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Heavy fruit crop damage from frost

By Stan Maddux
 Indiana Correspondent

Frost caused heavy damage to this year's fruit crop in parts of Indiana and Michigan.

Beasley's Orchard near Indianapolis estimated losing at least 90 percent of its apples from heavy frost on April 21. Third generation owner Clyde Beasley said he was hoping the 3 inches of snow that came down just hours before the frost would help insulate his blooms against the 26 degree temperatures.

"Right now, the prognosis is not very good," Beasley said.

Initially, Beasley said it looked like a good portion of his crop survived because damage seemed limited to the outer edges of the blooms in his 25 acres of apple trees in Danville. The loss became more apparent the next day once the sun came out from the once cloudy skies.

"As we cut more buds open today we're seeing more damage," he said.

The five acres of strawberries at the farm covered by hay looked practically unscathed. "Minimal loss on those," Beasley said.

Beasley's Orchard also lost its entire apple crop last year when temperatures dipped to 24 degrees on May 9.

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Below: Indiana set a few records for temperatures and amount of snow when a late April storm went through the state.



Above: It is lambing season at Valais Blacknose Sheep Squibb Ranch in Indiana. The farm raises Scottish Blackface and Valais Blacknose Sheep. "Our farm goal is to bring purebred Valais Blacknose Sheep to the USA, uphold Swiss breed standards, and promote the breed," said owner Diane Squibb. This lamb decided to take a nap on its mom's back. (Photo by Diane Squibb)

Stewardship Alliance supports measures to expand and to prioritize local foods

By TIM ALEXANDER
 Illinois Correspondent

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. — Empowering food growers and consumers to purchase local foods and encourage local food system growth was the purpose of the first Virtual Food and Farm Week of Action, sponsored by the Illinois Stewardship Alliance April 19-22. Illinois Reps. Tim Butler (R-87th) and Will Guzzardi (R-39th) kicked off the week's activities by addressing ways to take action to support the legislation on ISA's 2021 Policy Agenda — policies proponents say would grow the number of farmers and local food businesses in Illinois, revitalize communities, protect soil and water, and keep food dollars local.

Butler is a supporter of Guzzardi's recent cottage food reform bill, which updates the state's 2012 Cottage Food Law and 2017 Food Freedom Act to expand support for local and regional food producers. "A lot of our craft industry laws are so important for entrepreneurs in this state, but we unfortu-

nately sometimes make it very difficult for them to carry out their business," said Butler, speaking from his Springfield office.

From his headquarters in northwest Chicago, Guzzardi said the government has a "big role to play" in encouraging local food production and regulating Big Food. "Sometimes when I come around with bills like the cottage food bill, people give me raised eyebrows. They say government should get out of the way and (not) support entrepreneurs," Guzzardi said. "But I really believe that the work I am doing with the Stewardship Alliance is totally of a part with my beliefs on government's role in our society. We have a responsibility to take care of the people of our state, and in food production there are some unscrupulous actors who place community food safety standards way down on their list of priorities."

Guzzardi believes a different regulatory apparatus should be considered for small, local food producers than what applies to large food corporations. He

envisions a legal mechanism that helps local food producers grow and thrive, which he details in his Home to Market Act (Ill. HB 2615). "To recognize that difference between cottage food producers and other food producers, I would create a smart regulatory framework that treats cottage food producers appropriately and helps the industry grow," he said.

The Illinois Stewardship Alliance supports Guzzardi's HB 2615, in addition to several additional pending measures under consideration by the 102nd Illinois General Assembly.

Currently, cottage food operators who want to sell their products at fairs and festivals, at home, through delivery, and through shipping are restricted by current regulations that limit sales to seasonal farmers markets. These regulations hamper business growth and cripple start-up food businesses, according to Molly Gleason, ISA communications director. Reforming cottage food law will

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Wisconsin county exploring how to increase broadband

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — Officials in Dane County have created a task force to explore how to expand internet access for rural residents.

The county board voted to create the task force, the Wisconsin State Journal reported.

According to the Federal Communications Commission, 94 percent of rural Dane County homes have access to at least three broadband providers and the remaining 6 percent have access to at least two providers.

But county Sup. Melissa Ratcliff, who pushed for the task force, says that information is outdated and inaccurate. According to the resolution creating the task force, 25 percent of rural county residents lack accessible, reliable, and affordable broadband.

Sup. Kate McGinnity said the COVID-19 pandemic exposed the lack of access as more activities from school classes to social interaction shifted online.

“(Internet access) is as vital as water

or electricity, and yet way too many people in Dane County don’t have access to it,” McGinnity said.

The task force will research where broadband holes exist and help towns and villages apply for federal or state grants to expand their infrastructure, including telephone lines and fiber-optic cables. The task force also will hold public hearings to discuss access challenges and develop recommendations on what more the county can do to expand the broadband network.

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Fruit crop losses were heaviest throughout the central and southern parts of the state because of trees mostly in full bloom.

The buds were just partially open or closed in more of the fruit trees up north, providing the flowers inside with at least some cover against the heavy freeze.

The loss was anywhere from 60 percent to 40 percent in some varieties of apples at Kercher’s Sunrise Orchards near Goshen in the northern part of the state.

Other varieties like Golden Delicious, Gala and Honeycrisp suffered little to no damage, said Maureen Kercher, whose husband’s great grandfather started the 75 acre orchard 99 years ago.

Kercher also said the trees having more buds this year will help make up

for some of the losses. “We’ll still have quite a few apples,” she said.

The jury was still out for other producers closer to Lake Michigan like Garwood Orchards and Williams Orchard near LaPorte.

Carrie Garwood said there was damage but to what extent will take several days.

Her farm, in the family since 1831, has 500 acres of apple and peach trees.

Garwood said it’s possible some trees fared better than others because of how temperatures can differ slightly across the landscape and just a few degrees can make a big difference. “It’s a big orchard and every area is different,” she said.

She also said her orchard for some reason always seems to escape frost with enough of a crop to survive until the next season. Most of the fruit at Garwood Orchards is sold to retailers across the country while the rest is offered for u-pick and at on-site market.

“Some of our friends in southern Indiana have lost their whole crop. We think we’re still going to have something. Hopefully, that’s the case,” she said.

The losses in Michigan were heaviest in the southern part of the state where the opening of buds on fruit trees are on a similar schedule as northern Indiana.

Mark Longstroth, a small fruit educator for Michigan State University, said the buds in more northerly places like Grand Rapids usually don’t start opening until early May.

He also said frost isn’t as much of a problem along the west side of the state because of temperatures helped by winds cutting across the warmer waters of Lake Michigan.

“Usually if we get a big freeze event like this it’s very unusual for it to affect the whole state but it’s not unusual for it to affect one part of the state,” Longstroth said.

Local Food

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provide more entrepreneurs, especially women, minority, and low-income entrepreneurs, a means to start or grow a home-based food business while also giving shoppers greater access to Illinois made products, she said.

Guzzardi’s Home to Market Act is mirrored by its companion bill in the state senate, SB 2007, sponsored by Sen. David Koehler (D-46th). “These bills expand sales avenues for cottage food producers beyond farmers’ markets to reach more customers,” Gleason said. “Farmers markets are seasonal and restricting sales to them is a hard hurdle to overcome for both producers and consumers. We want to grow these small businesses.”

The ISA also supports the Illinois Partners for Nutrient Loss Reduction Act (HB 1792 and SB 2474), which extends a critical fund that puts tools on the hands of producers who are committed to raising crops and animals in an environmentally conscious, sustainable manner.

“It’s about extending the ability to provide those funds, funds for soil and water

conservation districts so they can keep programs going,” said Liz Rupel, ISA policy organizer.

Specifically, the bill would extend the Partners for Conservation Fund, which will expire this summer. The Act would extend the funding to 2027 and allow funds to be administered to implement the Nutrient Loss Reduction Strategy’s 2025 milestone to reduce nitrogen in Illinois waters by 15 percent and phosphorus by 25 percent.

The ISA is also in support of a House resolution (HR 0148; The Good Food Purchasing Policy Task Force) that would compel the state to purchase food based on a few core values: purchases would be of local fare, and the food should be healthy, sustainable and humanely raised. It would replace the state’s current “lowest bid” purchase policy.

“What we want to see is a shift in state procurement policy to support more local purchasing and invest more state funds into supporting and procuring food from the farmers in our state,” Gleason said. “This resolution would create a task force to study what it would take for the state to shift the procurement policy and study the supply and make recommendations.”

The ISA also has two appropriations requests for the state budget. One is for the Fall Covers for Spring Savings program, an Illinois Department of Agriculture managed initiative that rewards farmers for planting cover crops after their fall harvest via a \$5 per acre crop insurance premium. The program faces sunset after two successful years of enrollment.

Another budget request is \$500,000 in state funds for renewal of the Healthy Local Food Incentives Fund, which aids farmers markets in the engagement of a SNAP match program or expansion of an existing SNAP match program. “This program helps more low-income families enjoy fresh, local, healthy food while incentivizing them to spend their federal SNAP dollars at farmers markets,” said Rupel.

The ISA’s Virtual Farm and Food Week of Action offered small food producers an opportunity to participate in prescheduled virtual constituent meetings with Guzzardi, Butler, Koehler and more than a dozen other state lawmakers during the four-day event.



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Soybean demand not slowing

Soybean consumption in the United States has shown no sign of slowing in spite of rationing attempts. According to data from Ag Resources, U.S. soybean consumption for the marketing year currently totals 3.37 billion bu (bbu). This is a record pace and 35 percent greater than last year. It is

also 11 percent more than the previous usage record. This demand shows no sign of slowing into next year either, and will likely keep soybean reserves tight.

When it comes to U.S. soybean usage most attention has fallen on exports, but just as much should be placed on domestic crush. Cumulative crush through March currently totals 1.3 bbu. This leaves just 900 million bu (mbu) of needed crushings through the end of August to meet the USDA yearly projection of 2.2 bbu. Crush will only need to average 150 mbu per month which should be easy to achieve. The unknown in this scenario is if elevated wheat feeding and distiller grain availability will reduce meal demand.

One of the most questioned numbers in the global market right now is the size of the Brazilian corn crop which is currently predicted at 109 million metric tons (mmt). This ultimately hinges on the size of the Safrinha crop. Many analysts claim the crop will be smaller given recent weather and forecasts that indicate stress will continue. While yields may be down, Brazilian farmers are expanding plantings given record returns. Right now the break-even yield on corn in Brazil is 40 bushels per acre which has kept planting moving.

