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Above: This photo was taken on approach to the Indianapolis International Airport in Indiana. It shows farm fields getting ready for spring planting. Photo by Melissa Stephens.

Ag research legislation advances; Farm Bill inclusion being eyed

By TIM ALEXANDER **Illinois Correspondent**

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The America Grows Act, a bipartisan bill introduced in both the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives, would significantly increase U.S. public investment in agricultural research and development. Reintroduced in the Senate by Dick Durbin (D-Ill.) and Jerry Moran (R-KS) on April 26, the bill has garnered the support of over 100 agriculture and industry organizations, including the Farm Journal Foundation.

"Right now (the proposed legislation) is mainly a marker bill, but with the farm bill right around the corner, who knows?" said David Hong, senior vice president for government affairs for the Foundation. "The House has introduced a companion bill; we're hoping to bring more cosponsors

Durbin's bill would increase funding for agricultural research by five percent annually on an inflation-adjusted basis at four agencies within the U.S. Department of

Agriculture over the next 10 years. The bill is modeled after the successful 21st Century Cures Act, which passed in 2016 and spurred additional funding for the National Institutes of Health.

The U.S. share of total agriculture research investments compared to other high-income countries had declined from 35 percent in 1960 to less than 25 percent by 2013, according to Durbin's website. By comparison, over the past 30 years Chinese investments in agriculture research had risen eight-fold. In addition, the American Farm Bureau Federation recently released a study which emphasized America's risk of falling behind in public agriculture research, most notably to China.

"The time has come for the United States to reinvigorate our commitment to publicly funded agriculture innovations. The America Grows Act would boost USDA funding for more breakthroughs and innovations to make America stronger than ever before in food and agriculture," said Durbin, who is also a member of the Senate Committee on

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USDA grant targets soil health, water quality in Western Lake Erie Basin

By Michele F. Mihaljevich **Indiana Correspondent**

INDIANAPOLIS - A partnership between Indiana, Michigan and Ohio will receive \$7.8 million from USDA over the next five years to improve soil health and water quality and protect natural resources in the Western Lake Erie Basin (WLEB).

The funding comes in the form of a grant from the USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). The Lake Erie Conservation Partnership is a collaboration between the departments of agriculture in Indiana and Michigan and The Ohio State University.

The Western Lake Erie Basin covers nearly 7 million acres in northeast Indiana, southeast Michigan and northwest Ohio. More than half of the land in the basin is used for agriculture, according to the EPA. Nutrient runoff from farm fields has been cited as one factor in the presence of harmful algal blooms that have appeared in Lake Erie in recent years.

The grant focuses on the Maumee River Basin said Bruce Kettler, director of the Indiana State Department of Agriculture (ISDA). "Our belief is

by focusing on a smaller area, the financial assistance, the technical assistance, will have a really large impact. That's why this group is focusing on that. The focus will be on getting conservation programs on the ground to reduce phosphorous and sediment."

Technical assistance will be provided to farmers and landowners who may not know how to put conservation practices, such as cover crops or grass waterways, into place, he noted. The educational component will share information on the benefits of conservation practices to soil health and to the goal of reducing nutrients and sediment going into the water.

The conservation practices promoted under the program will be ones the agencies know have worked in the past, Kettler explained. "We have found that a systemized approach really helps. Planting cover crops is one thing. But if you plant cover crops, you can add grass waterways or look at a different crop rotation system."

The funding comes from the Regional Conservation Partnership

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Western Lake Erie Basin



Above: Map of the Western Lake Erie Basin. Credit - USDA





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From cities to suburbs, COVID-19 lead cause for surge in backyard poultry

By Doug Graves Ohio Correspondent

CINCINNATI, Ohio – The coronavirus pandemic has come home to roost in America's backyards.

Forced to hunker down at home the past 15 months, more people set up coops and began raising their own chickens, which provided animal companionship and a steady supply of fresh eggs.

Statistics from the Ohio Department of Agriculture indicate that amateur chicken-keeping has been growing in popularity in recent years as people seek environmental sustainability in the food they eat. COVID-19 has accelerated those trends, breeders and poultry groups say, as more and more urbanites (and even those in the rural sector) are leaping into poultry parenthood.

Businesses that sell chicks, coops and other supplies say they have seen a surge in demand since the pandemic took root and residents were advised to stay home.

"Any time there is a crisis, chick sales go up," said Meghan Howard, webmaster at Meyer Hatchery in Polk, Ohio.

COVID has resulted in a surge in the purchase of baby chicks across the country. This phenomenon is nothing new. Whether it was the Great Depression or Y2K, people were looking for ways to boost their self-reliance by baking their own bread, gardening or raising chickens. And Meyer Hatchery has been inundated by calls, chats, emails and sales. The hatchery reports 80 percent of orders are from new customers.

Mt. Healthy Hatcheries is a family-owned and operated business founded in the 1920s by Hugh "Chick" O'Hara. A local pipefitter by trade, Chic started by hatching just a few chicks in his basement for friends and neighbors. Today, Mt. Healthy Hatcheries has six O'Haras running the business. Two of those are the great-grandchildren of Chick and are being primed to take over as the fourth generation. One of those is Danielle O'Hara.

"We actually have breeder farms, where we go and pick up our eggs three times a week," Danielle said. "We bring them back here and incubate them. It takes 21 days to incubate."

Mt. Healthy Hatcheries works with 10 Amish farms around the Holmes County area in Ohio, and one English farm in Indiana. These 11 farms breed eggs for more than 55 varieties of poultry sold through the Mt. Healthy mail order business.

"You have your staples, like your Barred Rocks, your Rhode Island Reds, Comets, Cornish...those kinds you know is going to sell," Danielle said. "We've seen a big increase in rare, fun kind of backyard varieties. Recently we added Creamed Legbar, Barnevelders and some different types of Marans."

Mt. Healthy Hatcheries also have Black Laced Red Wyandottes, Blue Jersey Giants, Blue Laced Red Wyandottes, Chocolate Orpington, Lavender Orpington, Olive Egger, Red Orpington, Speckled Sussex, Splash Jersey Giants and others.

Ducklings include Khaki Campbell, Mallard and White Pekin. Turkey poults include Artisan Golds, Broad Breasted White and Orlopp Mammoth Bronze. Game birds include French Guinea and Ringneck Pheasant.

Chickens are flying off the shelves at Mt. Healthy Hatcheries in Cincinnati as this hatchery sends millions of baby chickens through the U.S. Postal Service to anxious farmers and backyard enthusiasts across the country. Each day cardboard boxes of day-old chicks make their mail-order way to customers. Sales of all types of chicks have increased dramatically, and Danielle credits the pandemic.

"I don't know whether it was the fear within the scarcity of food, or the concern with the food system failing, or just being home and having nothing else to do, but our sales almost doubled compared to 2019. It was a huge upswing."

Authorities at the Ohio Poultry Association in Columbus said the pandemic is the main reason for the increase in poultry ownership. Other reasons include providing locally sourced food and they positively impact the issue of food scarcity, encourage self-sufficiency and responsibility, and help teach environmental sustainability.



Above: There are many reason for the surge in backyard poultry, the first being COVID-19. (photo submitted)



Above: Urban dwellers have discovered you don't have to live on a farm to raise chickens. Certain municipalities have rules against chicken ownership, but most permit the birds. (photo submitted)

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Erie

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Program (RCPP). USDA will invest \$23.2 million in three RCPP projects in the Western Lake Erie Basin, the agency said.

"One of the things we pride ourselves on as Hoosiers is our ability to collaborate and form partnerships," Indiana Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch said. This project shows "the ability of Indiana, Michigan and Ohio to come together to partner to improve soil and conservation efforts. It's really a collaborative regional effort that benefits the land and water and preserves them for future generations."

In addition to the USDA funding, 37 partners in the project – including the Indiana Soybean Alliance, the Ohio Corn Marketing Program, Indiana Dairy Producers, Michigan Farm Bureau and Red Gold – have said they would commit \$9.4 million to the effort, Kettler said.

The departments of agriculture and other agencies charged with promoting conservation practices have been encouraging farmers and landowners to use them for quite a few years, he stated.

"I think there have been some farmers who have been reluctant. Just like new technologies in tractors and equipment, not all jump on it right away. It never comes as quickly as any of us want. We are making progress."

As an example, Kettler said cover crops are Indiana's third largest crop based on acreage.

Human nature might be a reason some haven't embraced conservation efforts, Crouch added. "We are always resistant to change. We're always comfortable doing what we know."

Dates for farmers and landowners to apply for funding have not been set. The information will be available on the websites of the 37 partners, ISDA, NRCS and local soil and water conservation districts.

As a part of the project, Ohio State will help monitor the effects of conservation practices on soil health and source water quality for Delphos in northwest Ohio, ISDA said. The community has been impacted by elevated nitrates and harmful algal blooms, the agency added.

USDA also announced funding for the Farmland & Water Quality Conservation Initiative in Michigan, which impacts the Macatawa, Lower Grand and Pigeon River watersheds. The Ohio Department of Agriculture said it has received a five-year, \$8 million grant to assist in the state's work to improve water quality in Lake Erie. Farmers in 10 counties -Crawford, Erie, Huron, Marion, Ottawa, Richland, Sandusky, Seneca, Shelby and Wyandot - will be eligible for funding to develop nutrient management plans and conservation practices.

USDA said last month it would invest \$330 million in 85 "locally driven, public-private partnerships to address climate change, improve the nation's water quality, combat drought, enhance soil health, support wildlife habitat and protect agricultural viability."

Farm Bill

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Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry. "In recent years, China has elevated its commitment to public agriculture research while U.S. public funding has fallen behind. If we want to maintain and strengthen American leadership, we must restore our commitment to bold and effective federal research funding."

In October 2019, Congressman Jimmv Panetta (D-CA), Congresswoman Cheri Bustos (D-III.) and Congresswoman Kim Schrier (D-WA) introduced their version of the American Grows Act, which was recently reintroduced. It also calls for five percent yearly funding increases during the next 10 years for USDA's Agricultural Research Service, National Institute for Food Agriculture, National Agricultural Statistics Service and Economic Research Service. The bill was passed from the House Committee on Agriculture — of which all three bill sponsors are members — to the House Subcommittee on Biotechnology, Horticulture and Research in November 2019, where it remained.

"We need to make big, bold investments in agricultural research to empower our farmers to compete across the world," said Bustos, who recently informed her constituency that she would not seek re-election after her current term expires. "Illinois has a proud tradition of agricultural research – especially at the Peoria Ag Lab – and I'm proud to join my colleagues on this critical legislation."

A recent study by the American Journal of Agricultural Economics shows that ag research provides one of the highest returns of any public investment, estimated at \$17 to every \$1 spent.

Hong said that increasing support for ag research is a matter of both economic and national security concerns. "The America Grows Act would enable us to invest in solutions to pest, disease, and severe weather challenges that threaten our entire food system, and ensure safe, affordable food supplies for all," he noted.

Maintaining U.S. competitiveness is vitally important to ensuring abundant, affordable food supplies as well as supporting the economy, according to the bill's proponents, because food and agriculture account for nearly \$3 trillion of U.S. GDP, 1 in 6 jobs, and contribute more than \$155 trillion in export value to the nation's trade balance.

Panetta, a Republican whose California district is known as the "Salad Bowl of the World," said increases in agricultural research spending would help ensure continued prosperity for the region's fruit and vegetable growers. "I want to ensure that our producers have all of the tools they need to continue to innovate and compete in the global economy," he said.

A full version of the bill is available at this link: https://www.durbin.senate.gov/download/america-grows-act-bill-text-

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Rural broadband could cost up to \$150 billion to implement

By Jordan Strickler **Kentucky Correspondent**

WASHINGTON, D.C. - High-speed internet has revolutionized farming. When is it going to rain? Bring up an app. What are the grain prices? Bring up an app. Want to track your spraying? Bring up an app. According to a USDA report, "Farm Computer Usage and Ownership, 2017," 29 percent of U.S. farms currently do not have access to the internet.

