grow the colony. Additionally, the new spring bees attend to drone production and prepare the colony for possible swarming; when a colony divides itself to create more colonies.

In March, while Silver Maples flower in Ohio (one of the first external protein sources for the bees), and if the weather conditions allow it, the winter bees go out to gather their first pollen of the season. This then boosts the hive's desire to increase its population. There are so many sources blooming in the



**Above:** Michael Matthews and son, Michael Elijah, place jars of sugar syrup on their newly established hive to help their honeybees off to a strong start.

last days of winter including trees and ground flowers, dandelions and bulbs – all very well appreciated by the bees.

Winter bees normally don't get to enjoy the entire spring season. Once they have used their fat bodies to start the colony in the late winter/early spring, their juvenile bodies are no more. The production of Vitellogenin drops because there is no longer fat in their bodies. Many do their 'last fly into the sun on a warm day, as a reward after a long and cold winter, to never return home.' I love to think that they go to pollinate and enjoy delicious nectars in the Garden of Eden.

What a blessing it is to observe our honeybees. I am grateful for these winter bees and all they do and sacrifice for the survival of their mother and sisters!

I hope you have enjoyed the read, and that it serves you well.

Maria Matthews

Susan Nutter and her husband, Scott, maintain 30 hives on their 65 acre tree farm in northeast Ohio, where they also produce maple syrup along with selling honey, beeswax, and honeybees. Follow Susan on Facebook by searching Bees and Trees, and on Instagram @beesandtrees.co. Got questions about beekeeping or honeybees in general? Please email Susan Nutter at SusanNutter11@gmail.com.

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**2011 KW T660, CUM ISX 450HP ULTRASHIFT TRANS AIR RIDE SUSP, P/S, A/C, JAKE BRAKE, POWER WINDOWS/LOCKS, 180WB, 11X22.5 ALUM BUDDS, 398,846 MI. . . . . \$ 45,500**



**2007 MACK MR688, MAC 350HP 4000HS ALLISON AUTOMATIC TRANS, AIR RIDE SUSP, P/S, A/C, 138WB 11X22.5 BUDDS, 314,430 MILES . \$27,500**



**2013, 2014, 2015 FRT M2, CUM ISB 260HP & ISL 270HP 3000HS ALLISON AUTOMATIC TRANS, AIR RIDE & SPRING SUSP, P/S, A/C, 168WB, 11X22.5 ALUM BUDDS, FRT 53,125-134,375 MILES . . . . . \$34,500 & UP**



**(2) 2011 & 2012 INTL 4400, MFDT OR 9 270HP OR 210HP ALLISON AUTOMATIC TRANS, AIR RIDE SUSP, P/S, A/C, 158WB, 11X22.5, 100,000 THRU 145,000 MILES . . . 2011 \$27,500 EA 2012 \$28,500**



**2010 INTL PROSTAR, CUM ISM 385HP, 10SPD, AIR RIDE SUSP, P/S, A/C, POWER WINDOWS/LOCKS, 154WB, 11X22.5 ALUM BUDDS, 509,025 MILES . . . . . \$ 21,500**



**2007 MACK VISION MAC, 330HP ALLISON AUTOMATIC TRANS, AIR RIDE SUSP, P/S, A/C, 138WB, 11X22.5, 247,740 MI . . . . . \$24,500**



**2013 INTL 4400 INTL MF9, 315HP 10SPD, SPRING SUSP, P/S, A/C, 292WB, 24' FLATBED DUMP, 11X22.5, 203,050 MILES . . . . . \$42,500**



**2014 FRT M2, CUM ISB 250HP, 6SPD, SPRING SUSP, P/S, A/C, 20' FLATBED/DUMP, 11X22.5 89,790 MILES . . . . . \$42,500**



**2013 KW T400, CUM ISL 380HP, 10SPD, AIR RIDE SUSP, P/S, A/C, 14,320 FRT AXLE, 4:56RA 210WB, 11X22.5, 248,924 MILES . . . . . \$45,500**



**2013 FRT M2, CREW CAB, CUM ISC 270HP, 9 SPD, AIR RIDE SUSP, P/S, A/C, 290WB, 24' VAN BODY, 175,760 MILES, RARE FIND . . . . . \$54,500**



**(2) 2014 ISUZU NQR, CREW CAB, ISUZU 5.2L 215HP AUTOMATIC TRANS, SPRING SUSP, P/S, A/C, 16' FLATBED, 100,050 & 131,526 MILES . . . . \$42,500 EA.**



**2008 INTL 4300, CREW CAB, INTL MFDT, 225HP ALLISON 3000HS TRANS, AIR RIDE SUSP, P/S, A/C, 277WB, 11X22.5, 293,170 MILES READY FOR A BODY . . . . . \$21,500**