We are starting to see as much attention on the Brazilian corn crop quality as we are on yields. According to sources in Brazil the corn crop is currently rated 62 percent Good/Excellent. This compares to 90 percent G/E to start the month.

As it does in the United States, the greatest concern with a low rating is what it may mean for test weight. It is

not uncommon to see low test weights on corn under drought conditions. Not only does this mean more bushels will need to be consumed, but that buyers may be less willing to pay for the corn that is produced. In turn, the United States could see elevated demand even after the Safrinha crop is harvested.

We are also seeing debate on the Argentine corn crop size. Harvest is slow to advance in Argentina, with just 14 percent of the crop out compared to last year's 33 percent. Yields are better than expected though, causing some firms to increase their crop projections. One of them is the Buenos Aires Ag Exchange, who puts the crop at 46 mmt, up 1 mmt from their previous prediction. This is still 1 mmt under the latest USDA crop estimate.

We are starting to see a shift in market focus which is not uncommon at this time of the marketing year. When it comes to the old crop contracts, futures are currently driven by little other than demand and ending stocks estimates.

On new crop there are more variables that are monitored and more options for price discovery. The main one right now is acres and how many we will see on each crop. Any indication that we will not see adequate plantings of either crop and futures will react accordingly. We are also at a point where weather is becoming more of a factor for new crop values. Given the projections for ending stocks to remain tight into new crop we will see more reaction to any factor that may

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Kingsbury Elevator plans third expansion

By Stan Maddux
Indiana Correspondent

KINGSBURY, Ind. - A grain elevator in Indiana has plans to expand for the third time in less than a decade.

Kingsbury Elevator is seeking a zoning variance to store anhydrous ammonia in two tanks each holding up to 45,000 gallons of the crop fertilizer.

Owner Ed Lindborg said the nitrogen fertilizer would be shipped to the elevator in rail cars from production facilities in Mississippi, Iowa and Canada.

The fertilizer in liquid form when compressed would be stored in tanks he wants to place in an open field more than 2,000 feet from the grain elevator at Kingsbury Industrial Park in the northwest part of the state.

Lindborg said the anhydrous ammonia would be stored until loaded on semi-trucks for delivery mostly to retailers in northern Indiana and southern Michigan. Farmers within a 20- to 30-mile radius of the elevator could also go directly to the site to purchase the fertilizer.

"We're doing a good project. It's good for the local farmers," he said.

The LaPorte County Redevelopment Commission last week approved extending a water line to the facility for fire protection.

The fertilizer converts to a gas and becomes explosive when released into the air.

Lindborg said the plan includes installa-

tion of sensing technology that would detect a leak if one ever developed and start an automatic sprinkler system to neutralize the gas filtering into the air.

He said the Office of Indiana State Chemist has already issued a permit for the proposed operation.

Lindborg said he's seeking a variance from the LaPorte County Board of Zoning Appeals because the project involves storage of anhydrous ammonia and to be transparent about his plans with local authorities as an extra safety precaution.

"This thing is highly regulated and, basically, extremely safe the way we're doing it," he said.

Kingsbury Elevator already stores up to 10,000 tons of liquid and dry fertilizer offered to local farmers.

Lindborg said the expansion would give farmers within a 500-mile radius of the elevator access to fertilizer at a price less expensive than what they're currently paying.

"It's just an extension of what we're doing already," he said.

Kingsbury Elevator expanded its rail yard in 2015 with four additional service lines for the Canadian National Railroad to use for bringing in more corn and soybeans along with fertilizer. The product is stored then distributed from the elevator.

Another expansion at the elevator with both projects totaling about \$8 million happened about three years later.



Above: Kingsbury Elevator is planning to grow the fertilizer end of its operation by storing and distributing anhydrous ammonia.

"Rail works," Lindborg said.

His request for a variance is scheduled to be heard at the April 20 meeting of the LaPorte County Board of Zoning Appeals at 6 p.m.

Lindborg said he hopes to begin work on installing the storage facility in May.

Matt Reardon, of the LaPorte County Office of Economic and Community Development, did not anticipate difficulties with obtaining a variance.

He said Kingsbury Industrial Park is already zoned for heavy industry and the fertilizer is widely used in agriculture.

He also said extra safety precautions must be taken for projects of this nature. "There's special rules that are required by the State of Indiana to make sure that your storage and operation are safe and secure and protects the surrounding the area," he said.

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Soybean Demand

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reduce production. Export demand is a factor in new crop commodity values as well as old crop, and in some ways, more of an issue.

We are starting to see more interest on new crop export sales of U.S. corn and soybeans. We have seen an active start to export sales for those contract months, but in recent weeks, these have trailed off. The most closely watched of the buyers is China who has been the world's leading commodity importer. This lack of buying could indicate China is either comfortable with global production and its ability to satisfy needs, or that the country's overall demand is starting to fade.

Trade is paying more attention to the topsoil moisture levels across the Corn Belt. Iowa is currently reporting a 29 percent deficient topsoil moisture level, and Minnesota is 22 percent short. The greatest deficiencies are in the Dakotas, with North Dakota 78 percent short and South Dakota 58 percent short. These conditions are now moving into the Eastern Corn Belt with Indiana being 18 percent short and Illinois 9 percent short on topsoil moisture. While these conditions can be favorable for planting, we will need to see rains develop soon to prevent possible yield implications.

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MARKETS

Missouri Direct Hay Report Direct Hay Weighted Average Report For week ending Friday, April 23, 2021

The weather seemed to spread across the entire spectrum this week. In typical Missouri fashion there was a little something for everyone's taste from hot sunny short sleeves to dragging out the winter coat and gloves. A late season snow fell across most of the state this week with some areas reporting near 5 inches. Heavy frost followed which likely did some damage in a few areas but many didn't get the extreme cold to cause wide spread damage. Farmers would really like to get back to work in the fields. Fertilizer is getting spread slowing in between fronts but planting is off to a slow start. Although much of the state has had plenty of moisture and just waiting for sun there are a few areas that are actually dry. Hay business is slowing down and about over for this feeding season. Most talk now is on what new crop prices might be given the high cost of inputs this year and the extremely high grain prices. The supply of hay is moderate, demand is light to moderate and prices are steady. The Missouri Department of Agriculture has a hay directory visit <http://mda.mo.gov/abhd/haydirectory/> for listings of hay <http://agebb.missouri.edu/haylst/>

HAY (Conventional)

| | Price Range |
|---|---------------|
| Alfalfa - Supreme (Ask/Per Ton) | 200.00-250.00 |
| Alfalfa - Supreme (Ask/Per Bale) | 7.00-10.00 |
| Alfalfa - Premium (Ask/Per Ton) | 160.00-200.00 |
| Alfalfa - Good (Ask/Per Ton) Lg. Rd. | 120.00-160.00 |
| Alfalfa - Good (Ask/Per Bale) Sm. Sq. | 5.00-7.00 |
| Alfalfa - Fair (Ask/Per Ton) | 100.00-125.00 |
| Alfalfa/Grass Mix - Good/Premium (Ask/Per Bale) | 6.00-8.00 |
| Mixed Grass - Good/Premium (Ask/Per Ton) | 80.00-120.00 |
| Mixed Grass - Fair/Good (Ask/Per Ton) | 60.00-80.00 |
| Mixed Grass - Fair/Good (Ask/Per Bale) | 3.00-6.00 |
| Mixed Grass - Fair (Ask/Per Bale) Lg. Rd. | 20.00-50.00 |

STRAW (Conventional)

| | |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|
| Wheat - (Ask/Per Bale) Small Square | 4.00-6.00 |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|

Source: USDA AMS Livestock, Poultry & Grain Market News
MO Dept of Ag Market News - Jefferson City, MO | (573) 751-5618
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Livestock Weighted Average Report for 4/19/2021 - Final

AUCTION

| | This Week | Last Reported 4/5/2021 | Last Year |
|----------------------------|--------------|------------------------|--------------|
| Total Receipts: | 1,373 | 1,118 | 1,188 |
| Feeder Cattle: | 1,136(82.7%) | 1,018(91.1%) | 1,036(87.2%) |
| Slaughter Cattle: | 217(15.8%) | 93(8.3%) | 123(10.4%) |
| Replacement Cattle: | 20(1.5%) | 7(0.6%) | 29(2.4%) |

Compared to last Monday feeder steers sold steady to 2.00 lower with good demand. Feeder heifers sold steady to 3.00 lower with good demand. New crop fleshy bawling fall-born calves beginning to arrive in the market. Buyers showing preference for harder thin-fleshed longweaned offerings. Slaughter cows sold steady to 2.00 lower with good demand under heavy supply. Slaughter bulls sold steady to 1.00 lower with good demand. Supply included: 83% Feeder Cattle (40% Steers, 1% Dairy Steers, 45% Heifers, 15% Bulls); 16% Slaughter Cattle (88% Cows, 12% Bulls); 1% Replacement Cattle (69% Bred Cows, 31% Cow-Calf Pairs). Feeder cattle supply over 600 lbs was 36%. Groups of 20 head or more:

| |
|---|
| Steers - 54 head 928 lbs 129.95 Blk-Fancy |
| Heifers - 69 head 675 lbs 134.10 Blk-Few Chax Value-Added |