The past two presidential administrations have attempted to change this by putting rural broadband at the front and center of their campaigns. They have recognized that in the present day, the ability to access high-speed internet is just as important as being able to access highways and railways. States have also been pursuing their own individual legislation to bring the high-speed internet across the country to rural areas. Now, a quest to achieve the goal could carry a price tag of up to \$150 billion of President Joe Biden's infrastructure plan, according to a recent Congressional hearing with internet industry officials.

While the price will vary depending on how it is carried throughout the country - fiber optic vs. wireless - all involved in the hearing stated that access to high-speed internet is as very important for the future of agriculture.

"It's essential we act to finally close the digital divide that has kept so many of our rural communities from reaching their full potential," said House Agriculture chairman David Scott (D-Ga.) in his opening statement.

While price estimates in the hearing ranged from \$60-\$80 billion for Microsoft's Airband initiative - which relies on the unused broadcast frequencies between TV channels to deliver wireless broadband - to \$150 billion from the Indiana-based Wabash Heartland Innovation Network, all executives concurred that optical fiber was the best route to maintain level coverage throughout the country.

The Federal Communications Commission's minimum standard for broadband is 25/3, or 25 megabits per second (Mbps) download speed and 3

Mbps upload speed. The USDA's grantand-loan ReConnect Program, which was created in 2018, facilitates deployment of broadband in areas with service below 10 Mbps downstream and 1

In Biden's first address to Congress, he again reiterated the need to bring high-speed internet to rural communities to keep agriculture producing at its peak level. He tapped Vice President Kamala Harris to spearhead the effort.

"It creates jobs connecting every American with high-speed internet, including 35 percent of rural America that still doesn't have it," the president said. "It's going to help our kids and our businesses succeed in the 21st

In an April 27 American Farm Bureau Federation podcast, Emily Buckman, the organization's congressional relations director, agreed. "We've heard the phrase multiple times, broadband is no longer a luxury, it's a necessity. And the pandemic made that even more evident as we had to shift to working remotely, children having to do homework from home and then even having our doctor's appointments done via telehealth. Rural broadband is essential for modern agriculture, the farmers and ranchers who grow our food and to the quality of life for rural

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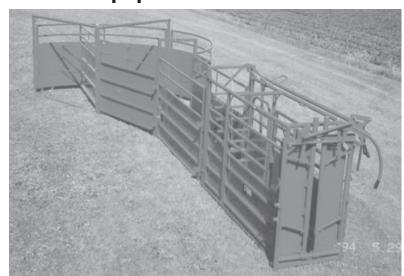
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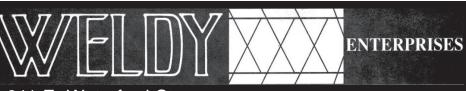
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Price Range 59.00-64.00

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79.00

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Avg Wt 1416 Price Range 1100.00-1385.00

Price Range 925.00-1000.00

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1230-1775

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825-1320

860-1175

BULLS - 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt) Wt Range 1720-2220

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REPLACEMENT CATTLE

COWS - Breaker 75-80% (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

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

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

Avg Wt 1488

Avg Wt

Avg Wt

1024

1008

1850

1120

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

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

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

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Prices are reported on an FOB basis, unless otherwise noted

all trimesters, 1 to 9 months; E = Exposed; B = Bred) Age - Numerical representation of age in years.

COW-CALF PAIRS - Medium and Large 1-2 w/ 150-300 lbs calf (Per Family

The above USDA LPGMN price report is reflective of the majority of classes and grades of livestock offered for sale. There may be instances where some sales do not fit within reporting guidelines and therefore will not be included in the report.

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Stage (Cattle) - Represents pregnancy stage (O = open; T1 = 1st Trimester, 1 to 3 months; T1-2 = 1st/2nd trimester, 1 to 6 months; T2 = 2nd Trimester, 4 to 6 months; T2-3 = 2nd/3rd Trimester, 4 to 9 months; T3 = 3rd Trimester, 7 to 9 months; T1-3 =

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Livestock Weighted Average Report for 5/10/2021 - Final

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	This Week	Last Reported 5/3/2021	Last Year
Total Receipts:	338	833	543
Feeder Cattle:	228(67.5%)	653(78.4%)	485(89.3%)
Slaughter Cattle:	81(24.0%)	159(19.1%)	54(9.9%)
Replacement Cattle:	29(8.6%)	21(2.5%)	4(0.7%)

Compared to last Monday feeder steers lightly tested however softer undertone noted. Feeder heifers sold mostly steady with good demand. Slaughter cows 1.00 higher & slaughter bulls 3.00 higher with good demand. Supply included: 67% Feeder Cattle (27% Steers, 40% Heifers, 33% Bulls); 24% Slaughter Cattle (87% Cows. 13% Bulls): 9% Replacement Cattle (8% Stock Cows. 50% Bred Cows. 33% Cow-Calf Pairs, 8% Bulls). Feeder cattle supply over 600 lbs was 46%.

FEEDER CATTLE
STEERS - Medium and Large 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	415	415	160.00	160.00
5	455-477	467	145.00-149.00	147.03
6	520-545	530	138.00-144.00	140.21
1	510	510	144.00	144.00 Value Added
3	560-577	571	138.00-140.50	139.68
4	593	593	138.00	138.00 Value Added
3	640	640	133.00	133.00
7	612-647	626	134.00-144.00	136.86 Value Added
1	650	650	131.00 1	31.00
1	660	660	137.00	137.00 Value Added
3	705-710	708	125.00-129.00	126.33 Value Added
1	775	775	125.00	125.00
3	800-805	803	120.00	120.00
1	910	910	110.00	110.00
4	1008	1008	104.50	104.50
STEER	S - Medium a	and Large 2-3	(Per Cwt / Actu	al Wt)
<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	335	335	140.00	140.00
1	520	520	134.00	134.00
2	562	562	133.50	133.50
		(Per Cwt / Ac		
<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	585	585	134.00	134.00
2	600	600	127.00	127.00
5	773	773	120.00	120.00
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<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	320	320	134.00	134.00
3	400-425	413	130.00-133.00	131.35
6	417-447	435	138.00-141.00	139.01 Value Added

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8	467-494	487	138.00	138.00 Value Added		
5	505-537	525	120.00-129.00	123.56		
8	505-542	522	133.00-140.00	136.70 Value Added		
4	570-582	576	124.00-125.50	124.76		
10	561-580	569	129.00-135.00	132.55 Value Added		
6	615-625	622	110.00-115.00	110.83		
1	600	600	122.00	122.00 Guaranteed Open		
4	650-685	670	105.00-114.00	108.43		
3	711	711	109.00	109.00 Guaranteed Open		
1	895	895	94.00	94.00		
HEIFERS - Medium and Large 2-3 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)						
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price		
2	352	352	125.00	125.00		
2	405	405	116.00	116.00		
2	460-480	470	120.00-121.00	120.51		
1	685	685	100.00	100.00		
1	735	735	100.00	100.00		
HEIFER		2 (Per Cwt / A				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price		
1	555	555	117.00	117.00		
2	705	705	40400	40400		

- 1	133	100	100.00	100.00				
HEIFERS - Large 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)								
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price				
1	555	555	117.00	117.00				
3	795	795	104.00	104.00				
4	913	913	110.00	110.00				
HEIFER		d Medium 1-2	(Per Cwt / Actu	al Wt)				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price				
1	375	375	109.00	109.00				
1	475	475	100.00	100.00				
			Per Cwt / Actual					
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price				
1	300	300	158.00	158.00				
6	382-390	387	150.00-154.00	151.31				
1	440	440	141.00	141.00				
2	455	455	138.00	138.00				
4	505-527	521	139.00-147.00	142.46				
6	552-585	565	132.00-139.00	137.34				
7	600-640	626	118.50-124.00	121.28				
7	628-637	631	130.00-130.50					
7	660-680	669	114.00-119.00	116.84				
3	710-730	717	105.00-116.00	112.27				
4	797	797	107.50	107.50				
3	805-845	820	87.00-94.00	90.34				
4	850	850	91.00	91.00				
1	920	920	83.00	83.00				
			Per Cwt / Actual					
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price				
1	390	390	140.00	140.00				
3	400-430	410	123.00-130.00	127.55				
1	465	465	121.00	121.00				
1	565	565	129.00	129.00				
3	678	678	99.00	99.00				

)-129.00	123.56
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)-125.50	124.76
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BULLS - Medium and Large 2-3 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)							
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price			
1	390	390	140.00	140.00			
3	400-430	410	123.00-130.00	127.55			
1	465	465	121.00	121.00			
1	565	565	129.00	129.00			
3	678	678	99.00	99.00			
1	745	745	97.00	97.00			
1	940	940	76.00	76.00			
BULLS - Large 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)							
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Soybeans	Jul 21 Aug 21 Sept 21 Nov 21 Jan 22	\$ 1596^0 \$ 1534^2 \$ 1449^6 \$ 1403^0 \$ 1399^6	+ \$ 9^6 + \$ 6^6 + \$ 5^0 + \$ 2^2 unch	Oats Live Cattle	Jul 21 Jun 21 Aug 21	\$ 371^2 \$115.300s \$118.825s	+ \$ 3^2 - \$ 0.300 - \$ 0.575
Soybean Meal	Jul 21 Aug 21 Sep 21 Oct 21 Dec 21	\$ 423.4 \$ 418.6 \$ 411.9 \$ 403.2 \$ 403.4	+ \$ 4.9 + \$ 4.6 + \$ 3.4 + \$ 1.9 + \$ 2.6	Lean	Oct 21 Dec 21 Feb 22 Jun 21	\$123.250s \$127.325s \$130.650s \$108.725s	- \$ 0.800 - \$ 0.475 - \$ 0.375
Soybean Oil	Jul 21 Aug 21 Sep 21 Oct 21 Dec 21	\$ 67.96 \$ 64.20 \$ 62.08 \$ 60.44 \$ 59.30	+ \$ 0.38 + \$ 0.10 - \$ 0.02 - \$ 0.12 - \$ 0.25	Hogs	Jul 21 Aug 21 Oct 21 Dec 21	\$109.000s \$104.775s \$ 88.750s \$ 82.600s	- \$ 1.100 - \$ 0.950 - \$ 1.075 - \$ 0.125

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Missouri Direct Hay Report Direct Hay Weighted Average Report For week ending Friday, May 14, 2021

Another week of below average temperatures in the state. A few days suitable for field work and farmers did take advantage of that but still no extended periods to really get ahead of average progress yet but enough that nothing is extremely behind either. Most of the state received about an inch of rain last weekend and no one wants to really complain about moisture but some sun and warmer weather would be welcomed. There has been just enough Alfalfa cut to show up on the latest progress report but that is about all that can be said. The supply of hay is moderate, demand is light to moderate and prices are mostly steady although sales are very limited at this time. The Missouri Department of Agriculture has a hay directory visit http://mda.mo.gov/abd/haydirectory/ for listings of hay http://agebb.missouri.edu/haylst/