FEEDER CATTLE

| STEERS - Medium and Large 1-2 (Per Cwt/Actual Wt) | | | | |
|---|----------|--------|---------------|--------------------|
| Head | Wt Range | Avg Wt | Price Range | Avg Price |
| 1 | 255 | 255 | 175.00 | 175.00 |
| 3 | 253 | 253 | 179.00 | 179.00 Value Added |
| 13 | 300-330 | 324 | 171.00-183.00 | 175.29 Value Added |
| 4 | 365-395 | 380 | 162.50-168.00 | 165.61 |
| 4 | 375-392 | 387 | 170.00-171.00 | 170.76 Value Added |
| 13 | 400-441 | 422 | 151.00-159.00 | 155.67 |
| 5 | 401 | 401 | 177.00 | 177.00 Fancy |
| 54 | 400-445 | 415 | 160.00-183.50 | 173.94 Value Added |
| 5 | 455-465 | 460 | 152.00-156.00 | 154.22 |
| 27 | 450-496 | 472 | 161.00-180.50 | 172.32 Value Added |
| 11 | 505-540 | 522 | 150.00-155.00 | 152.02 |
| 48 | 505-546 | 524 | 158.00-173.00 | 165.23 Value Added |
| 1 | 595 | 595 | 146.00 | 146.00 |
| 32 | 552-586 | 563 | 155.00-166.50 | 161.93 Value Added |
| 3 | 600-615 | 610 | 136.00-141.00 | 137.68 |
| 54 | 600-647 | 617 | 142.00-158.00 | 146.75 Value Added |
| 9 | 652-680 | 661 | 133.00-138.00 | 136.22 |
| 12 | 650-690 | 672 | 144.00-151.00 | 149.19 Value Added |
| 3 | 705-707 | 706 | 124.00-128.00 | 126.67 |
| 3 | 720-735 | 730 | 131.00-136.00 | 134.36 Value Added |
| 6 | 771-782 | 775 | 132.50-135.00 | 133.34 Value Added |
| 14 | 858-865 | 860 | 125.00-126.00 | 125.71 |
| 1 | 910 | 910 | 119.00 | 119.00 |
| 54 | 928 | 928 | 129.95 | 129.95 Fancy |
| 1 | 985 | 985 | 108.00 | 108.00 |
| 1 | 1120 | 1120 | 100.00 | 100.00 |

| STEERS - Medium and Large 2-3 (Per Cwt/Actual Wt) | | | | |
|---|----------|--------|---------------|-----------|
| Head | Wt Range | Avg Wt | Price Range | Avg Price |
| 1 | 260 | 260 | 147.50 | 147.50 |
| 1 | 390 | 390 | 150.00 | 150.00 |
| 2 | 515-530 | 523 | 142.00-147.00 | 144.46 |
| 1 | 660 | 660 | 130.00 | 130.00 |

STEERS - Large 1-2 (Per Cwt/Actual Wt)

| Head | Wt Range | Avg Wt | Price Range | Avg Price |
|------|----------|--------|---------------|-----------|
| 1 | 780 | 780 | 126.00 | 126.00 |
| 2 | 820-835 | 828 | 115.00-124.00 | 119.54 |
| 1 | 860 | 860 | 124.00 | 124.00 |

DAIRY STEERS - Large 3 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

| Head | Wt Range | Avg Wt | Price Range | Avg Price |
|------|----------|--------|-------------|-----------|
| 1 | 365 | 365 | 107.50 | 107.50 |
| 1 | 595 | 595 | 82.00 | 82.00 |
| 4 | 945 | 945 | 87.00 | 87.00 |

HEIFERS - Medium and Large 1-2 (Per Cwt/Actual Wt)

| Head | Wt Range | Avg Wt | Price Range | Avg Price |
|------|----------|--------|---------------|------------------------|
| 2 | 305-325 | 315 | 140.00-144.00 | 141.94 |
| 17 | 325-345 | 335 | 152.00-157.00 | 154.34 Value Added |
| 11 | 360-392 | 381 | 144.00-148.00 | 145.91 |
| 11 | 360-393 | 382 | 148.00-153.00 | 149.61 Value Added |
| 16 | 410-440 | 431 | 131.00-140.50 | 137.31 |
| 52 | 400-439 | 411 | 143.00-156.00 | 146.93 Value Added |
| 20 | 460-485 | 474 | 130.00-140.00 | 133.06 |
| 41 | 451-495 | 462 | 141.00-150.00 | 146.85 Value Added |
| 17 | 500-540 | 516 | 130.00-135.00 | 132.53 |
| 54 | 502-545 | 522 | 135.00-144.50 | 139.13 Value Added |
| 19 | 554-587 | 563 | 130.00-133.00 | 131.98 |
| 22 | 557-586 | 574 | 134.00-145.00 | 139.91 Value Added |
| 6 | 600-635 | 612 | 115.00-126.00 | 120.43 |
| 10 | 610-638 | 624 | 128.00-131.00 | 128.94 Value Added |
| 7 | 660-685 | 669 | 110.00-124.00 | 118.95 |
| 80 | 675-697 | 676 | 125.00-134.10 | 133.02 Value Added |
| 4 | 705-730 | 715 | 100.00-110.00 | 105.46 |
| 4 | 700 | 700 | 119.00-120.00 | 119.25 Guaranteed Open |
| 6 | 762-790 | 777 | 101.00-110.00 | 106.19 |
| 1 | 750 | 750 | 114.00 | 114.00 Guaranteed Open |
| 1 | 840 | 840 | 92.00 | 92.00 |
| 1 | 825 | 825 | 113.00 | 113.00 Guaranteed Open |
| 1 | 870 | 870 | 113.00 | 113.00 Guaranteed Open |
| 3 | 983 | 983 | 115.00 | 115.00 Guaranteed Open |

HEIFERS - Medium and Large 2-3 (Per Cwt/Actual Wt)

| Head | Wt Range | Avg Wt | Price Range | Avg Price |
|------|----------|--------|---------------|-----------|
| 1 | 315 | 315 | 135.00 | 135.00 |
| 3 | 370-380 | 377 | 130.00-136.00 | 132.35 |
| 5 | 470-490 | 482 | 122.00-129.00 | 124.63 |
| 1 | 505 | 505 | 126.00 | 126.00 |
| 8 | 555-595 | 576 | 113.00-127.00 | 120.28 |
| 4 | 605-647 | 626 | 106.00-120.00 | 112.77 |
| 4 | 650-697 | 685 | 103.00-111.00 | 108.85 |
| 3 | 708 | 708 | 93.00 | 93.00 |

HEIFERS - Large 1-2 (Per Cwt/Actual Wt)

| Head | Wt Range | Avg Wt | Price Range | Avg Price |
|------|----------|--------|---------------|-----------|
| 2 | 475-480 | 478 | 121.00-131.00 | 125.97 |
| 3 | 572-590 | 578 | 126.00-129.00 | 126.66 |
| 2 | 700 | 700 | 110.00 | 110.00 |

HEIFERS - Small and Medium 1-2 (Per Cwt/Actual Wt)

| Head | Wt Range | Avg Wt | Price Range | Avg Price |
|------|----------|--------|-------------|-----------|
| 1 | 255 | 255 | 117.50 | 117.50 |

BULLS - Medium and Large 1-2 (Per Cwt/Actual Wt)

| Head | Wt Range | Avg Wt | Price Range | Avg Price |
|------|----------|--------|---------------|--------------------|
| 2 | 325-330 | 328 | 152.50-160.00 | 156.22 |
| 6 | 308-342 | 319 | 165.00-183.00 | 176.57 Value Added |
| 2 | 350-375 | 363 | 163.00-167.00 | 165.07 |
| 9 | 355-387 | 380 | 165.00-185.50 | 181.22 Value Added |
| 3 | 420-440 | 433 | 146.00-151.00 | 148.29 |
| 4 | 425-430 | 426 | 172.00-176.00 | 173.01 Value Added |
| 2 | 465 | 465 | 145.00-150.00 | 147.50 |
| 9 | 457-485 | 469 | 164.00-175.00 | 166.49 Value Added |
| 8 | 535-536 | 536 | 140.00-144.50 | 143.94 |
| 11 | 515-521 | 519 | 158.00 | 158.00 Value Added |
| 9 | 560-580 | 572 | 138.50-144.00 | 140.46 |
| 9 | 550-597 | 583 | 149.00-157.00 | 152.64 Value Added |
| 10 | 625-640 | 628 | 122.00-131.00 | 129.07 |
| 5 | 650-685 | 669 | 126.00-130.00 | 127.22 |
| 1 | 700 | 700 | 119.00 | 119.00 |
| 10 | 755-796 | 780 | 112.00-118.00 | 115.17 |
| 8 | 800-831 | 822 | 97.00-109.00 | 101.17 |
| 13 | 851-890 | 877 | 90.00-108.00 | 103.66 |
| 2 | 910-915 | 913 | 96.00-107.00 | 101.52 |

| BULLS - Medium and Large 2-3 (Per Cwt/Actual Wt) | | | | |
|--|----------|--------|---------------|-----------|
| Head | Wt Range | Avg Wt | Price Range | Avg Price |
| 1 | 1035 | 1035 | 76.00 | 76.00 |
| 1 | 340 | 340 | 142.00 | 142.00 |
| 5 | 359 | 359 | 156.00 | 156.00 |
| 4 | 470-492 | 485 | 130.00-144.00 | 135.93 |
| 1 | 545 | 545 | 134.00 | 134.00 |
| 3 | 550-585 | 570 | 134.00-138.00 | 136.04 |

BULLS - Large 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

| Head | Wt Range | Avg Wt | Price Range | Avg Price |
|------|----------|--------|---------------|-----------|
| 1 | 460 | 460 | 139.00 | 139.00 |
| 3 | 430-440 | 437 | 104.00-128.00 | 111.88 |
| 1 | 485 | 485 | 126.00 | 126.00 |

SLAUGHTER CATTLE

| COWS - Breaker 75-80% (Per Cwt/Actual Wt) | | | | | |
|---|-----------|--------|-------------|-----------|----------|
| Head | Wt Range | Avg Wt | Price Range | Avg Price | Dressing |
| 26 | 1225-1815 | 1471 | 62.00-67.00 | 64.87 | Average |
| 10 | 1135-1815 | 1384 | 68.00-74.00 | 70.15 | High |

COWS - Boner 80-85% (Per Cwt/Actual Wt)

| Head | Wt Range | Avg Wt | Price Range | Avg Price | Dressing |
|------|-----------|--------|-------------|-----------|----------|
| 42 | 935-1715 | 1212 | 61.00-67.00 | 64.27 | Average |
| 35 | 1005-1640 | 1291 | 68.00-74.00 | 70.39 | High |
| 5 | 1000-1305 | 1094 | 56.00-59.00 | 58.02 | Low |

COWS - Lean 85-90% (Per Cwt/Actual Wt)

| Head | Wt Range | Avg Wt | Price Range | Avg Price | Dressing |
|------|-----------|--------|-------------|-----------|----------|
| 20 | 880-1180 | 1037 | 60.00-66.00 | 62.32 | Average |
| 5 | 1035-1340 | 1176 | 66.00-71.00 | 68.50 | High |
| 15 | 840-1360 | 965 | 44.00-59.00 | 53.02 | Low |

BULLS - 1-2 (Per Cwt/Actual Wt)

| Head | Wt Range | Avg Wt | Price Range | Avg Price | Dressing |
|------|-----------|--------|--------------|-----------|----------|
| 8 | 1500-1780 | 1564 | 85.00-93.00 | 88.70 | Average |
| 11 | 1415-1995 | 1702 | 94.00-103.00 | 98.15 | High |
| 2 | 1165-1490 | 1328 | 72.00-77.00 | 74.81 | Low |