HAY (Conventional)	
(**************************************	Price Range
Alfalfa - Supreme (Ask/Per Ton)	
Medium Square 3x3	200.00-250.00
Alfalfa - Supreme (Ask/Per Bale)	
Small Square	7.00-10.00
Alfalfa - Premium (Ask/Per Ton)	
Medium Square 3x3	160.00-200.00
Alfalfa - Good (Ask/Per Ton)	100 00 100 00
Large Round	120.00-160.00
Alfalfa - Good (Ask/Per Bale)	E 00 7 00
Small Square Alfalfa - Fair (Ask/Per Ton)	5.00-7.00
Large Round	100.00-125.00
Alfalfa/Grass Mix - Good/Premium (Ask/P	
Small Square	6.00-8.00
Mixed Grass - Good/Premium (Ask/Per To	
Large Round	80.00-120.00
Mixed Grass - Fair/Good (Ask/Per Ton)	
Large Round `	60.00-80.00
Mixed Grass - Fair/Good (Ask/Per Bale)	
Small Square	3.00-6.00
Mixed Grass - Fair (Ask/Per Bale)	
Large Round	20.00-50.00
STRAW (Conventional))
Wheat - (Ack/Per Bale)	

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Daily Livestock Slaughter Under Federal Inspection

	Friday, May 14	, 2021		
	CATTLE	CALVES	HOGS	SHEEP
Friday 05/14/2021	115,000	1,000	461,000	6,000
Week ago	111,000	1,000	462,000	7,000
Year ago (act)	94,000	2,000	382,000	7,000
Week to date	578,000	8,000	2,381,000	38,000
Same Period Last Week	581,000	8,000	2,393,000	36,000
Same Period Last Year (act)	466,000	7,000	1,885,000	40,000
Saturday 05/15/2021	62,000	0	14,000	0
Week ago	57,000	0	15,000	1,000
Year ago (act)	52,000	0	250,000	1,000
Week to date	640,000	8,000	2,395,000	38,000
Same Period Last Week	638,000	8,000	2,408,000	37,000
Same Period Last Year* (act)	519,000	8,000	2,134,000	41,000
2021 Year to Date	12,236,00	137,000	48,851,000	735,000
2020 *Year to Date	11,578,00	180,000	47,995,000	711,000
Percent change	5.7%	-24.1%	1.8%	3.4%
2021 *Totals subject to revision				
2020 *Totals adjusted to reflect NASS r	evisions			

Yearly totals may not add due to rounding
Previous day

Steer and Heifer Cow and Bull Thursday 90,000

Revised Thursday Cattle Slaughter...115,000 New Week to Date...463,000

Source: USDA Livestock, Poultry, and Grain Market News Division, St Joseph, MO

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Weekly National Sheep Summary For the Week Ending Friday, May 14, 2021

Weekly Trends: Compared to last week slaughter lambs mostly steady to 30.00 lower; slaughter ewes steady to 10.00 lower; feeder lambs sharply lower in light test. At San Angelo, TX 8771 head sold. No sales in Equity Cooperative Auction. In direct trading slaughter ewes and feeder lambs were not tested. 5,517 lamb carcasses traded with no trend due to confidentiality. All sheep sold per hundred weight (CWT) unless specified.

Slaughter Lambs: Choice and Prime 2-3: San Angelo:

wooled and shorn 110-130 lbs 150.00-188.00.

New Holland, PA: wooled and shorn 100-115 lbs 295.00-340.00. wooled and shorn 100-130 lbs 230.00-Ft Collins CO:

wooled and shorn 100-150 lbs 205.00-South Dakota 235.00; 150-155 lbs 221.00-222.50. wooled and shorn 100-120 lbs 242.50 Kalona, IA:

Billings, MT: wooled and shorn 100-145 lbs no test. wooled and shorn 100-150 lbs 200.00-245.00.

Slaughter Lambs: Choice and Prime 1-2:

hair 40-60 lbs 260.00-288.00; 60-70 lbs San Angelo: 260.00-280.00. few 286304.00: 70-80 lbs 234.00-262.00, few 270.00; 80-90 lbs 233.00-260.00: 90-105 lbs 220.00-250.00. 276.00-288.00: 60-70 lbs 256.00-280.00: 70-80 lbs 234.00-272.00; 85- lbs 252.00-254.00 New Holland: wooled and shorn 40-50 lbs 270.00-320.00: 50-60 lbs 297.00-320.00; 60-70 lbs 293.00-330.00: 70-80 lbs 275.00-320.00: 80-90 lbs 284.00-325.00; 90-100 lbs 285.00-335.00 hair 49 lbs 295.00: 50-60 lbs 290.00-317.00: 60-70 lbs 290.00-320.00; 70-80 lbs 280.00

300.00: 89 lbs 285.00: 90-100 lbs 275.00-Ft. Collins: wooled and shorn 40-50 lbs 230.00-250.00: 50-60 lbs 230.00-265.00; 60-70 lbs 220.00 260.00: 70-80 lbs 240.00-285.00: 80-90 lbs 265.00-275.00; 90-100 lbs 280.00-310.00 few 375.00, hair 40-50 lbs 235.00-240.00; 51 lbs 240.00; 60-70 lbs 240.00-290.00; 70-80

lbs 265.00-290.00: 80-90 lbs 280.00: 90-100

lbs 240.00-285.00. wooled and shorn 50-60 lbs 253.00-270.00: Kalona: 60-70 lbs 252.50-270.00; 70-80 lbs 247.50-270.00: 80-90 lbs 257.50-270.00: 90-100 lbs 254.00-261.00. hair 70-80 lbs 251.00; 89 lbs

266.00. wooled and shorn 46 lbs 210.00; 60-70 lbs South Dakota 245.00-225.00-240.00; 70-80 lbs 230.00-255.00; 80-90 lbs 241.00-253.00; 93 lbs 225.00.

Billings: Missouri:

wooled and shorn 40-50 lbs 265.00-300.00: 50-60 lbs 235.00-250.00; 60-70 lbs 222.00-247.50: 70-80 lbs 222.00-242.50: 80-90 lbs 210.00-255.00; 90-100 lbs 200.00-245.00.

hair 40-50 lbs 235.00-270.00; 50-60 lbs 225.00-260.00: 60-70 lbs 220.00-300.00: 70-80 lbs 225.00-245.00; 80-90 lbs 200.00-

255.00: 90-100 lbs 235.00-281.00. Slaughter Ewes: Good 3-4 (very fleshy) 90.00-107.00; Good 2-3 San Angelo: (fleshy) 94.00-120.00; Utility and Good 1-3 (medium flesh) 116.00-134.00; Utility 1-2 (thin) 106.00-120.00; Cull and Utilitv 1-2 (very thin) 90.00-108.00; Cull 1 no test. Good 3-4 (very fleshy) no test; Good 2-3 (fleshy) 100.00-165.00; Utility 1-2 (thin) New Holland:

85.00-105.00; Cull 1 50.00-65.00. Good 3-4 (very fleshy) no test; Good 2-3 (fleshy) 100.00-136.00, hair 102.50-140.00; Ft. Collins: Utility 1-2 (thin) 75.00-105.00; Cull 1 63.00-

Good 3-4 (very fleshy) 70.00-95.00: Good South Dakota: 2-3 (fleshy) 80.00-96.00; Utility 1-2 (thin) 65.00-85.00; Cull 1 50.00-70.00. Kalona: Good 3-4 (very fleshy) no test; Good 2-3

(fleshy) 91 00-108 00: Utility and Good 1-3 (medium flesh) no test; Utility 1-2 (thin) 82.50-101.00. Billings: Good 3-4 (very fleshy) no test; Good 2-3

(fleshy) no test; Utility 1-2 (thin) no test; Cull Good 3-4 (very fleshy) 107.00: Good 2-3 Missouri: (fleshy) 80.00-122.50; Utility and Good 1-3

(medium flesh) 101.00-106.00; Utility 1-2 (thin) 70.00-96.00; Cull and Utility 1-2 (very thin) 75.00. Direct Trading: Medium and Large 1-2: Feeder Lambs:

San Angelo: 50-60 lbs 230.00. 40-50 lbs 200.00-210.00. Ft. Collins: South Dakota: 30-40 lbs 225.00-265.00; 40-50 lbs 225.00-245.00; 50-60 lbs 225.00-255.00; 60-70 lbs 247.50-

255.00; 79 lbs 265.00. 30-40 lbs 267.50-290.00: 40-50 lbs 257.00-Kalona: 265.00.

Billinas: no test.

Equity Coop: no sales. Medium and Large 1-2: mixed age hair 80-125 lbs 140.00-180.00/ San Angelo:

Ft. Collins: no test. South Dakota: Kalona: no test.

bred yearling hair 125 lbs 165.00-210.00/cwt: Missouri: ewes with lambs 250.00-325.00/family. Sheep and lambs slaughter under federal inspection for the week to date totaled 38,00 compared with 37,000 last week and 41,000 last

Source: USDA AMS LPG Market News, San Angelo, Texas Rebecca Sauder, 325-653-1778 www.ams.usda.gov/lpgmn

New crop balance sheets released

The initial production numbers on this year's U.S. corn and soybean crops from the USDA were as expected. The USDA pegged this year's corn yield at 179.5 bushels per acre for a 14.99 billion bu (bbu) crop. This compares to last year's corn crop of 14.18 bbu. The initial soybean production numbers are for a yield of 50.8 bushels per acre MARKET ANALYSIS and a crop size of 4.4 bbu. By Karl Setzer

Last year's U.S. soybean crop totaled 4.14 bbu. Total wheat production in the United States is estimated at 1.87 bbu compared to 1.83 bbu a year ago.

The only changes to old crop balance sheets took place to the grains. Corn exports were raised 100 million bu (mbu) and industrial use decreased 5 mbu for a 95 mbu reduction to ending stocks. This put our carryout estimate at 1.25 bbu and matched trade guesses. The initial new crop carryout estimate on corn is for 1.5 bbu which was just above trade estimates. The USDA is predicting higher domestic use of the 2021/22 corn crop, but fewer

The old crop wheat carryout was bumped up by 20 mbu as trade reduced both imports and exports, and also food use. This leaves old crop wheat carryout at an adequate 872 mbu. New crop wheat carryover was pegged at 774 mbu as the USDA is predicting higher feed and residual usage but lower exports.

The USDA made no changes to old crop soybean balance sheets, which was not surprising, leaving carryout at 120 mbu. While trade believes this number is too high, it is a pipeline minimum and unlikely to decline. Even with elevated production the stocks to use on soybeans changes little next year with an initial carryout estimate of 140 mbu. Early estimates indicate the United States will see a 49 mbu increase in domestic use next year from this one, but a 205 mbu decrease in exports as competition from Brazil in the global market increases.

The initial 2021/22 global carryout numbers were also released. The USDA is predicting a world corn carryout of 283.5 million metric tons (mmt) this year and an increase to 292.3 mmt next year. The global soybean ending stocks are now predicted at 86.5 mmt this year and 91.1 mmt at the end of the 2021/22 marketing year. The world wheat supply is forecast to hold nearly steady from 294.7 mmt this year to 295 mmt next year.

One of the biggest changes being noted was to the average cash price forecast. On corn the USDA is predicting \$4.35 for this year and \$5.70 next year. The average soybean value is \$11.25 this year and \$13.85 next year. The wheat average is now at \$5.05 for the current year and \$6.50 for new crop.

The Brazilian firm CONAB also updated its production figures, trimming both corn and soybean estimates from April. CONAB is now projecting a soybean crop of 135.4 mmt, just under last month's 135.5 mmt. The corn crop is now projected at 106.4 mmt, down from April's 109 mmt estimate. While down, these are still both record levels of production. The most interest is on corn as analysts believe that number could drop as low as 90 mmt given ongoing drought conditions.

Commodity values continue to be influenced by the outside markets, mainly the global economy. Even with some countries again posting COVID restrictions, the global economy is

improving, and thoughts are it will continue to do so into 2023. This has elevated commodity demand as world travel is increasing and consumers are getting back to more normal routines. There are indications that the world economy may become unstable in the

future though as interest rates are likely to increase to cover COVID spending.

Now that this data has been released, trade will revert to monitoring actual crop

conditions and weather outlooks. For crop condition, the most worry is on the slow emergence we are seeing, as even though planting is well ahead of normal, crop development is barely holding to an average pace. On the weather side trade will closely monitor the drought that is affecting the U.S. Plains as it appears this may shift east into the heart of the Corn Belt.

We continue to hear debate over this year's projected plantings in the United States and why the total of corn and soybean acres was so much lower than expectations. The immediate response is that the USDA was too low in its figures, but we are now seeing a different opinion. Last year farmers were encouraged to plant as many acres as possible to receive subsidy payments to compensate for the loss of trade from the US/Chinese trade war. We are not seeing that scenario this year which is likely reducing a desire to plant as many acres, especially those that do not yield well.

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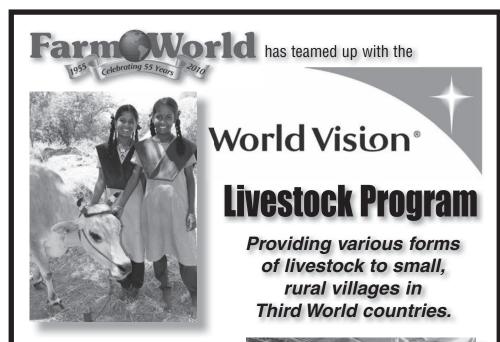
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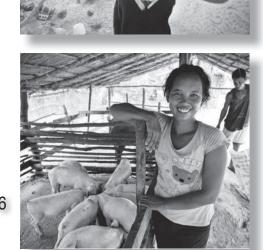
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Industry faces challenges as it promotes June Dairy Month

Happy June Dairy Month. This special month of the year has become part of the American psyche. Successful advertising and promotional campaigns over the years have embedded it into consumer minds. But what is its future?

I have written June Dairy Month columns in the past, warning consumers not to automatically assume they will always find the abundance of their favorite dairy products available in their local grocery store.

Last year, as 2020 was swallowed up by COVID-19, we experienced shortages of many products, starting with toilet paper, hand sanitizer and even meat.

Thankfully, dairy products were not among them and remained abundant, in fact, too abundant, as restaurants closed by the thousands and dairy consumption took a hit. sending farm prices on a roller coaster of extreme lows to highs not seen in seven years.

The dairy industry survived the pandemic though many dairy farmers did not. Consumption patterns are returning as more restaurants reopen and recover though thousands didn't. We're not out of the COVID woods yet and we do not know what lies ahead this year in that regard.

Dairy faces another growing and, perhaps more daunting challenge, as young millennial consumers in particular weigh the choice of plantbased meats, beverages, and yes what the producers of these products call "butter" and "cheese."

The dairy industry must address with facts, the claims that these plant-based products make as well as the assumptions that many of these would-be buyers have, that plant-based means they are "better for the environment," better for your body's health, and are needed to "save the plant."

The best defense against the health benefits of the so-called "milks" starts with simply reading the label. Plantbased beverages contain ingredients we can't even pronounce, let alone swallow.

Last year the National Milk Producers Federation cited a consumer survey showing that 77 percent thought almond-based drinks had as much or more protein per serving than milk. It doesn't. Cow's milk has up to eight times as much protein. But who knows that?

The Federation rightly objects to these products calling themselves by familiar dairy names because doing so gives consumers the illusion that they share the same nutritional value when they emphatically don't.

When asked if plant-based "milks" are good for you, even the May 10 New York Times answers, "They can be, but in most cases, they should not be considered a nutritional substitute for dairy," and says that it depends on which type of plant "milk" vou drink.

It suggests checking if it's "fortified" and "How many added sugars it contains and how it fits in to your overall diet." The Times warns; "You shouldn't assume, for instance, that plant milks contain the same nutrients as cow's milk, even if the drink is white and has the same creamy texture." The article points out that "Some of the sweetened versions can contain more added sugar than a doughnut."

The nutritional package that cow's milk and its resulting dairy products offer continues to be supported by science and plenty of health studies. Study the differences. Milk from cows is naturally rich in protein, calcium, potassium and B vitamins, and is often even fortified with vitamins A and D

The plant-based industry is hungry for sales and loves to feed the false idea that dairy was popular in the days of "Leave it to Beaver," and is in fact dying. National Milk however points out that per-capita consumption of all dairy is the highest it's been since the 1950s.

Last but not least, the dairy industry has been and continues to innovatively work to be a sustainable provider of nutritional food products. The development and employment of regenerative agricultural practices, for example, are designed to save and improve soil and even sequester carbon, actually drawing down carbon dioxide from the air.

Animal science and research and development has resulted in dairy operations driving innovation and implementation of new, gentler equipment and regenerative practices even on the cows that farmers have in their care. Cow manure on many of the larger operations goes to an anaerobic digester to capture methane which generates clean renewable electricity.

June Dairy Month represents a valuable industry that has been, is now, and hopefully always will benefit society for many years to come. Celebrate its contribution to your life, health, and prosperity. Give yourself the "Dairy Best" and let the cows eat the grass.

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According to the USDA: milk production is up

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2021 milk production and gave us our first peak at 2022 output in the latest World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates (WASDE) report. The report cited higher cow inventories for the gain in 2021 output and continued gains in milk per cow more MIELKE MARKET than offsetting a slight reduction in the dairy cow By Lee Mielke herd for 2022.

Predicting milk output

in the coming months will be a challenge, considering the rising costs of feed. Many operations are already pinched from recent high producer price differentials and de-pooling. Eyes will be on culling rates and if they climb much, U.S. milk output could slip but no one can guess how much.

The WASDE's 2021 production and marketings were estimated at 227.9 and 226.8 billion pounds respectively, up 200 million pounds on production and up 100 million pounds on marketings. If realized, 2021 production would be up 4.7 billion pounds or 2.1 percent from 2020.

2022 production and marketings were estimated at 230.3 and 229.2 billion pounds respectively. If realized, 2022 production would be up 2.4 billion pounds or 1.1 percent from 2021.

Fat basis exports were raised on higher expected exports of butterfat products. The skim-solids basis export forecast was lowered as weaker-thanpreviously expected nonfat dry milk/ skim milk powder (NDM/SMP) sales more than offset higher expected whey-product exports. Fat basis and skim-solids basis import forecasts were raised from last month on recent import data and higher expected second-quarter butterfat imports.

Cheese, NDM and whey prices were raised from last month's report, but butter was lowered. Class III and Class IV milk prices were raised. The 2021 Class III average was pegged at \$17.70 per cwt., up 60 cents from last month's estimate, and compares to \$18.16 in 2020 and \$16.96 in 2019. The 2022 average is projected at \$16.85, due to expected weaker cheese and whey prices.

The 2021 Class IV price is estimated to average \$15.75, also up 60 cents from a month ago, and compares to \$13.49 in 2020 and \$16.30 in 2019. The 2022 average was projected at \$15.70, as lower NDM prices more than offsets higher butter prices, according to the USDA.

Switching to the crop and feed side of the report, some of the USDA's data differed from what many had expected and may have shifted the market tone slightly lower, according to HighGround Dairy's Lucas Fuess. Speaking in the May 17 Dairy Radio Now broadcast, Fuess warned that dairy producers will likely see the highest costs in almost a decade.

The U.S. feed-grain outlook for 2021/22 is for greater production and domestic use, lower exports and increased ending stocks. The corn crop was projected at 15.0 billion bushels, up 5.7 percent from last year, with a yield projection of 179.5 bushels per acre. With beginning stocks down sharply from a year ago, total corn supplies were forecast to increase only modestly to 16.3 billion

Total U.S. corn use was forecast to decline from a year ago as greater

by lower exports. Food, seed and industrial use was projected to rise 220 million bushels to 6.6 billion. Corn used for ethanol was projected to increase based on expectations of higher gasoline consumption. U.S. corn exports were forecast to

decline 325 million bushels but unfavorable production prospects were forecast to limit exports out of Argentina and Brazil. With the total U.S. corn supply

rising and use declining, ending stocks are up 250 million bushels from last year. Stocks relative to use at 10.2 percent would be above a year ago, USDA said, but still below the average in 2016/17 to 2019/20. The season-average corn price was projected at \$5.70 per bushel, up \$1.35 from a year ago.

The outlook for U.S. soybeans is for lower supplies, lower exports, higher crush and higher ending stocks. The soybean crop was projected at 4.4 billion bushels, up 270 million or 6.5 percent from last year. With lower beginning stocks, soybean supplies are projected down 3 percent from 2020/21. Total U.S. oilseed production was forecast at 130.3 million tons, up 7.9 million. U.S.

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Above: Alex Fuselier, of Aumann Auctions, with the Linn tractor truck.



Above: The Nokomis Implement building houses Kurt Aumann's collection and is like a dealership.

Aumann auction was fun for tractor enthusiasts

NOKOMIS, Ill. - April 10th was a rainy, blustery day, but the weather didn't stop hearty antique tractor collectors from venturing out to Aumann Auctions Pre 30's Auction Open House. This event profiled some amazing of equipment pieces and engines as well as literature, memorabilia and WRENCHING TALES the stunning Schnakenberg By Cindy Ladage Chromolithograph collection.

Besides the opportunity to view the items at the Aumann business location, collectors also had the opportunity to view Kurt Aumann's own private collection at his newly restored building he is calling "Nokomis Implement." The building originally was Hedlund Manufacturing, where they made water skis, snow skis, toboggans and hockey sticks. The building has been renovated from the ground up and Kelly Aumann was on hand to invite collectors in.

It is impressive to say the least, with beautiful Oliver tractors and amazing signage. Kelly Aumann said it is a great event site and meeting place. The building has the look of a dealership with a parts counter, collectibles and more. The late Darrell Darst's Tracto, an International Harvester robot, is on loan from his wife Kevin. The Tracto was on display as well as a few tractors brands not often heard of like Bailor, Mayrath and Topeka.

There were only a few collectors viewing at the Tractor Factory at a time and the same was true at the auction site. Due to COVID-19 restrictions in Illinois, the auction was an online event, but the open house provided a chance to see some of the items firsthand.

On April 21, early steam, gas tractor, gas engine, horse drawn, motorcycle and truck literature, memorabilia sold.

Roger Johnson, of Aumann's, provided details about David Schnakenberg's Chromolithograph print collection. At the open house he shared, "We have over 100 chromolithographs and posters from different companies. This is probably one of the most extensive collections. The first portion will sell on April 22. There are still 200 more to sell including posters, catalogs, trade cards and many other farmer machinery advertising related items."

The chromolithographs cover the horse drawn through the steam era. "David Schnakenberg is from Vienna, Va., and is one of the most extensive chromolithograph print collectors known," Johnson said.

After the sale was completed, the highest bid was on the "Eli" Baling Presses framed lithograph, which came in at \$14,850. The second highest bid was on the Harrison Machine works piece, which bid for

\$11,000

Tractors, steam engines and gas engines and autos sold on April 24. The open house offered a chance to see these main beauties. Collectors looking for engine parts found a selection from the John Tysse collection.

Alex Fuselier, of Aumann Auctions, mentioned a few headliners that sold. Emmerson Brantingham

Big Four 20 was one of those tractors. "That is one of the best tractor restorations cosmetically and mechanically around. The owner himself is a machinist and built the engine to specifications better than the factory."

This tractor set a Guinness Book world record, so it is a rather famous tractor, it has been in a field where 99 vintage tractors plowed, then again where the maximum number of pre-1966 tractors were plowing. It is a well-traveled and well-worked tractor with a famous past. This tractor's high bid was \$73,500, according to the Aumann Auctions website.

Another Big Four tractor that was a huge draw at the open house was the Gas Traction Big Four 30. This amazing tractor was built by the Gas Traction Company and was owned (at the time of the open house) by Harriet and Al Severson, who purchased it as a parts tractor. The size of this tractor is astounding with the rear wheels around 8 feet, 3 inches in height. The high bid for this tractor posted on Aumann's website was \$345,500.