REPLACEMENT CATTLE

| STOCK COWS - Medium and Large 1-2 (Per Head / Actual Wt) | | | | | | |
|--|-------|------|----------|--------|----------------|-----------|
| Age | Stage | Head | Wt Range | Avg Wt | Price Range | Avg Price |
| 2-8 | T1 | 1 | 1165 | 1165 | 835.00 | 835.00 |
| 2-8 | T2 | 4 | 975-1400 | 1125 | 860.00-1000.00 | 922.61 |
| 2-8 | T3 | 1 | 1120 | 1120 | 860.00 | 860.00 |

BRED COWS - Medium and Large 2-3 (Per Head/Actual Wt)

| Age | Stage | Head | Wt Range | Avg Wt | Price Range | Avg Price |
|-----|-------|------|----------|--------|-------------|-----------|
| 2-8 | T2 | 1 | 1190 | 1190 | 775.00 | 775.00 |
| 2-8 | T3 | 1 | 1095 | 1095 | 675.00 | 675.00 |

BRED COWS - Small and Medium 1-2 (Per Head / Actual Wt)

| Age | Stage | Head | Wt Range | Avg Wt | Price Range | Avg Price |
|-----|-------|------|----------|--------|-------------|-----------|
| >8 | T2 | 1 | 900 | 900 | 535.00 | 535.00 |

COW-CALF PAIRS - Med. & Large 1-2 w/150-300 lbs calf (Per Family/Actual Wt)

| Age | Stage | Head | Wt Range | Avg Wt | Price Range | Avg Price |
|-----|-------|------|----------|--------|-------------|-----------|
| 2-8 | O | 1 | 945 | 945 | 1100.00 | 1100.00 |
| 2- | | | | | | |

Egg donations cracked but not broken

By Stan Maddux
Indiana Correspondent

HAMILTON, Mich. - Producers in Michigan left scrambling for eggs because of COVID-19 didn't have as many to donate to the hungry last year. Nevertheless, they still managed to shell out more than 3 million eggs to food-challenged homes.

The donations were made by members of Michigan Allied Poultry Industries, a still farmer-led organization formed in 1940 to advance the state's poultry industry.

More than 5 million eggs were donated by MAPI members in 2019.

Allison Brink, executive director of MAPI, said producers had fewer eggs to give due to higher demand at grocery stores from people eating more at home because of the pandemic.

Especially in the first few months of the pandemic, some grocery stores ran out of eggs before receiving fresh shipments. Many retailers placed limits on how many could be purchased at one time to stretch supplies.

"The increased demand at grocery stores created logistical challenges for farms as stores were greatly increasing their orders to keep their coolers and shelves stocked," Brink said.

Brink said producers also sold a percentage of their surplus eggs to non-profits for the same cause at well below market value.

"Michigan's family egg farms are incredibly generous and continue to be invested in their communities, making sure as many people as possible have access to healthy, local protein," she said.

In many cases, eggs are donated by producers on a set schedule to organizations for distribution to the needy.

Brink said the Holland Rescue Mission goes to Schipper Eggs weekly to receive donations.

Other non-profit groups seeking eggs make formal requests that develop into long term working relationships.

"Each farm has relationships with non-profit organizations in their local area. Community is important to our farmers and they work to build those relationships," she said.

MAPI has roughly 100 members.

The membership includes farms along with people involved in the industry in other capacities.

Brink said the seven family-owned farms in Michigan are members and most of the donated eggs are from the western part of the state. Some of the donated eggs come from a farm in Pigeon on the east side of the state. About half of the donated eggs last year came from Herbrucks Poultry Ranch in Saranac outside Grand Rapids.

Other contributors included DeWeerd Poultry Farm, Farm Crest Foods, Sunrise Acres Egg Farm, VandeBunte Eggs and Zoet Poultry. Among the other recipients were Hungry for Christ, People Helping People, Food Bank of Eastern Michigan, Feeding America West Michigan and Flat River Outreach Ministries.

MAPI also represents chicken and turkey farmers along with their breeders, hatcheries and pullet growers.

According to USDA, Michigan is sixth in the nation for egg production at 4.3 billion eggs annually.

About one-third of the eggs in the United States come from Iowa, Ohio and Indiana. Iowa is the leading producer at just more than 17 billion eggs a year while Ohio and Indiana are nearly tied at about 10 billion eggs annually, USDA said.

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Midwest Hemp Council official urges slow, steady growth for industry

By Michele F. Mihaljevich
Indiana Correspondent

INDIANAPOLIS – The executive director of the Midwest Hemp Council (MHC) hopes to see slow and steady growth in hemp production, infrastructure and markets.

Moving too quickly, Jamie Campbell Petty noted, could result in too much product without markets in place or without the infrastructure to get it where it needs to go. Processing facilities need to be up and running, as does a supply chain.

“We have to be patient and thoughtful,” Jamie Campbell Petty said. “We need to plan, connect and collaborate. We are giving birth to an industry; it’s slow and it’s painful.”

MHC was formed in 2018. The organization’s stated mission is “to stand as a credible information center, a trusted policy advocate and a dedicated forum for the hemp industry in Indiana and beyond.” MHC has about 300 members in 22 states.

There are three types of hemp – grain for food products and cosmetics; cannabinoids, including CBD and CBG; and fiber for textiles and industrial applications. MHC focuses on all three.

The 2018 farm bill allowed for the commercial production of hemp and removed it from the controlled substances list. In 2019 and 2020, Hoosier farmers could plant commercial hemp if they worked with a university-employed researcher. This year, the growing of hemp in the state will be fully commercial for the first time. Growers and handlers will not need to work with a researcher.

Over the past few years, when corn and soybean prices were low, some farmers were drawn to hemp production, Petty said. “People were scrambling to supplement (their

incomes) and looking for something new. The timing was there. Farmers were very anxious for diversification.”

For 2019, Petty recommended to interested growers they plant no more than 40 acres of hemp. “They shouldn’t grow more than they can afford to use,” she explained. “Before you get involved, before you head down the path of monetary commitment, please get engaged to ensure you have, at your fingertips, the information you need. Find a team, find a network. And know you won’t be successful overnight.”

While cannabinoids have somewhat stolen the hemp spotlight, there is potential for good markets for grain and fiber, Petty said. For example, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration is looking into the possibility of using grain hemp in animal feed.

As for fiber hemp, there could be opportunities in animal bedding and the recreational vehicle, textile and automobile industries.

“You have to have the infrastructure in place,” she stated. “Ideally, you’d have a processor within a 100-mile radius. Companies are looking to source domestically.”

MHC offers a free podcast and newsletter through its website, www.midwesthempcouncil.com. On May 13, it will host a Spring Soiree at the Indiana Historical Society in Indianapolis. Attendees will have opportunities for networking and will receive updates on the recent legislative session. The cost is \$25 for MHC members and \$50 for non-members. Registration information is available on the website.

In mid-July, MHC will host a Fiber Forum & Field Day. In early December, the organization’s conference – Hemp at the Crossroads – is planned. Registration and event information is also available on the website.

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Soybean cyst nematode more problematic during dry weather

By DOUG SCHMITZ
Iowa Correspondent

AMES, Iowa - With the current drought conditions for U.S. growers in the Midwest and the Appalachians this spring planting season, "this is a tale of two areas," said Dennis Today, agricultural meteorologist, and director of the USDA Midwest Climate Hub in Ames, Iowa.

"Southern areas of the Corn Belt into most of Pennsylvania, West Virginia, and Virginia, are outside of drought categories now," Today said. "Conditions range from slightly dry to slightly wet. In most of these areas, soils are in pretty good condition for starting planting.

"For northern areas of the Midwest (Interstate 80 is a decent dividing line), drought conditions are a little worse," he added. "Soils are drier and drought categories are abnormally dry to moderate drought. These are still not too problematic at this point in the season."

He said the serious areas for drought are from northwest Iowa into the Dakotas.

"Northwest Iowa has carry-over problems from last year," he said. "The Dakotas have carry-over problems, but have missed out most of the storms since last fall. Temperatures have been warm, along with windy conditions, and some very dry air, which has dried soils quickly even after rains."

According to Michael Santos, account executive for G&S Business Communications in Raleigh, N.C., the recent weather will go down as the driest end to March in six years for the Corn Belt, which could create issues for U.S. soybean growers such as the plant pest soybean cyst nematode as they begin to plant this spring.

According to Iowa State University, soybean cyst nematodes are microscopic, parasitic worms that burrow through soybean cells, injecting foreign compounds through hypodermic needle-like mouthparts, altering the basic biology of the cells on which they feed.

In fact, these shape-shifting worms grow so large, they burst out of the tissues within which they reside.

"First off, soil moisture is needed to allow pre-emergence herbicides to work," said Greg Tylka, Iowa State University professor of plant pathology. "Farmers will need to be on the lookout for possible poor early season weed control, and adjust post-emergence herbicide applications accordingly if pre-emergent herbicides turn out to be less effective than normal.

"Soil moisture also is needed for seed germination," he added. "Soybeans might need to be planted a little deeper this year than normal to reach moisture in the soil. But great care should be taken to not plant so deep that it compromises the emergence of the soybean seedlings."

He said his concern at this time of year with soybean cyst nematodes is whether the dry soil conditions will persist throughout the growing season.

"Soybean cyst nematodes feeding on soybean roots stunt the root systems, and having smaller-than-normal roots is a bad thing during drought conditions," he said. "Smaller root systems explore less soil for water, and so the effects of drought on a soybean crop are magnified in soybean cyst nematode-infested fields.

"But additionally, soybean cyst nematode reproduction in dry soils



Above: Drought conditions are not too problematic right now for spring planting, according to Dennis Today, director of the USDA Midwest Climate Hub in Ames, Iowa. However, the plant pest soybean cyst nematode is more prevalent during times of drought (photo courtesy of Purdue University).

is greater than in soils with adequate moisture," he added. "The biological basis of this phenomenon is not known, but the phenomenon is very consistent. Soybean cyst nematodes (are) most damaging in drought years, and soybean cyst nematode management is more important than ever in such years."

Virgil Schmitt, Iowa State University field agronomist in southeast Iowa, said the counties he covers do not have soils dry enough now to be of concern.

"However, in areas of dry soils, soil moisture stress will exacerbate yield losses due to injury from soybean cyst nematodes," he said.

He said the key to soybean cyst nematode management is to plant varieties with excellent resistance.

"There are nematicides that can help a little, but genetics is the key," he said. "I know most seed has already been purchased, but if the varieties selected do not have excellent resistance to soybean cyst nematodes, they can still be replaced by varieties that do have excellent resistance to soybean cyst nematode."

Tylka said soybean cyst nematode management is all accomplished before planting.

"Farmers should review or double check their soybean cyst nematode management plan for 2021, if time permits," he said. "A drought year is no time to 'roll the dice' with soybean cyst nematode."

"The nematode definitely will reproduce well, and cause increased damage and yield loss in dry years," he added. "Farmers should be growing soybean varieties that are known to have good resistance to soybean cyst nematode."

He said a great majority of soybean varieties have soybean cyst nematode resistance from a breeding line named PI88788.

As a result of use of this resistance for decades, soybean cyst nematode populations in many Iowa fields, for example, have developed increased ability to reproduce on PI88788 resistance.

"So if at all possible, farmers should seek out and plant soybean varieties with the uncommon 'Peking' soybean cyst nematode resistance," he said. "But such major changes in planting plans may not be possible at this late date.

"Finally, there are seed treatments available that offer some added protection against soybean cyst nematode," he added. "Farmers should consider using one of these seed treatment products on soybean seeds as a way to bolster protection against soybean cyst nematodes."



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Dams added to safety alert system

By Stan Maddux
 Indiana correspondent

INDIANAPOLIS - A space age system allowing dams to be fixed before they could burst is expanding.

The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) under USDA is adding up to 600 dams to its nationwide DamWatch system. The dams being added belong to the U.S. Forest Service.

DamWatch is a web-based application developed to help monitor and manage NRCS-assisted dams by providing real-time updates of rainfall, snowmelt, stream flow and seismic events that could affect dam safety. The high-tech monitoring of the dams occurs around the clock, according to USDA.

Jerry Raynor, Indiana State Conservationist, said safety will be improved at dams being added without the U.S. Forest Service having to pay for developing their own web-based maintenance and safety program.

"The system is easy to scale to include the additional dams and will help keep the public safe and protect infrastructure," he said.

Bill Field, a farm safety expert from Purdue University, said the decision means potential to save additional lives by sensors in more dams finding problems that might be overlooked by traditional eyesight inspections. He said people downstream can be alerted to evacuate the area before being swept away in a dam burst.

Field said preventing a dam break also means sparing property and crops downstream from damage which can be major even if small dams break.

"We don't have huge numbers of dam failures but the historical record of dam failures tells us that when they do occur they're catastrophic," he said.

According to USDA, DamWatch alerts key responders in a watershed area by e-mail, fax or text message when at least one condition that could result in dam failure develops.

Cracks from age or tremendous pressure on a dam holding back too much water from a major weather event are among the risk factors the system is capable of detecting.

The alerts provide for a quick response of the resources needed to prevent a break and handle the aftermath of an actual failure, according to USDA. In addition, the system provides responders with access to vital information such as how the dam was constructed and inspection reports for faster repair.

U.S. Forest Service Chief Vicki Christiansen said more protection is also offered for life sustaining and quality of life benefits created by dams.

"The DamWatch system will help secure clean drinking water, world-class water recreation opportunities and hydroelectric power for millions of rural and urban homes and businesses," she said.

According to USDA, NRCS has worked with U.S. Engineering since 2012 to customize its DamWatch application to meet the needs of about 12,000 NRCS project dam owners and sponsors throughout the country.

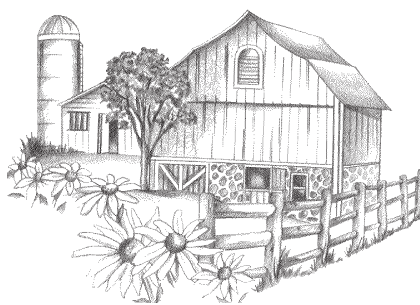
Field said the development of such technology might be in response to concerns about the stability of dams in the country. "I think we've built these dams and sort of walked away from them. Some of them are 50, 60 and 70 years old," he said.

Field said sensing technology monitoring so many dams and giving alerts if problems develop at any of the locations in the system is a huge advantage in terms of safety and loss prevention.

Traditionally, Field said dams have been visually inspected to look for any weaknesses or damage but humans don't have what basically amounts to X-ray vision sensors provide. There also isn't the manpower to keep enough of the dams under more of a steady watch.

"It's just not possible under the current way we do things to have every one of these dams inspected after every big rain," Field said.

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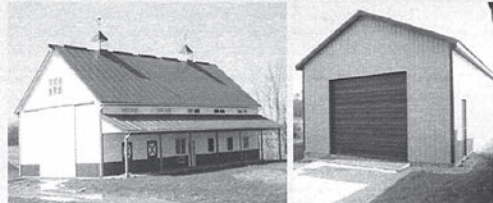
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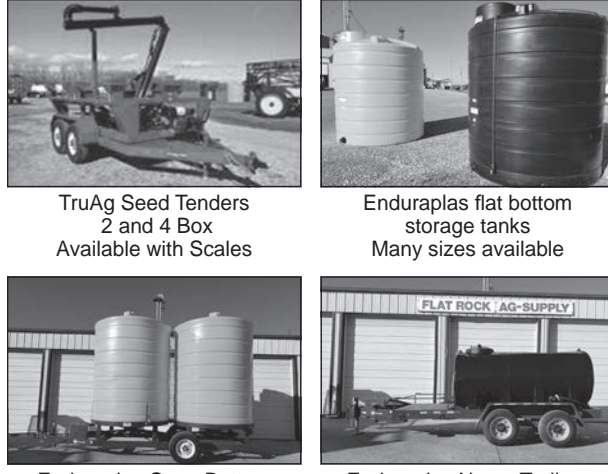
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Victory Gardens growing in Kentucky and Ohio

By Celeste Baumgartner
Ohio Correspondent

REYNOLDSBURG, Ohio – Last year's pandemic shut-downs had increasing numbers of people getting their fingers dirty in the garden. In response to that, the Kentucky and Ohio Departments of Agriculture developed Victory Garden campaigns to offer seeds, information on gardening, weeds, pests and harvesting, and recipes on how to use their crops.

During World War I and II, governments encouraged citizens to plant Victory Gardens when commercial crops were diverted to the military overseas, according to History.com. When food rationing came to the United States in 1942, Americans were even more inclined to plant gardens.

Victory Gardens were a successful means of boosting morale, expressing patriotism, safeguarding against food shortages and easing the burden of farmers working to feed the troops. In 1944, an estimated 20 million Victory Gardens produced roughly 8 million tons of food – the equivalent of more than 40 percent of the fresh fruits and vegetables consumed in the United States.

Last year's shut-down gave Dr. Ryan Quarles, Kentucky commissioner of agriculture, the opportunity to reinvent the WW II genre Victory Garden campaign, something he had wanted to do for years.

"The global pandemic is not a world war, but it presented a creative way to reinvent, what I think, was a successful connection between the farm world, and our consumers, which has drastically changed since WW II," Quarles said.

"There's been a lot of knowledge lost, from canning to the concept that food grows in seasons," he said. "So for us, yes, people are looking to grow their own food in their backyard, but the bigger goal is ag education literacy. Do people know where their food comes from?"

The Kentucky Department of Agriculture, along with the cooperative extension service and nutritionists across the state, developed Kentucky's program. Because it all came together in such a hurry, some, but not all extension offices were able to offer seeds. All told participants where they could find seeds, how to download an online kit, offered gardening tips and recipes. Kentucky also reinvented a modern-day Victory garden poster.

"We were intentional, in knowing that not everyone has a backyard, to let the Victory Garden work for gardens of all sizes, whether it's a raised bed in the backyard, or a single potted tomato plant on a windowsill," said Quarles, who grew up in a gardening family. "We wanted to make sure that the program worked for people of all ages and living spaces of all sizes.

"I think people who grow their own garden or maybe a tomato plant may be more inclined to visit the local farmers' markets so they can buy produce that perhaps didn't make it to their garden this year. Who knows, you may inspire some young kid with no agriculture background at all to choose agriculture as their profession."

Dorothy Pelanda, Ohio Department of Agriculture director, got wind of what Kentucky was doing when she and Quarles took part in a meeting of Midwestern ag leaders. "What's that about?" she asked him. She immediately pursued the idea and, with Kentucky's help, Ohio's Victory Garden project was up and running.

"That is just one example of sharing ideas that has culminated in a great



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program between two states," Pelanda said.

Last fall extension offices in nine Ohio counties distributed free seed packets and information. They ran out of seeds in one week, Pelanda said. By this spring extension offices had developed a Victory Garden sign to give to participants along with seeds and information. They expanded the program to 25 counties.

"On April 1 we distributed more than 8,300 seed packets and Victory Garden signs that each person would receive as they go through the drive-thru at their extension office," Pelanda said. "This is a spring garden; some of the packets contained cucumbers, lettuce and sunflowers, others contained carrots, spinach and buckwheat for pollinators. It is such a great program to include the entire family."

Early in the year Pamela Bennett, OSU Extension State Master Garden Program director, recruited Master Garden volunteers. They worked with a seed company in Ohio that donates what they have available.

"We get the seeds in bulk, so the Franklin County Master Gardener volunteers helped us with packaging them," Bennett said. "They took like 50 pounds of turnip or radish seeds and put a quarter teaspoon in each tiny bag. It was a little overwhelming."

Each pack included a bag of seeds for an early spring crop like radishes or spinach, a summer crop like squash or cucumbers, and sunflower seeds for pollinators, Bennett said. The response was incredible.

They expanded the program regionally this spring, so some counties in every part of the state are distributing seeds, Bennett said. There are people on a waiting list, and people are calling in and saying they want to be involved.

"We distributed seeds last Wednesday in Clarke County," Bennett said. "I couldn't believe the number of people, especially older people, who said they were doing gardening for the first time. People came from senior citizen centers, and from an apartment complex which was starting a community garden."

They will keep the program



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going all season. Around the state, extension offices are engaging master gardeners to offer programs on weed and pest control, harvesting and more. The online program offers gardening advice and recipes. Bennett is looking for grants to increase the program and ease the work on volunteers.

For information on Kentucky Victory Gardens, visit planeatmove.com and click on the "Growing Your Own Garden" link. In Ohio, visit u.osu.edu/ohiovictorygardens.

For an interesting, brief film on Victory Gardens created by USDA in 1942, visit the Original Victory Gardens on YouTube.

Arizona rancher sentenced for embezzlement

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — An Arizona rancher has been sentenced to nearly 3 1/2 years in federal prison for his role in embezzlement and wire fraud schemes.