The Sawyer Massey 27-50 outsold the Brantingham Big Four 20 with a high bid of \$399,000.

A Holt 75 Crawler was for sale. The model has a single wheel one with an older restoration. Two Universal Molines were on display, one with an attached cultivator. The high bid for this crawler was \$178,500.

Another pristine piece that Fuselier pointed out was the 1935 Linn Tractor truck. "It is a fully functional dump truck with a half track design, but it also has a hydraulic lift. The operator didn't have to get out of the truck to dump."

The Linn trucks were used mostly for logging operations, but also by the government for heavy duty jobs. The Linn trucks high bid was \$131,250. In the same newly built building that the Big Four and Linn truck were in was a cool Renault crawler, which had a high bid of \$23,415.

There was also an Avery model 5-10. These tractors were marketed for light duty farm jobs; it had a high bid of \$47,250. The Bates Steel Mule Crawler also on display was used by the Joliet Oil Tractor Co. The high bid on the Bates Steel Mule was \$25,400, according to the Aumann Auction website.

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soybean crush was projected at 2.2 billion bushels, up 35 million from the 2020/21 forecast.

U.S. soybean exports were forecast at 2.1 billion bushels, down 205 million from 2020/21. With lower soybean supplies and higher crush, the U.S. export share of global soybean trade is expected to decline to 33 percent from 36 percent in 2020/21. U.S. soybean ending stocks were projected at 140 million bushels, up 20 million from the 2020/21 forecast. With prices for fall delivery above \$14 per bushel in some locations, the seasonaverage soybean price was projected at \$13.85 per bushel, up \$2.60. Soybean meal prices were forecast at \$400 per short ton, according to the USDA, down \$5 from the revised forecast for 2020/21.

Cash dairy prices looked for direction the second week of May as talk escalated of rising inflation in the United States and the resulting shortages of various commodities sought by many consumers with plenty of cash due to government's "generosity."

The Cheddar blocks started the week falling 2 cents, then climbed to \$1.8125 per pound Wednesday, but ended Friday at \$1.7250, down 2.25 cents on the week and 5.50 cents below a year ago when they pole vaulted 47.50 cents.

The barrels fell to \$1.69 per pound Tuesday, hit \$1.78 Thursday, but closed Friday at \$1.73, 0.25 cents higher on the week and a penny above a year ago when they gained 45 cents. The week saw 35 cars of block find new homes, highest since the week of Jan. 4, 2021, and 19 of barrel.

Some cheese plants have been

running six-day workweeks throughout 2021 to keep up with orders, according to Dairy Market News, and milk availability is "holding steady." Some contacts expect milk to remain available until the Memorial Day holiday. School districts in parts of the region are finishing up the school year. Therefore, even as flush milk levels start to decline, more milk will move into cheese production. Cheese market tones are "uncertain," DMN said.

Dairy farmers remain grateful to pizza, in particular pizza restaurants, which have upheld cheese sales. Pizza outlets fared the best in the COVIDdriven demise of a huge percentage of U.S. restaurants that closed their doors last year.

The pizza industry is still doing well. The May 7 Dairy and Food Market Analyst reported: "Papa John's system-wide sales were up 26 percent year over year in North America and up 23 percent in international markets. Compared to two years ago, North American sales grew by 33 percent and international sales increased by 26 percent. Domino's said their sales were up 15 percent YOY in the USA and up 13 percent in international markets during the quarter."

But, U.S. cheese output is increasing due to expanded existing plants as well as new ones being built around the country. The investment is huge however American cheese consumption is rising and hopefully stays ahead of production.

Grade A nonfat dry milk had some ups and downs but softened to a Friday close at \$1.30 per pound, down 2.25 cents on the week but still 36.50 cents above a year ago when it jumped 11 cents. There were 12 sales reported for the week.



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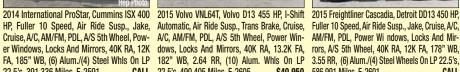
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High-tech weed killing research for blueberries

By Stan Maddux **Indiana Correspondent**

EAST LANSING, Mich. - Research is being launched on the ability of vision guided sprayers to control weeds in blueberry fields with less time and fewer chemicals.

The budding effort by the Department of Horticulture at Michigan State University stems from an \$18,000 grant awarded recently from the Michigan Blueberry Commission (MBC).

Kevin Robson, executive director of the MBC, said more efficient weed control would help growers in what's become a more competitive global industry over the years. "Margins in farming are so tight that every little bit matters," he said.

Robson said fewer herbicides also mean a healthier environment.

Vision guided sprayers using sensors and a camera are able to identify areas that need and don't need to be sprayed with chemicals or fertilizer. Applications from the sprayer to targeted areas, if necessary, are done automatically.

However, the accuracy of the devices used already with limited success in raising fruit such as apples, cherries and oranges can be negatively impacted by elements such as temperature, light and distance.

The technology has become more advanced, though, making it a cost efficiency option in blueberry fields worth exploring, said Sushila Chaudhari, an assistant professor of horticulture at MSU leading the study.

"With these vision guided sprayers entering the commercial markets, it is very critical to have research data to help blueberry growers decide if and how to incorporate this novel technique into their programs," she said.

"It's a new concept. There's still a lot to be known," Robson said.

Whether accuracy is impacted from blueberry bushes having a different shape with branches lower to the ground will also be part of the study.

Currently, the same amount of herbicide is sprayed around blueberry bushes to control the growth

of weeds. Weeds stunt the growth of plants by competing for water and nutrients. The desire is to maintain effective weed control by using herbicide strictly on bushes that have dense enough weed growth.

"Let's do it more site specific," Rob-

He said efficiency has become more of a factor in holding down costs as much as possible in a global marketplace. "It's no longer competing with the grower down the street or in the neighboring county. It's competing with that grower in Chile, Peru and Mexico. We have to do so many things to continue to sharpen our skill set and hone in on our margins if we still want to be in the blueberry business," he said.

He's hoping the research starts producing results by December.

Robson said weed control is especially critical in his industry largely because weeds do exceptionally well in the acidic, nutrient rich mucky soil where blueberries also thrive. "It's a perfect storm," he said.

Chaudhari said another objective is determining if vision guided sprayers improve the safety of the plant. She said traditional sprayers can result in overuse of herbicides which can cause substantial injury to blueberry

According to USDA, Georgia was first for acres of blueberries harvested in 2019 at 21,700 followed by Michigan with 20,600 acres.

Washington was first for production with more than 162 million pounds of blueberries harvested in 2019 followed by Oregon and Georgia. Michigan ranked fourth in production with more than 84 million pounds of harvested blueberries. California was fifth at more than 71 million pounds of blueberries produced, according to

Robson said most of the blueberries in Michigan are grown in the southwest corner and west side of the state.

Pollinating for blueberries in Michigan will begin soon with picking scheduled to last from July to the middle of September, he said.

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In with the engines were a few cars and one was a 1907 Orient Buckboard Car. This car was built by the Waltham Manufacturing Company. They produced the Orient Buckboard from 1903 to 1907. This cool car's high bid was \$19,005.

Fuselier said the featured engine is the Springfield engine. "It is a rare example on a wooden cart. Its unique design is one of the earliest designs there is nothing like it, it is very recognizable."

At the open house, one interesting aspect was Old Iron, a financial group affiliated with Aumann's and other auction groups that helps finance tractors for those that need assistance. They advertise "1/3 down and take your tractor home."

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Resurging dandelions a pest to farmers, but weed offers health, culinary benefits

By Doug Graves Ohio Correspondent

COLUMBUS, Ohio - After decades of thinning out thanks to a variety of herbicides, the dreaded dandelion is making a comeback.

"As farmers prepare their fields for planting, chances are they'll meet up with dandelions," said Mark Loux, a weed specialist with The Ohio State University College of Food, Agricultural and Environmental Sciences. "This resurgence of dandelions has been occurring over the last couple of years. Dandelions can create deep, strong roots, and they're extremely adaptable to herbicides, making them tough to get rid of. It doesn't matter which herbicide you use, you can't just beat it over the head if you let it go for a few years."

For gardeners, dandelions and weeds in general are a nuisance. For a farmer, weeds can affect profits, reducing yields by competing with crops for water, nutrients and sunlight. In Ohio, farmers' most troublesome weeds are marestail, waterhemp, Palmer amaranth, giant ragweed and common ragweed.

"We only have tough weeds left and they keep adapting," Loux said. "Now add the dandelions. If dandelions are allowed to grow for too long, even effective herbicides will kill only the small plants and the rest will survive."

Farmers and gardeners may despise dandelions, but botanists consider dandelions to be herbs. People use the leaves, stem, flower and root of the dandelion for medicinal purposes.

In her book, "The Teeth of the Lion," author and researcher Anita Sanchez writes about the benefits of the beloved yet despised dandelion. Her research on the weed is indepth and scientific.

"Whether you love them or hate them, dandelions are among the most familiar in the world," Sanchez said. "Dandelions are, quite possibly, the most successful plants that exist, masters of survival worldwide. But nowadays, they're the most unpopular plant in the neighborhood. Only in the 12th century did humans decide that the dandelion was a weed. Before the invention of lawns, the golden blossoms and lion-toothed leaves were more likely to be praised as a bounty of food, medicine and magic."

According to Sanchez, data from the USDA reveals how dandelions have helped alleviate many ailments, have more vitamin A than spinach, more vitamin C than tomatoes, and are loaded with iron, calcium and potassium.

"Dandelions are more nutritious than most of the vegetables in one's garden," she said. "They were named after lions because their lion-toothed leaves healed so many ailments, baldness, toothache, sores, fevers, rotting gums, weakness, lethargy and depression."

Sanchez's studies indicate the dandelions likely arrived in North America on the Mayflower, brought over by Pilgrims on purpose for their medicinal benefits.

"Dandelions were world famous for their beauty," Sanchez said. "Dandelions were a common and beloved garden flower in Europe, and the subject of many poems."

Yes, this weed that is so despised by gardeners and farmers everywhere is considered a green and growing first aid kit. For centuries, dandelion toxins have been used to help the liver remove toxins from the bloodstream. In olden times, dandelions were prescribed for every ailment from warts to the plague.

Today, herbalists hail the dandelion as the perfect plant medicine. The plant is highly nutritious and contains potent antioxidants. Some in the medical field say it may help fight inflammation, aid in blood sugar control and can help reduce cholesterol. Dandelion greens are used in salads. The weed's yellow head is very versatile and is used to cook things such as dan-



Above: Dandelions can be friend of foe, depending on your outlook and profession. (photo submitted)

delion fritters. The dandelion root can be turned into coffee or tea. The flower itself can be turned into dandelion wine, dandelion jelly or dandelion soup.

Though the colorful weed has benefits, gardeners and farmers see them as pests that must be destroyed.

"Clearing dandelions from a field usually requires three weed killer applications, one each during the spring, summer and fall seasons," Loux said. "Apply weed killer during late April or early May, unless extended rain is in the forecast. After putting seeds in the ground, farmers should wait around four to six weeks before applying another round of weed killer."



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Above: An optional panoramic roof provides improved visibility from the cab.

John Deere adds 125 **HP** tractor to lineup

2022, John Deere has redefined its lineup of 5M Series Tractors by adding new technology and transmission options, and more top-end horsepower, by welcoming a new 125-horsepower tractor to the lineup. These added capabilities and features will appeal to hay, livestock and commercial customers, along with anyone doing work on a large property.