Prosecutors said 62-year-old Donald Hugh Nichols of Coolidge received a 41-month prison term after he pleaded guilty to wire fraud in U.S. District Court in Tucson.

Between 2013 and 2017, prosecutors said Nichols engaged in a scheme to steal cattle from the Marana Stockyards and Livestock Market, an entity which hosts weekly livestock auctions for Arizona ranchers.

As a cattle broker for third-party buyers, Nichols also illegally bid on his own cattle without the buyers' knowledge or consent.

Prosecutors said some of the cattle that Nichols purchased on behalf of third-party buyers were stolen from Marana Stockyards.

As a result of these fraud schemes, Marana Stockyards lost more than \$1 million.

Nichols' son, Seth Nichols, previously pleaded guilty for his role in the schemes and was sentenced in December 2018 to 60 months in federal prison.

Teenager dies while cleaning hog barn

ALGONA, Iowa (AP) — A 17-year-old girl who died after helping to clean a hog confinement building in Kossuth County was overcome by carbon monoxide poisoning, authorities said.

Victoria Marie Parra-Lerdo was found unconscious in the building in rural Swea City. She was taken to the Kossuth Regional Health Center in Algona, where she was pronounced dead, the Kossuth County Sheriff's office said.

Autopsy results from the Iowa Medical Examiner's Office said Parra-Lerdo's death was accidental.

A power washer was being operated in the building's hallway near where Parra-Lerdo was working, and inadequate ventilation caused her to be overcome by the fumes, authorities said.

Property tax records show the deed holder of the facility is Cottonwood Investment Company, and it is managed by Christensen Farms of Sleepy Eye, Minn., The Mason City Globe-Gazette reported.

Parra-Lerdo was not employed Christensen Farms. Her mother owns the company that was cleaning the facility



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Shortage of rural veterinarians bad news for farmers

By Doug Graves
Ohio Correspondent

COLUMBUS, Ohio – There's big money to be made these days in treating cats, dogs, even birds. Perhaps not so much with pigs and cattle. But pet owners could ultimately be asked to pay for combating the growing shortage of rural veterinarians trained in the health and welfare of livestock.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, a possible national shortage of 15,000 veterinarians by 2025 is projected, with the bulk of those to be needed in rural areas.

"Becoming a vet today is extremely expensive amid rising tuition rates and limited state funding for veterinary colleges," said Ericka Yeley, a University of Illinois graduate and veterinarian with Marshall's Animal Care Clinic in Clark County.

"The job opportunities that pay more are the ones in the cities, doing small animal work," Yeley said. "There are large animal jobs out there, but the hours are longer, you're on emergency calls and you have to work harder for the same amount of money you'd get working in the suburbs of Chicago on dogs and cats."

The problem has been ongoing in Iowa for the past five years. Rural Iowa communities have witnessed the shortage of food animal veterinarians.

"During my tenure I received many phone calls from food animal veterinarians who all told me a familiar story, that

their practices were having trouble hiring," former Iowa State Veterinarian Dr. David Schmitt wrote in an opinion piece last year in the Des Moines Register. "No matter their recruitment efforts, they simply couldn't find veterinarians who wanted to work with food animals in rural areas. There simply aren't enough food animal vets, leaving livestock without timely access to preventive care and vulnerable to dangerous diseases that can wipe out herds and flocks."

According to the Ohio Department of Agriculture, there is a shortage of mixed animal and farm animal veterinarians across the country for two reasons – unpredictable hours and the need to live in rural areas. Add to that the cost of education involved. Students of veterinary schools in the late 1960s, for instance, had less than a few thousand dollars' worth of college debt. The average vet these days faces more than \$100,000 in post-graduation obligations.

Market research statistics from the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) show that only 10 percent of veterinarians employed in private clinical practice work predominantly or exclusively with food animals. This shortage affects 44 states. In fact, the USDA

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Right: High student loan rates and fewer veterinary students from farming backgrounds are just two of many reasons for the shortage in large or mixed animal veterinarians. (photo submitted)



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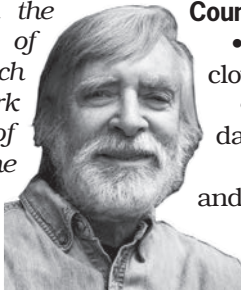
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POOR WILL'S ALMANACK
By Bill Felker

Lunar Phase and Lore

The Cows Switching Their Tails Moon was full on the 26th at 10:32 p.m. and reached perigee, its position closest to Earth, on the 27th at 10:00 a.m. It wanes throughout the remainder of the period, coming into its final quarter at 2:50 p.m. on May 3. Rising in the night and setting late in the morning, this moon passes overhead (telling all the birds to sing) before sunup.

Weather Trends

Early May brings highs above 60 on 75 percent of the afternoons, and warm 70s or 80s an average of 55 percent of the time. May 2 is often the coldest day of the period, bringing cool 50s on 35 percent of the afternoons, and only a 20 percent chance of 70s or 80s. Frost strikes only 10 to 15 percent of the mornings, and is most likely after the first high pressure system of the month passes through around the 2nd of the month, and after the second system arrives near the 7th.

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Nettles are waist high along the fencerows. Oak leaves are the size of a squirrel's ear. Elm leaves are the size of a rabbit's tail. The high tree line is completely alive with new, glowing foliage or orange buds or golden flowers.

The dry season comes to an end in Central America, meaning that hurricane season is only four to six weeks away. Hicatee turtle season ends along the Gulf of Mexico.

Lilacs are in bloom. The black tern, the magnolia warbler and most varieties of sandpipers reach the Ohio Valley. Darners hunt the swamps. Peonies are budding. Cattails are three feet tall. Cliff swallows migrate as buckeyes come into full bloom and carp mate. Smallmouth bass are in the middle of their intense spring feeding.

Countdown to Spring

- One week until the beginning of clover time in yards and pastures.
- Two weeks until the first orange day lily flowers.
- Three weeks until roses bloom and thistles bud.
- Four weeks until the first strawberry shortcake.
- Five weeks until cottonwoods bloom and send their cotton through the air.
- Six 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, reached a harsh 49 on April 26 and 27, thanks to lunar phase and position. After that, however, the numbers fall dramatically, reaching a very mild 22 on May 3. At this point in the year, the day's length is summer-like, the weather is usually mild, and only rain and the moon bring out S.A.D. in susceptible people.

In the Field and Garden

Haying is underway across the South. Thyme and horseradish are open in the herb garden. On the farm, hunt aphid, cutworms, sod webworms and weevils while the moon wanes.

Winter wheat is often 10 inches high, and about a fifth of the crop is jointed. Tomatoes are almost half transplanted. Complete sweet corn planting, and be thinking about soybeans: soybean yield loss can be up to one bushel per acre per day for planting after the first week of May.

Rhubarb should now be perfect for cutting. Soil temperatures reach 60 degrees in milder years. The last of the region's livestock moves to pasture.

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The Way It Was Before?

By Sally S. Straight, Lexington, Ky.

Now you have heard about skunks in the outhouse, I am sure. Why, a while back, it was no surprise to encounter one of those beasts on the way to visit the "little house in back." And sometimes if you left the door ajar a bit, the skunk would just happen to walk into the business section of the privy, and it would raise a real stink if you frightened it.

With the coming of indoor plumbing, you would think such problems would be things of the past. Most of the time that is true, of course, unless you happen to

leave your back door ajar and you have just one bathroom in your house.

In the late winter and early spring, skunks are courting, digging up lawn grubs, and just plain wandering around. And sometimes they go where they don't belong.

So anyway, one chilly early morning Daddy went out to check on the lambs and he accidentally left the back door open. That must have been when Mister Skunk just happened to walk right in and apparently got lost, and ended up in our nice indoor bathroom.

The good thing was that the skunk

did not spray any of the people in the house. The bad thing was that we had a fierce skunk hater, our golden retriever, Attaboy. And so I woke up to some wild barking and snapping and then terrible skunk smells. It smelled so bad in the bathroom that we wished we had the old outhouse back. And in fact, we couldn't use that bathroom for quite a while. In fact, we could barely use the house. I stayed home from school because I smelled like a skunk. Daddy went in to work, but they sent him home. Mama just threw up all day.

(Poor Will continued on page 4B)

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Maine lawmakers help schools buy more local food

AUGUSTA, Maine (AP) — A Maine legislative committee has approved a proposal designed to aid public schools in buying more fresh, local food.

The proposal, by Democratic Sen. Eloise Vitelli of Arrowsic, would expand the state's Local Produce Fund to allow schools to buy more food via sources other than directly from farms. Vitelli said the change would also expand the program beyond produce to include protein foods such as meat, fish, tofu, and eggs.

The proposal would also increase the reimbursement cap, which would encourage more local purchasing, Vitelli said. Vitelli said that by "expanding the venues that schools can use to buy this food and expanding the kind of locally produced food they can buy, we'll help get healthy, fresh food to more students in our state and help more farmers connect with buyers for their produce."

The proposal will next go before the full Maine Legislature. The Legislature's Education and Cultural Affairs Committee approved it earlier this month.

Veterinarians

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reports that nearly 500 U.S. counties are underserved by veterinary care, mostly affecting rural areas.

The shift is nothing new, according to AVMA statistics. Since 1998, the number of small animal veterinarians has been on the rise, with the number of farm animal veterinarians on the decline. The shortage is becoming more critical as many professionals approach retirement age and fewer students choose to pursue larger or mixed animal practice.

Yeley, Schmitt and others agree that the salary disparity between rural mixed animal practices and metro companion animal clinics remains a large factor. Rural practices also require more on-call hours, limiting the work-life balance that is high on the list of younger professionals.

According to a June 2019 article in Successful Farming, other factors have contributed to the decline, such as:

- High student loan rate (student debt at graduation averages \$143,000).
- Decreased interest in practice ownership due to large upfront investment.
- Changes in the agricultural industry such as cattle herd consolidation and larger farm operations.
- Fewer veterinary students come from farming or rural backgrounds.
- Mixed animal practice positions are harder to find.

Many things are being done to address the veterinarian shortage in the rural sector. The USDA offers the Veterinary Services Grant Program, designed to support education and extension activities. So far, more than \$2 million in grants have been awarded.

The Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges offer a list of academic institutions that strive to encourage more graduates to enter food animal medicine. Participating universities with incentive programs in the Farm World readership area include Iowa State, Michigan State, Ohio State, Purdue and Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

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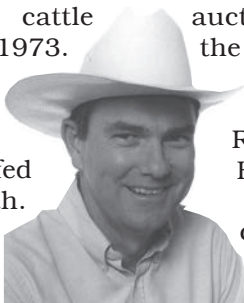
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Cattle buying, selling experience brought a tear to the eye

I got my start in the cattle business in the fall of 1973. You old moss backs will recall that was a very dark time. From September of '73 through March 1975 fed cattle lost money every month. Lots of money. For you mathematically challenged that's 19 straight months of going further and further into the red. I suppose times for cattlemen could have been worse, it could have been their money they were losing, not the banks.



It's THE PITTS
By Lee Pitts

It was during this time that I gathered with my financial advisors, a professional poker player and a derelict member of our local chapter of Gambler's Anonymous, to come up with a business model that would work during these trying times. The plan we settled on was for me to buy shelly "one shot" cows at auction markets that would be in calf and look like they had a fifty-fifty chance of spitting out an additional offspring in their tarnished golden years.

Of course the regular reprobrates gathered around the sale rings laughed every time I'd buy another cow and it wasn't long before

auctioneer's were announcing the buyer as The Toothless Cattle Company. The Gummer Group LLC or the Runnin' On the Rims Ranch. Ha, ha. Very funny.

I wasn't laughing because I could sympathize with the bovine victims of inadequate dentition because I had similar problems. Without boring you with medical jargon let me just say I have a condition in which my eyes produce no tears and my mouth no saliva. This creates a situation in my dry mouth where bacteria thrive and they've eaten away at my teeth to the point that I regularly have to get another tooth pulled. I'm running out of teeth, which means I eat a diet that consists mostly of gruel. A Jack o' Lantern has more teeth than I have. If I were a cow I'd be in the slaughter run.

I've never had good dentition which means I've always talked like a ventriloquist so no one could see my crooked teeth and I'm extremely jealous of lucky people who have teeth so tall, straight and white you could project a movie on them. So I had great empathy for the herd of

gummer cows I was building. I've read that there are over 800 distinct breeds of cattle in the world and I think I collected an example of every one of them. There wasn't another herd like it in America.

It is a fact of nature that adequate dentition is the major factor that determines how long a cow will live. When their teeth start to go the end is near. If a cow ate soft silage her entire life she might live longer than a cow who hunted for dry feed in sandy soils. I've heard of great stud bulls living to be 19 years of age compared to the seven or eight years a modern day range cow might last. Adequate dentition used to shorten human lives too, George Washington might not have lived long enough to become the "Father Of Our Country" if he didn't have teeth made out of hippopotamus ivory.

I had high hopes that technology might bail out my floundering cattle operation. I read that someone had invented a set of metal choppers that could be inserted into a cow's mouth that could masticate her food. There was also talk of gene manipulation where an alligator gene could be inserted into bovine DNA. After all, alligators have 80 teeth at one time

and during their lifetime might go through 3,000 teeth. Alas, none of these miracles came in time to save me or my motley herd.

Over time as my business model began to fall apart faster than a Chinese-made Rolex, my neighbors joked that I was raising cattle for their hides or to fertilize my pastures. There were reminders where many of my cows perished because the spot where they died actually enriched the soil and tufts of green grass dotted my topography if ever we got some moisture, which was rarely. At the final meeting of my advisory board the derelict member of Gambler's Anonymous asked, "What did your cattle finally bring when you sold them?"

"Tears to my eyes," I replied. And it wasn't because of any sentimental attachment I may have had.

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Poor Will

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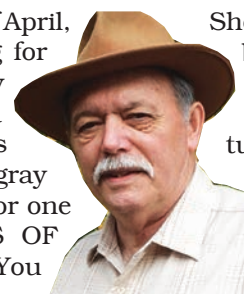
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Mushroom season

Usually by the third week of April, I'd be contemplating looking for an early mess of morels. By now, there would still be a few snakehead mushrooms and the smaller black and gray morels. Perfect time except for one thing...THERE'S 2 INCHES OF SNOW ON THE GROUND! You can't see the ground much less find some mushrooms.

Mother Nature reacts to radical change and the snow-storm weather fluke might be just what is called for to produce a bonanza year for morels. The weatherman is already forecasting temperatures in the high 70s or maybe even 80 degrees by the end of the week. The extreme weather and temperature "whiplash" might trigger the mushrooms' mycelium to produce.

It is always good to be prepared in case you stumble across a bonanza of mushrooms after the snow melts and the heat comes back on with a vengeance.



SPAULDING OUTDOORS
By Jack Spaulding

Should you encounter the proverbial Motherlode of Mushrooms and have more than you can eat, they can be saved for future use. Simply split the mushrooms from top to bottom and soak in a salt water solution (2 tablespoons of salt to 1 quart of water) in the refrigerator overnight. Rinse, pat dry and spread out the mushroom pieces in a single layer on wax paper on a cookie sheet, and put the cookie sheet in the freezer. Once the individual mushroom pieces are frozen, stack them in layers separated by wax paper in a storage container and keep frozen.

To use your frozen morels, pre-heat your cooking oil and prepare a thin, wet batter. Quickly take a frozen mushroom, dip in the batter and drop into the hot oil. Work quickly; put the remaining frozen mushrooms back in the freezer. I have successfully kept

(Spaulding continued on page 6B)



Above: A bonanza find of morels can sometimes be just a few steps away.

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Spaulding

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mushrooms up to four years using the method with very little loss of quality.

For the novice fungi forager just getting started: There are an untold amount of videos on YouTube that give some insight on harvesting mushrooms. The library is another source of great information with guidebooks specifically for mushroom hunters. But, there is no better way of learning than the "hands on" approach. I suggest asking relatives and fellow outdoor lovers to find a veteran mushroom hunter willing to show a new guy the ropes. Getting a willing volunteer may take some begging, pleading or bribing as most mushroom hunters are usually reluctant to show or share their hunting spots.

Biologists recommend mushroom foragers use a fine open-mesh bag to carry their mushrooms. An open weave bag allows mushroom spores to escape as the forager walks through the woods and helps ensure future reproduction.

Morels are one of the easiest mushrooms to identify. They are bulbous with honey-comb like ridges and have pits in the cap. Stem attachment is at the base of the cap, and is completely attached along the bottom ridge. Morels are always hollow from the bottom of the stem to the tip of the cap.

Good luck... I just hope we don't need a snow shovel.

Flora field day at Monroe Lake

Want to work on your flora identification skills? Practice with a naturalist. The May 4th field day's emphasis is on the proper use and application of an ID key, which opens the door to identifying thousands of species. The naturalist will work with each attend-

ee based on the attendee's prior experience. If you've never worked with flower ID before, it is a great way to learn. If you have prior experience, the program is a fun way to practice your skills. The event begins at 9:30 a.m. at The Fairfax SRA. Registration is required by May 2 at bit.ly/flora-fieldmay2021.

Glendale FWA weed wrangle

Join the Daviess-Martin Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area (CISMA) and the DNR for a weed wrangle on May 15 at Glendale Fish & Wildlife Area (FWA).

Invasive plants such as amur honeysuckle bush threaten FWAs by choking out Indiana's native vegetation and degrading wildlife habitat. During the event, volunteers will learn how to identify and remove amur honeysuckle and other invasive plants while helping to improve habitat quality.

The weed wrangle will take place 10 a.m.-noon ET. Volunteers will meet at the Maintenance Shop just north of the Glendale FWA office on 600 South. Please bring sturdy shoes, work gloves, water and a face mask. Masks will be needed when volunteers are gathered together and may be removed while working. Hand tools will be provided for pulling and cutting shrubs, but volunteers may also bring their own loppers or hand saws.

Advance registration is encouraged for the event. To register, see bit.ly/3dJSfdo, or contact Glendale FWA at 812-674-0168 or GlendaleFWA@dnr.IN.gov.

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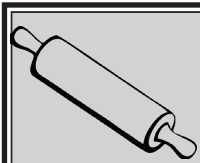
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Tasty ways to add carrots to your diet

Carrots haven't always been orange. First cultivated thousands of years ago in the area now known as Afghanistan, the first carrots were a small,



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BY SUSAN MYKRANTZ

slightly reduce the severity and duration of a cold.

Carrots contain vitamin K and small amounts of calcium and phosphorus. All of these contribute

to bone health and may help prevent osteoporosis. They also contain various B vitamins and traces of iron and other minerals.

Carrots are a versatile vegetable. People can eat them raw, steamed, boiled, roasted or as an ingredient in soups and stews or even baked goods. Boiling vegetables can reduce or eliminate some of the vitamin content. Raw or steamed carrots provide the most nutritional value. Also, carotenoids and vitamin A may absorb better in the presence of fats. For this reason, people should eat carrots with a healthful source of fat, such as avocado, nuts or seeds. With that in mind, Cook Simply recipes include Carrot Cake, Carrot Dinner Muffins and Morning Glory Muffins. These recipes offer a tasty, healthy way to add the benefits of carrots to your diet. Until next time, simply cook.

Carrot Cake

- 2 1/3 cup cake flour
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 2 cups brown sugar
- 2 teaspoons cinnamon
- 2 teaspoons baking soda
- 3 cups grated carrots
- 4 eggs, beaten
- 1 cup canola oil
- 3 Tablespoon milk

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Sift together dry ingredients in a large mixing bowl. Add carrots, eggs, oil and milk. Beat on low speed until well blended. Turn mixer up to top speed while you prepare three eight-inch cake pans with oil and flour. Bake for 25-30 minutes. Remove from the oven and immediately turn the cake out of the pans onto cooling racks and cool completely before frosting.