A large-tractor feature making its way to the 5M Series through a builtin display on the tractor dash is integrated AutoTracTM guidance. This factory-installed option is only available for 5M Tractors equipped with PowrQuadTM transmissions. Auto-Trac provides straight-line guidance to help operators reduce implement overlap, make fewer passes through the field, decrease fatigue and save fuel. "No other utility tractor on the market offers this level of integrated guidance on a mid-spec utility tractor, making the productivity potential of the 5M Series unmatched," Greg Christensen, marketing manager for John Deere, said. "This lowcost, entry-level guidance system can later be upgraded by plugging in a premium display for mapping and prescription-based applications."

Christensen said customers are looking for updated transmission options to make tractor operation easy. "Now, John Deere makes the Powr-Quad transmissions available on the 5090M, 5100M, 5115M cab versions and includes it in base equipment JohnDeere.com for details.

OLATHE, Kan. - For model year on the newly added 125-horsepower 5125M, which is only available with a cab. PowrQuad transmissions make it easy for operators to find the right speed with clutchless, push-button shifting between gears, allowing them to focus on their work."

> John Deere also increased the hitch-lift capacity on 5M Tractors equipped with PowrQuad transmissions to better handle large implements and offers an optional panoramic roof for improved visibility from the cab. These features are especially beneficial when lifting and moving large objects such as hav bales and can increase operator productivity.

> Additionally, the John Deere Smart Connector, available as a parts kit, is compatible with select 5 Series Tractors. The Smart Connector is an entry-level connectivity solution that makes it easy for customers who are not using their tractor in a production setting to monitor their tractor through a Bluetooth® connection that sends them data so they can track maintenance intervals and tractor performance. Information from Smart Connector is accessed through the TractorPlus™ app from a mobile device.

The redefined MY22 5M Tractors with PowrQuad transmissions are now available to order, with Powr-ReverserTM options being available to order later this year. For more information visit your local dealer or

Funds are availabe to grow trees in Tennessee

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Tennessee's Agriculture Department is accepting applications for urban forestry tree planting projects.

The department said Wednesday that the Division of Forestry will be taking grant applications under the Tennessee Agricultural Enhancement Program until June 4.

The program helps cities, counties, schools and nonprofit organizations fund the planting of Tennessee-grown trees. It offers a cost-share program for planting on public property, rights of way and private nonprofit land with public access, the department said.

Funds cover half the cost of trees and shipping, contracted planting, mulch, irrigation devices, tree labels and acknowledgement signs.

Funds can be used for planting on private property on a riparian area, which is a 35-foot transitional area between land that contains a mix of trees, shrubs, grasses and wildflowers and the edge of a river, stream, or creek bank, the department said.

Forum explores ramifications of EU's Farm to Fork strategy

By TIM ALEXANDER **Illinois Correspondent**

OAK BROOK, Ill. — The European Union's (EU) Farm to Fork Strategy is a key aspect of its Green Deal and netzero carbon goals, but how will it affect U.S. food producers? This was the focus of Farm Foundation's Forum to Explore EU Farm to Fork Strategy and Its Implications for U.S. Agriculture, moderated by Bill Bryant, trade expert for Bryant Christie Inc.

"Heightened food safety concern has merged with concerns over emerging technology in food production and with concerns over Co2 emissions associated with agricultural production, along with more awareness of the need for sustainable environmental practices when growing our food," Bryant said. "All of these forces have come together to shape what we now consider the EU's Farm to Fork initiative."

The initiative's intent is to reduce fertilizer and chemical use on crops, though some claim its purpose is to restrain agricultural technological innovation. Others see it as serving to drive technological innovation, Bryant

"Some believe its intent is to deindustrialize food production in the

EU and around the world at a moment when we need to be increasing food production, and others believe it is just the opposite: to incentive healthier food production and healthy diets," he said. "What the EU does within its own borders is its own business, but when it begins to impose those standards on its trade partners and begins requiring specific production practices or policy preferences, then there are going to be World Trade Organization concerns. They have already been raised."

The EU Green Deal was presented in 2019 with the objective of improving the climate by the year 2050. The European Commission acknowledged the Green Deal as a sprawling, ambitious initiative encompassing many sectors of industry.

"Farm to Fork is one of the main pillars of the Green Deal," explained Alan Hardacre, CropLife Europe director of public affairs. "It is premised on a set of targets including 25 percent of all EU agriculture being organic by 2030, reduction of the use of pesticides by 50 percent by 2030, reducing the use of fertilizers by 20 percent by 2030, reducing nutrient loss by at least 50 percent, reducing the use of antimicrobials in agriculture and aquaculture by 50 percent, creating

food waste by 50 percent by 2030, while ensuring there are at least \$10 million Euros dedicated to research and innovation in these spaces."

Full passage of the Green Deal and Farm to Fork Strategy, and its adaptation by trade partners, will likely have a "major impact" on U.S. food production, Hardacre predicted. "It's very difficult to tell what the impacts of the whole package will be until all of the items are completed, because there are so many linkages between them that it is very difficult to tell what the potential impacts may

Alikely scenario is that global impacts on crop production and food prices will occur, with severities dependent on the number of countries and trade partners adopting the EU Green Deal, according to Jayson Beckman of the USDA Economic Research Service (ERS). Beckman predicted the ripple effects of worldwide Green Deal adoption will be felt throughout the food and agricultural value chain.

"Just last month the EU Agricultural Commissioner said these market impacts are to be expected. In particular, farmers can expect yields to decrease and farm income to decrease,

sustainable food labeling and reducing but there are several benefits to adopting the Farm to Fork Strategy," Beckman said. "These (benefits) have not been borne out, but we presume that will come whenever the European Commission releases their study.

"Someone offered the suggestion that higher food prices are good because people will eat less and be healthier. But productivity and growth projections are gloomy, and we agree that productivity could change some of the market impacts. Trade restrictions are likely if the EU imposes these measures on other countries."

The key element of the Farm to Fork Strategy is its environmental provisions and incentives, the USDA economist concluded. "Given that market impacts could be expected, the environmental portion of Farm to Fork could be the key to the strategy being accepted by farmers," Beckman said.

In addition to Bryant, Hardacre and Beckman, contributing to the April 27 online forum were Tassos Haniotis, directorate general for agriculture and rural development of the European Commission; Marta Messa, Slow Food Europe; and Maros Ivanic, USDA-ERS.

The forum is archived for viewing at www.farmfoundation.org.

Bayer announced enhancements to carbon program

ST. LOUIS, Mo. - Building on the success of the Bayer Carbon Program launched last summer, the company announced enhancements to the program April 19, providing new opportunities for U.S. growers to participate for the 2021-22 program season.

Highlights include a significant geographic expansion, nearly doubling the number of states where growers are eligible to participate. For the first time, growers who have previously adopted some climate-smart farming practices also may be able to enroll those acres in the program.

The Bayer Carbon Program takes a farmer-centric approach by offering growers simplicity, certainty and flexibility. By paying U.S. farmers for implementing climate-smart farming methods such as strip- or no-till and cover crops, which help sequester carbon in the soil, farmers receive guaranteed payments and are rewarded for how they produce, not just what they produce.

"Farmers are at the center of the solution when it comes to helping sequester carbon and addressing climate change," said Jackie Applegate, president of Crop Science, North America. "By enabling farmers to benefit in a simple and transparent way, Bayer is uniquely positioned to help growers capture value created by these sustainable farming practic-

The streamlined approach has become a hallmark of Bayer's program. It offers certainty and pays growers for the verified practices farmers adopt on each enrolled acre, without growers having to decipher the amount of carbon they generate.

"Through our Carbon Advisory Panel and meetings with growers, we've heard from farmers that they appreciate the simplicity of the program, which allows them to focus on what they do best - raise a crop," said Leo Bastos, head of Carbon Business Model. "We are excited to build on the success of the program's first year and offer even more growers the chance to participate in the program. This is just the beginning. We're continually exploring new ways and opportunities to help deliver added benefits to farmers."

In addition to generating additional revenue, participating in initiatives like the Bayer Carbon Program and implementing climate-smart farming visit www.BayerCarbon.com.

practices may provide farmers with important benefits such as the potential for improved soil health that can result in increased yields and profitability of farmers' operations.

Enhancements for the 2021-2022 program season include eligibility for growers who have adopted strip- or no-till or cover crops on fields on or after Jan. 1, 2012.

In addition to the nine states that were part of the program's first year, new states where growers are now eligible to participate include: Wisconsin, South Dakota, Nebraska, Arkansas, Mississippi, Louisiana, Maryland and Delaware.

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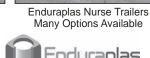
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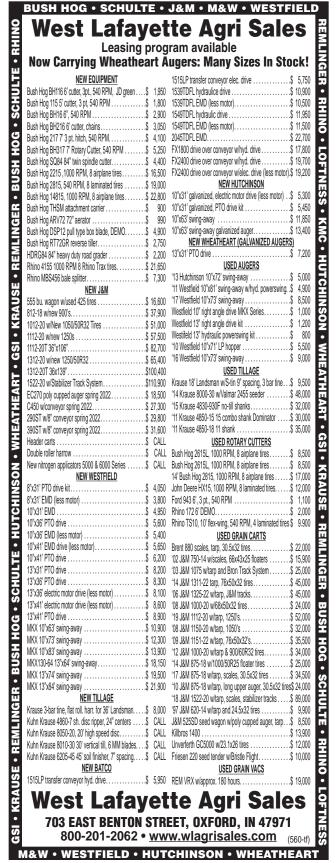
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Expanding food program could feed 34m kids

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Biden administration is expanding a program to feed as many as 34 million schoolchildren during the summer months, using funds from the coronavirus relief package approved in March.

The Agriculture Department announced it will continue through the summer a payments program that replaced school meals because the pandemic left many children with virtual classes. Families of eligible children would receive \$6.82 per child for each weekday. That adds up to \$375 per child over the summer months.

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack called the summer benefits a "first-of-its-kind, game-changing intervention to reduce child hunger in the United States."

The program reflects the Biden administration's attempts to nearly stamp out child poverty— an unprecedented push with money for parents, child care centers and schools that could revamp the social safety net. Conservative critics have warned that the spending, if made permanent, could undermine the willingness of poorer Americans to work.

Stacy Dean, deputy undersecretary for food, nutrition and consumer services at Agriculture, said that Congress previously approved limited funding for pilot programs to test the effectiveness of the payments. But the coronavirus relief package allowed it to be rolled out nationwide.

Besides the food aid, the relief package allowed parents to receive roughly \$250 a month starting in July for each child between the ages of 6 and 17. Qualifying families with a child under 6 would receive \$300 monthly. The payments are part of an enhanced child tax credit that would expire at the end of this year, according to the terms of the most recent coronavirus relief package.

President Joe Biden plans to extend the monthly payments through 2025. The extension would be part of a multitrillion-dollar plan that he intends to announce in a joint address to Congress.

Democratic lawmakers have called for making the enhanced tax credit permanent, with Sens. Michael Bennet of Colorado, Sherrod Brown of Ohio and Cory Booker of New Jersey and Reps. Rosa DeLauro of Connecticut, Suzan DelBene of Washington state and Ritchie Torres of New York issuing a statement last week.

"Expansion of the child tax credit is the most significant policy to come out of Washington in generations, and Congress has an historic opportunity to provide a lifeline to the middle class and to cut child poverty in half on a permanent basis," the April 20 statement said.

When the school year ends, children have traditionally shifted to other forms of food aid such as the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, also known as SNAP. Yet administration officials said that summer feeding programs tend to reach less than 20% of the number served during the school year.

Children could qualify for the new summer benefit if they are eligible to receive free or reduced-price meals during the school year or if they are under age 6 and live in a SNAP household. Children already on SNAP would get the benefits as a supplement to what they already receive.

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SECTION B

Thursday, May 20, 2021

Family repurposes 1920s livestock barn as event center

Illinois Correspondent

CHILLICOTHE, Ill. — A central Illinois farm family has lovingly restored their 4,500 square foot cattle barn, originally built in the 1920s, as a wedding and reception venue.