- Cream Cheese Frosting
- 1 8 ounce package cream cheese, at room temperature

(Tasty continued on page 9B)

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MAY 6 PEORIA, ILLINOIS: Online Auction — Taylor & Martin Auctioneers. Conventional tractors, reefers, vans, end dumps, platform trailers.. 9 am Central SEE AD ON PAGE 11B

MAY 6 COVINGTON, INDIANA: Lewsader — Clin-gan Auction. Real estate.. 11 am EST

MAY 6 LIMA, OHIO: Cain Estate — Oak Ridge Realty & Auction Co.. Real estate.. 1 pm

MAY 8 FANCY FARM, KENTUCKY: Real Estate Auction — Harris Real Estate & Auction. Real estate, farm equipment, tools, personal property.. 10 am SEE AD ON PAGE 9B

MAY 8 WYANDOTTE, MICHIGAN: Murray & Robbins — Juckette & Neuhart Auctioneers. Industrial equipment, personal property.. 9 am SEE AD ON PAGE 10B

MAY 10 WASHINGTON C.H., OHIO: Minshall — Weade Realtors & Auctioneers. Real estate.. 6 pm SEE AD ON PAGE 10B

MAY 13 OSTRANDER, OHIO: Grener Farms, LLC — Wilson National Real Estate. Real estate.. 6 pm SEE AD ON PAGE 10B

APR 29 CICERO, INDIANA: Demicheili — Burgess Auctions. Online Only bidding.. 6 pm SEE AD ON PAGE 8B

APR 30 WILLIAMSBURG, INDIANA: Flower Day — Wayne Co. Produce Auction. Hanging baskets, other.. 10 am

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Carrot Dinner Muffins
2 cups sifted flour
3 teaspoons baking powder
1 teaspoon salt
1 cup milk
½ cup melted shortening
2 eggs
½ cup sugar
3 medium carrots, peeled and sliced
½ cup nuts
1 cup raisins
Preheat oven to 425 degrees. Combine flour, baking powder and salt; set aside. In a blender, combine milk, melted shortening, eggs, sugar and carrots. Blend until carrots are fine-

ly chopped. Pour carrot mixture over dry ingredients; add nuts and raisins. Mix until moistened. Fill greased muffin pans 2/3 full. Bake for about 25 minutes or until golden brown.

Morning Glory Muffins
2 ½ cups flour
1 ¼ cups sugar
3 teaspoons cinnamon
2 teaspoons baking soda
½ teaspoon salt
3 eggs
¾ cup applesauce
½ cup vegetable oil
1 teaspoon vanilla
2 cups grated carrots
1 medium apple, peeled and grated
1 can crushed pineapple (drained)
½ cup flaked coconut
½ cup raisins
½ cup chopped nuts
Preheat oven to 350 degrees. In a large bowl combine dry ingredients; flour, sugar, cinnamon, salt and baking soda. In a second bowl, combine eggs, applesauce, oil and vanilla. Stir into dry ingredients, just until moistened. The batter will be thick. Stir in apple, carrots, raisins, coconut, pineapple and nuts. Fill paper-lined muffin cups two-thirds full. Bake for 20-25 minutes or until a toothpick comes out clean. Cool five minutes before removing from muffin pans.

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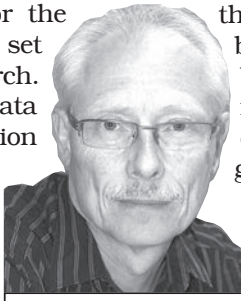
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U.S. milk production up for 10th straight month

U.S. milk output grew for the 10th consecutive month and set a bearish monthly high in March. The USDA's preliminary data shows output hit 19.75 billion pounds, up 1.8 percent from March 2020. Output in the top 24 states, at 18.84 billion, was up 2.0 percent. Revisions added 37 million pounds to the original February 50-state estimate, now put at 17.7 billion pounds, up 2.3 percent from a year ago, after adjusting for the Leap Day.



MIELKE MARKET WEEKLY
By Lee Mielke

March cow numbers were up for the 14th consecutive month, totaling 9.468 million head in the 50 states, up 8,000 from February's count, which was revised up 2,000 head, and up 77,000 from March 2020.

Output per cow averaged 2,086 pounds, up 20 pounds or 1% from a year ago.

California was up 1.5 percent from a year ago, thanks to a 35 pound gain per cow, but with 2,000 fewer cows. Wisconsin jumped a tank busting 97 million pounds or 3.7 percent from March 2020, thanks to a 65 pound gain per cow and 7,000 more cows.

Idaho was up 0.8 percent on 5,000 more cows but output per cow was unchanged. Michigan was up 3.5 percent, on 14,000 more cows and a 5 pound gain per cow. Minnesota was up 7.6 percent, on a 70 pound gain per cow and 17,000 more cows. New Mexico, still recovering from winter storm Uri, was down 1.1 percent, due to a 30 pound drop per cow, though cow numbers were up 1,000 head.

New York inched up 0.5 percent, on a 10 pound gain per cow. Cow numbers were unchanged. Oregon was off 0.9 percent, on 2,000 fewer cows but output per cow was up 10 pounds. Pennsylvania was down 1.5 percent, on a drop of 10,000 cows, though output per cow was up 10 pounds.

South Dakota took back the title of the biggest gain, up 13.4 percent, thanks to 18,000 more cows outweighing a 10 pound drop per cow. Indiana wasn't far behind, up 10 percent, thanks to 17,000 more cows milked and a 5 pound per cow gain.

Matt Gould, analyst and editor of the Dairy and Food Market Analyst newsletter, pointed out in the April 26 Dairy Radio Now broadcast that the report was far from bullish though it did point out some regional items of interest.

Milk output growth slowed in the Southwest and actually fell in

the Northeast, he said, and both regions were impacted by processor level supply management programs, while other regions saw unhindered growth.

Dairy demand is the crucial factor and Gould pointed out that, prior to the COVID pandemic, we consumed more cheese and butter via restaurants than at home. We're seeing more people traveling and eating out again, he said, so dairy demand at retail is shifting back to food service. "That begs the question," he concluded, "Can we grow dairy demand fast enough to keep up with supply. So far the answer is yes, but as we move forward it becomes a bit more murky."

Dairy cow culling topped the previous month and year. The USDA's latest Livestock Slaughter report shows an estimated 302,200 head were sent to slaughter under federal inspection in March, up 37,000 head from February and 14,200 or 4.9 percent above March 2020. Culling in first quarter 2021 totaled 844,700 head, down 7,800 or 0.9 percent from the same period a year ago.

Meanwhile, the annual Livestock Slaughter Summary reports 3.06 million dairy cows retired from the dairy business in 2020, down 160,700 from 2019 or 5.0 percent. January saw the largest cull rate, at 298,500 head, with August having the lowest count, at 225,300 head.


In the week ending April 10, 60,500 dairy cows were sent to slaughter, up 500 from the previous week but 4,100 or 6.3 percent less than that week a year ago.

Checking the cooler; March butter stocks didn't shrink but they didn't build either, according to USDA's latest Cold Storage report, and that's good news. The March 31 butter inventory totaled 354.6 million pounds, virtually unchanged from the February level which was revised 1.9 million pounds higher, but was 45 million pounds or 14.5 percent above March 2020. March was the 21st consecutive month that butter stocks topped those a year ago.

StoneX Dairy's Dustin Winston said, "The report will heighten interest in the Dairy Products report as we look to see if strong demand or a lack of butter production triggered the unchanged stocks."

Butter stocks almost always increase between February and March, said

(Mielke continued on page 11B)



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Oregon cattle dying in mysterious ways

PRINEVILLE, Ore. (AP) — Cattle in Oregon are again showing up dead under strange circumstances.

Over the past three months, seven animals have been found mutilated on ranch land in central Oregon's Crook County, the Northwest News Network reported. In most cases, the dead animal's sex organs, tongue or eyes are cut away cleanly and there is no blood.

The cases call to mind similar discoveries of five mutilated bulls in 2019 in Harney County, where five bulls were found dead in a 2-mile radius with their sex organs and tongues removed. There have also been cases in recent years in Wasco, Umatilla, Wheeler and Lake counties in recent years. There have also been cases reported in Arizona.

Similar cases of mutilated livestock and even elk and deer have surfaced periodically across the country and, in the 1970s, a rash of livestock mutilations across the U.S. West and Midwest struck fear in rural areas.

Thousands of cattle and other livestock ranging from Minnesota to New Mexico were found dead with their reproductive organs and sometimes part of their faces

removed.

In the current Oregon cases, the sheriffs from several affected counties are trying to coordinate and share information, the network reported. Harney County in 2019 also worked with the Oregon State Police to try to crack the mystery.

The theories range from scavengers such as carrion bugs eating the carcasses to people attacking the animals to cause financial harm to ranchers.

"It's upsetting, because, again, it's our livelihood. It's how they make their money and how they feed their families and support themselves," Crook County Undersheriff James Savage said of the ranchers who lost animals most recently.

Savage said in such a vast, rural county it's hard to solve such cases — and there's very little physical evidence.

"In a lot of cases we come down, it's a burglary or theft or whatever," he said. "We have suspects. We catch something on camera, or someone sees something, or witnesses something. But this is so rural, it's just very tough to piece it together."

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StoneX, and 2010 was the last time that didn't happen. The group of analysts believes "More milk was pushed to the Class III side of the market from Class IV, with the new St. Johns, Michigan cheese plant helping push that along."

American type cheese stocks climbed to 831.8 million pounds, up 14.6 million pounds or 1.8 percent from February, which was revised up 1.2 million pounds, and is a whopping 55.4 million pounds or 7.1 percent above a year ago.

The "other" cheese category hit 611.8 million pounds, up 14.4 million or 2.4 percent from February and 36.9 million or 6.4 percent above a year ago.

The total cheese inventory stood at 1.47 billion pounds, up 30 million pounds or 2.1 percent from February and a hefty 91.8 million or 6.7 percent above a year ago. March was the fifth month in a row that total cheese stocks grew.

The April 22 Daily Dairy Report said, "The increases in stocks of American and other cheese (mostly

Italian varieties) was virtually equal, suggesting that cheese demand has been lackluster across both retail and foodservice channels."

The DDR added that "Lighter than-anticipated government purchases may also have contributed to the accumulation of American cheese stocks, as some of this product could have been produced with the Food Box program in mind."

Looking globally, the April 20 Global Dairy Trade auction weighted average slipped 0.1 percent, following a 0.3 percent uptick on April 6. Lactose led the losses, down 3.4 percent after plunging 6.5 percent in the last event. Anhydrous milkfat was down 3.3 percent, after inching 0.8 percent higher. Butter was off 0.6 percent, following a 2.0 percent advance.

Midwest cheese plant managers tell Dairy Market News that spot milk remains available, with prices at or around \$5 under Class III. Some plants resell milk on some days while other days they are trying to stay ahead of the robust supply. Schedules are full and record-setting in some cases while others have only recently upped their output to fulfill demand. Cheese demand is mostly positive but market tones are uncertain, said DMN, with barrel prices overtaking blocks, "which creates questions about near term trends."

Food service cheese demand has increased in the West as more areas loosen COVID restrictions. Some contacts report a shift in production focus from retail orders, which are and have remained steady, to growing restaurant/food service. Changes in government programs regarding the purchase of cheese and dairy products in general have caused some market instability. The block-barrel inversion also left contacts with uncertainty. Production schedules are full as there continues to be plenty of milk available, according to DMN.

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