When the 1980s farm economic crisis and Father Time let Clinton Nauman know it was time to phase out his family's livestock operation, the Chillicothe producer scaled back his farm production to around 200 acres of row crops. After Nauman retired from farming a few years back, the 30-foot peaked barn, built from oak beams harvested from the surrounding farmland, stood largely unused.

In 2019, Clinton's granddaughter Ashley Nauman decided the barn and surrounding land offered the ideal backdrop for her wedding to Joel Gollnitz. After successfully hosting the wedding at the barn in September of that year, the family had the idea to transform the property into a multi-purpose venue capable of hosting groups of 200-250 people for weddings, family reunions, social clubs, fundraisers, showers, parties, and work outings.

The Naumans held a grand opening to showcase the renovated barn and property in late April, attended by hundreds of area residents eager to spend a beautiful spring day on the farm. The occasion also provided





Above: A knotted pine corn crib was converted into a "ready room" for brides holding their big event at Top of the Hill Farm.

plenty of opportunities for the family to reflect on their farming heyday.

"In 1963 we had some pigs out here, some registered Angus cattle and some chickens," recalled Joe Nauman, 58, the youngest of five children of Clinton and the late Mickie Nauman. "When mom and dad bought the property in 1959 there were just under 300 acres of land, but plots have been sold off and now there are about 140 tillable acres. It was a common occurrence to come home from school and have chores to do, including feeding cattle and chickens, baling hay, or grinding

having constructed his home on the neighbor who produces row crops. property near his mom and dad's. He recalled how the family slowly drifted away from farming: "In the mid 80's when all my siblings began to move away and it got to the point it wasn't profitable to have livestock in the pasture, we stopped with the registered angus. We would just go buy a steer or two and feed them out for our own use," he said. "By the early 1990s we had stopped buying steers entirely, but dad was still grain farming as recently as five or six years ago."

Today the Nauman farmland is

Joe Nauman remains on the farm, rented out on a cash basis to a The vacated barn, the farm's iconic windmill and quaint corn crib, and the beautiful farm property presented a perfect setting for a multi-purpose venue attractive to groups desiring to escape the city and enjoy a rural, pastoral setting for their events and celebrations, the family began to

"The seed was planted in 2016 or 2017 when we held a farm auction to auction off the equipment. That was the first time we used the cattle barn

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Poor Will's Almanack

The Moon and Sun

The Cottonwood Cotton Moon entered its second quarter on May 19 at 2:13 p.m. and reaches perigee, its position closest to Earth, at 9 p.m. on May 25; it becomes full at 6:14 a.m. on May 26. Full moon so close to perigee creates Supermoon conditions. A partial eclipse of this moon will be visible beginning a little before 5 a.m. and ending a little after 6 a.m. in the Ohio Valley.

The Sun enters Gemini on May 20, reaching a declination of 20 degrees and nine minutes, that's almost 90 percent of the way to summer solstice.

Weather Trends

A Supermoon on May 25-26 will definitely bring frost to the northern tier of states and threaten the country to the 40th Parallel. Be ready to protect tender flowers and vegetables that you have set out in the mild days of middle May.

Zeitgebers

(Events in Nature that Tell the Time of Year)

The emerging season for the 17-year cicadas (with their distinctive reddish bodies) continues in locations throughout the Ohio Valley. Watch for the cicadas to swarm during the next two weeks, buzzing in their mating frenzy.

Spring crickets sing and snapping turtles lay their eggs. Crappie fishing peaks in the shallows. Young squirrels are half grown. Locust flowers fall as the high canopy slowly closes in overhead. Black walnuts, silver olives and oaks become the other major sources of pollen.

Cedar waxwings migrate north as the last buckeye flowers fall. The first June bug clings to the screen door when the first firefly glows in the lawn and river grass is knee high.

Evergreens have four to six inches of new growth. Sycamore and ginkgo leaves are half size, and the rest of the maples fill in. Tall meadow rue and thistles have grown over the tops of your boot now in the wetlands and fields, pacing the angelica. Wild strawberries wander, bright yellow, through the purple ivy and the sticky catchweed.

Mind and Body

The S.A.D. Index, which measures seasonal stress on a scale from 1 to 100, climbs slowly through the 20s into the low 30s this week. However, the waxing moon, full on the 26th, is the only force that might cause seasonal affective disruptions.

In the Field and Garden

In an average year, two-thirds of the region's field corn has been planted, and almost half is emerged. Put in peppers, cantaloupes and cucumbers under the waxing moon, but be prepared to protect them from frost.

Farmers have normally planted four out of 10 soybeans by now. Almost all of the commercial potatoes are in the ground, along with half of the processing tomatoes. About a fifth of the winter wheat has headed in an average year.

Flea beetles come feeding in the vegetable garden when white clover blooms in the yard. Armyworms and

corn borers are hard at work in the

Journal: Finding the 17-Year Cicadas

Entering woods at about 5 o'clock in the afternoon, I made my way along the path above

the river. About a hundred feet or so from the road, I saw one of the telltale brown hulls of the nymphs from which the adult cicadas of

Brood X would emerge. I walked a little farther, found half a dozen nymph shells hanging to the underside of hickory and honeysuckle leaves, then more on buckeye, elm, garlic mustard and sweet Cicely.

By Bill Felker

Then I found the elusive magicicadas themselves. They were resting quietly all around, waiting for me. They were an inch or two in length. Their wings were shiny and gold, their eyes red, their bodies black.

I approached them slowly, carefully stepping off the trail and entering the inner sanctum of their habitat. I reached down and touched one on the back, then stroked its soft wings. The creature remained still, seemed completely unafraid and accepted my caress as though it had been expecting my curiosity.

I went deeper into the green waisthigh world of touch-me-nots and nettle, and the cicadas allowed me to observe and handle them there, confident, perhaps, in their great numbers (my sources suggested there could be up to a million of them in the small forest glade I was exploring).

With only slight encouragement, one climbed up on my index finger and looked at me benignly while I studied its angelic wings, and wondered at its docility and its trust. In a week, I whispered to my guest, all of this soundless, contemplative, prepubescent innocence would be gone. He (if he were a he) would be mad with lust, loud and frantic, charging into trees and automobiles or plunging into the river. And she (if she were a she) would be watching, listening, waiting, loving the grand display.

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orms (and rain) in the Indiana, Ohio forecast

By Doug Graves Ohio Correspondent

LAFAYETTE, Ind. - April showers bring May....worms?

Indeed. At least entomologists in the Eastern Corn Belt are warning growers to be alert for black cutworm and armyworm infestations in corn, soybean and wheat fields as soon as mid-May, based on high moth counts in some Midwest states.

"Cutworm moths arrived early in the Midwest this year," said DTN entomologist Dr. Scott Williams. "Both cutworm and armyworm moths are snowbirds. They don't much care for Midwest winters and spend the coldest months in southern states, all the way down to the Gulf. They rely on spring storm systems to migrate back up into the Midwest each year.'

Entomologists in the tri-state region of Ohio, Indiana and Kentucky have been on the lookout for these pests.

"We've been collecting these pests in our expanded trapping this year," said



Above: Black cutworms feed on many host plants, including a broad range of weeds. They are perfectly happy without corn and their favorite is chickweed. (photo courtesy Purdue University)

Andy Michel, associate professor of entomology and associate director for the Center for Applied Plant Sciences at The Ohio State University. "The true armyworms feed on wheat before moving on young, late-planted corn. Black cutworm can feed on young corn and even completely cut plants. The moths of these pests migrate from the south and lay eggs in April and May."

True armyworms prefer to lay eggs in wheat and even grassy cover crops like rye whereas black cutworms tend to lay eggs in weedy fields, especially those with chickweed or purple deadnettle. "Infestations are really hard to predict, and the best way to prevent damage is by scouting," Michel said.

While Indiana, Ohio and Kentucky have been inundated by rains the past few weeks, precipitation is not the root cause for the influx in these pests.

"The likelihood of black cutworm being a problem is not really a function of rain, but more of the weather fronts that may or may not have brought cutworm adult moths with them earlier this year," said Christian Krupke, field crops extension entomologist at Purdue University. "We are past the big influx of adult moths at this point. The prior trap captures indicate that we may have some high pressure in parts of the state."

According to Krupke, the freezing temperatures (and snow) in mid-April spurred an increase in the black cutworm and armyworm moth activity.

"The dramatic swings in temperatures we've had are an annoyance to us, but to an insect dependent on heat accumulations for development, it may be the difference between minor damage to a wide-spread outbreak," he said. "In other words, egg-laying and hatching of these pests may have occurred, but it will be a couple of weeks before we know



Above: Armyworms feast on corn, wheat and fields that have a grassy cover. (photo courtesy Purdue University)

row and small grain crops. This is why we monitor for moth arrival, and intensity of captures, coupled with temperatures to track their development.

"Black cutworms feed on many host plants, including a broad range of weeds. They are perfectly happy without corn, although cool temperatures and slow-growing plants increase the risk. Along with high trap captures, weedy fields, especially chickweed, are the areas to prioritize with scouting. The younger the plants, the more vulnerable they are to cutting. Leaf notching damage can be caused by earlier instars of cutworms and are not as much of a concern. Cut plants are evidence of large larvae in the field."

A single black cutworm larva is capable of cutting approximately four corn plants during its lifetime, depending on the size of the plants. They are especially attracted to chickweed. Black cutworms sometimes drag cut plants under dirt clods or into small holes in the soil to

the full extent of this year's threat to our continue their feeding. They usually feed at night or during overcast days.

> Female armyworms lay eggs in grasses including wheat, where eggs hatch over two weeks. As the larvae grow, they can defoliate wheat plants and lead to yield loss. Armyworms can also cause damage to corn that is planted into wheat fields or other fields that have a grassy cover.

> "There is a variety of insecticides out there and we don't recommend any particular product," Krupke said. "The key action for producers and consultants to take is scouting of vulnerable fields. Insecticidal seed treatments should not be relied upon for control, especially now that many fields have had so much rainfall. For scouting corn seedlings, look for notches showing leaf feeding and then dig around the base of the plants to confirm that the pest in present and feeding on the crop. Don't wait for cut plants to act. Those larger larvae are harder to kill and cut plants obviously cannot recover. The damage is already done at that

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Poultry losses from Covid-19 are definitely not chicken feed

By Stan Maddux **Indiana Correspondent**

Poultry farmers across the country were not cackling when they were paid less per chicken in 2020 due to Covid-19.

Fortunately, government pandemic relief subsidies to farmers made up for some of the drop in revenue.

According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service under USDA, the combined value of production from broilers, eggs and chicken nationwide decreased 11-percent from 2019.

The overall drop for poultry was higher in some states like Kentucky which experienced a 19-percent combined loss of value, according to NASS.

According to NASS, proceeds from the sale of broilers, eggs and chickens in Kentucky fell from \$1.1 billion in 2019 to \$856 million last year.

Separately, 299 million broilers were produced in Kentucky which was just slightly down from the previous year.

However, the total value of all broilers produced in the state was \$709 million or 24-percent less than in 2019.

Just over five million chickens in Kentucky went for slaughter in 2020 which was up four-percent.

However, the total amount of revenue in sales for chickens dropped from \$1.16 million in 2019 to \$614,000 last year, according to NASS.

David Knopf, Regional Director at the USDA-NASS Field Office at Louisville, said chickens in the statistical report are former layers used for meat consumption.

Broilers are raised from the beginning strictly for meat, he said.

Jamie Guffey, Executive Director of the Kentucky Poultry Federation, said the drop in per head price had a lot to do with restaurants closing or restricted to drive up and delivery because of the pandemic.

He said the amount of chicken sold to grocery stores increased from more people eating at home but that didn't offset the total drop in revenue because chickens used at restaurants are sold at a premium.

"You go to Walmart and you buy a six pack of chicken breasts. What's it cost

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you? You go to Logan's Roadhouse and you get a chicken breast dinner. What does that cost you,"? Guffey said.

Egg producers in 2020 fared much better financially.

According to NASS, there were 112 billion eggs produced nationwide which was one-percent less than 2019.

However, total money collected in sales from those eggs increased by 18-percent to \$8.6 billion. According to NASS, the 1.6 billion eggs produced in Kentucky was an increase of sevenpercent from the previous year.

The same eggs were valued at \$146 million or 19-percent more than the amount produced in 2019.

Guffey said the price of eggs shot up during the first three months of the pandemic from people stockpiling at the grocery stores.

He said egg prices were also not impacted as much from the decline in restaurant sales because of the popularity and presence of eggs in food available on drive-up menus.

"Most egg consumption is at quick service restaurants," Guffey said.

In 2020, Kentucky was 7th in broiler production behind Texas, Mississippi, North Carolina, Arkansas, Alabama and Georgia, according to NASS.

Georgia was the largest producer of broilers at 1.3 billion. About the same amount of broilers were produced by Georgia in 2019 but the total value dropped from \$4 billion to just under \$3 billion, according to NASS.

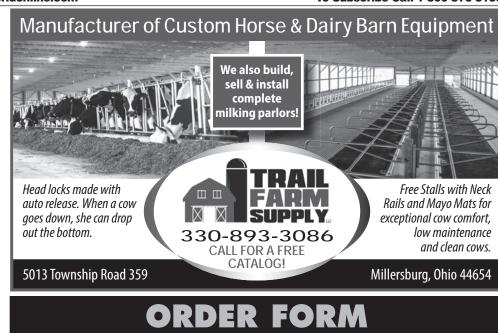
Georgia ranked third in total chicken production at 25 million, trailing Indiana and Iowa which combined produced 71 million broilers and former layers, NASS

According to NASS, Iowa and Indiana along with Ohio produce about onethird of the eggs nationwide.

Guffey said chicken farmers would have felt a real financial pinch had it not been for the government COVID-19 relief money covering of the losses.

"We're hopeful things will continue to increase in 2021 in terms of 100-percent seating capacity and change in purchasing habits," Guffey said.

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for an event, and I made the comment that someone could have a wedding in there," said Gollnitz. "Little did I know that in January of 2019 I would get engaged on the family vacation, and by the time that weekend was over my family had all the plans for a barn wedding underway. In March we began cleaning the barn."

Renovations included thorough cleansing of walls, beams, and other woodwork, along with some concrete work. Nauman siblings, cousins and spouses, and neighbors all pitched in, working every weekend that summer to clean and pressure wash every square inch of the barn. They created an "open concept" look, with a rustic loft overlooking the main level and a crystal chandelier providing a portion of the barn's lighting.

A courtyard was added to the rear of the barn and an old. knotty-pine corn crib was turned into a "ready room" for the bride. A built-in stage and pub area was also installed, along with an outdoor fire pit and social-style picnic tables. Though not all the amenities had been completed, the barn and compound were ready to host the Gollnitz's nuptials by September 2019.

"After we had our wedding with lots of family friends and neighbors, we started to get calls about using the barn for this or that. The family had no intentions of opening the barn as an event venue, but suddenly we had to seriously consider running it as a business," Ashley said.

The family decided to name their fledgling enterprise Top of the Hill Farm Event Venue and Gathering Place, a name derived from a wooden sign leftover from the mid-1960s declaring the property Nauman's Angus Top of the Hill Farm. The family showed livestock under that moniker at county 4-H fairs. "Mom and dad were both leaders for the 4-H Club, and my siblings and I were all very active," said Nauman. "We grew up on 4-H projects from gardening to livestock."

Top of the Hill Farm is located at 21427 N. Benedict Street, one mile northwest of Chillicothe (Peoria County). For information on renting the barn for an event, call (309) 966-8079 or visit www.topofthehilleventbarn. com.



Above: The Nauman family of Peoria County, III., lovingly renovated their circa 1920s cattle barn, transforming the 4,500 square foot barn into Top of the Hill Farm Event Venue and Gathering Place. (Tim Alexander photos)



Above: The Nauman cattle barn was built with solid oak beams harvested from surrounding woodland, featuring a restored loft and a 30 ft apex. The multipurpose venue can now host groups of up to 250.

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Deadly parasite detected in wild swans and geese

Wildlife officials have confirmed the presence of a parasitic flatworm in wild swans from Wolf Lake in Lake County. Diagnostic testing was conducted at the U.S. Geological Survey's (USGS) National Wildlife Health Center in Madison, Wis.

Mute swans examined by the USGS had fatal infections of the intestinal parasite Sphaeridiotrema globulus. The parasite causes death

in many species of waterfowl, including swans, diving ducks and coots. Lead testing was also performed on the swans and results were within the range of nontoxic background levels.

Dead Canada geese were collected from the same area. The cause of death of the Canada geese could not be determined, despite extensive testing. The geese tested negative for bacterial and viral infection, lead poisoning, heavy metals, salt toxicity, botulism and toxic organic compounds. All birds tested negative for avian influenza.

"Wildlife disease investigations can be challenging, especially when multiple factors, including adverse weather conditions, may be involved," said USGS scientist Julia Lankton. "While we could not confirm a cause of mortality for the Canada geese, we are glad that the mortality event seems to have resolved and dead birds are no longer being reported."

Peak mortality in Canada geese was observed over a period of approximately a week in late February after a period of severe cold weather, and deaths subsided in early March. Mute swan deaths were not observed until early March.

"The DNR, together with state, federal and private partners, has been monitoring migratory bird populations in the area, and mortality seems to have subsided," said Mitch Marcus, fish & wildlife health supervisor for the Indiana DNR Division of Fish & Wildlife.

The parasite infecting the swans poses no known risk to humans, pets or the commercial poultry industry. Snails consumed by swans and other waterfowl serve as an intermediate host for the parasite. Infected birds may appear weak or unable to fly and often die. Control measures have not been developed for the parasite, and waterfowl deaths may recur on a regular basis.

Animals known or suspected to be ill should not be consumed. Anyone who sees sick or dead wildlife is encouraged to report it to the DNR using the online reporting tool at on.IN. gov/sickwildlife.

DNR seeks to fill Indiana Conservation Officer positions

The Indiana DNR Division of Law Enforcement is looking for highly motivated, outdoor-centered individuals to fill Indiana Conservation Officer (ICO) positions across the state.

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> Kayaker rescued from Mississinewa River

On May 10, Indiana Conservation Officers responded and rescued a kayaker in distress from the Mississinewa River. At 12:55 p.m., officers responded to a call from Grant County Dispatch of a stranded kayaker on the river. It was reported the kayaker's craft had capsized and he was clinging to a branch.

Paul Bryant, 52, of Converse, was kayaking on the river, which is at elevated levels due to recent rains. Bryant's kayak struck an overhanging tree branch causing it to capsize. Bryant, who was wearing a Personal Flotation Device (PFD), was able to grab a tree branch and hold on until rescuers arrived.

Conservation Officers, with the assistance of the Marion Fire Department, were able to launch a boat and reach Bryant. Bryant was transported to shore and checked by medical personnel before being released.

Conservation Officers would like to remind the public of the importance of wearing a PFD and using sound discretion before launching any boat in high water.

Other responding agencies included Grant County Sheriff's Department, Indiana State Police, Marion Police Department, Marion Fire, Washington TWP Fire, Van Buren Fire and Marion General Hospital EMS.

Readers can contact the author by writing to this publication, or e-mail to jackspaulding@hughes. net. Spaulding's books, "The Best of Spaulding Outdoors," and his latest, "The Coon Hunter And The Kid," are available from Amazon.com.

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Game birds were the final topic in a series of webinars presented by Abbi Sampson, MA, RD, LD, a health and human sciences educator Purdue University



Extension in Putnam County on safely handling and cooking wild game. Game birds offer a different challenge to hunters, but the reward is a delicious meal if the meat is handled properly at each step of the process. Sampson said waterfowl is healthy and is a lean source of protein, iron, vitamins and minerals. It has less fat and a lot of nutritional benefits. This week Cook Simply offers recipes featuring five different types of wild game birds. They give hunters a tasty way to celebrate a successful harvest. Enjoy and until next time, simply cook.

Duck with Apples and Raisins

- 2 mallard ducks
- 6 medium tangy apples
- 1 cup raisins
- 4 strips bacon
- 4 Tbs. ham or bacon drippings

1 tsp. mixed pickling spices

Rub ducks inside and out with salt, place breast up on a rack in a roaster. Quarter the apples, stuff several pieces and a small handful of raisins into each duck, pin a strip of bacon across each breast.

Put the rest of the apples and raisins and the pickling spices around the ducks, add the ham or bacon fat. Add a mixture of one part wine and three parts water to come about halfway up the ducks. Cover and bake at 300 for 1.5 hours. Remove lid and bake in a hot oven (450) till brown – about ½ hour. When properly cooked, the meat should readily come away from the breast and rib bones - the breast, wing and leg one each side coming away in one piece.

Source: Cy Littlebee's Guide to Cooking Fish & Game

Pheasant with Kraut

2 pheasants

1 ½ tsp. salt

Dash of pepper

2 slices bacon

2 Tbs. butter

 $1 \frac{1}{2}$ pounds sauerkraut

½ c. white wine

1 c. dived pineapple

1 Tbs. flour

until brown. Place in casserole. Drain sauerkraut, mix with wine and pineapple and surround the birds. Cover and cook slowly for one hour. When birds are done remove from the kraut, remove bacon and place

warm а dish. serving Stir flour into kraut and cook a few minutes. Serve the kraut with the birds. This should take

care of 3-4 hunters.

Source: Cy Littlebee's Guide to Cooking Fish & Game

Roast Wild Goose

1 wild goose

Salt and pepper 1 Tbs. vinegar

1 onion

Flour

2 Tbs. butter

Clean goose well, season with salt, pepper and vinegar. Place onion in cavity. Let stand overnight. Remove onion, dredge goose with flour, and place in roasting pan in a moderate oven (350). Roast until browned, 15-20 minutes per pound, basting often with butter and juices in the pan. Goose may be filled with stuffing if

Source: Cy Littlebee's Guide to Cooking Fish & Game

Wild Goose with Garlic Dressing

1 dressed wild goose (about 8

Giblets from goose

3 quarts stale bread

2 large cloves garlic (finely minced)

1 large onion (finely minced)

½ tsp. ground oregano 1 tsp. ground sage

Salt and pepper to taste

Boil giblets until tender. Remove skin from gizzard and heart, and mince all giblets. Combine with other dressing ingredients. Moisten with giblets stock and stuff bird. Roast covered at 325 degrees for 4 hours. Remove lid and roast another half hour.

Source: Cy Littlebee's Guide to Cooking Fish & Game

Ouail and Mushrooms

6 quail

1 heaping Tbs. butter

1 tsp. chopped parsley

1 tsp. chopped onion

1 Tbs. flour

1 can mushroom and liquid

1 c. sherry

½ tsp. pepper

½ tsp. salt

Tabasco to taste

Brown quail in separate skillet Rinse birds, season lightly inside before adding other ingredients. and out with salt and pepper. Place Place breast down in sauce, simmer bacon slice on each breast, sauté ½ hour or until tender. To make birds in butter for 15 minutes or sauce, sauté until brown parsley and onion. Add flour and brown. Then add mushrooms and liquid, sherry, salt and pepper. Cook thoroughly.

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Above: This first time mom gave birth in the pasture instead of coming into the barn, meaning the shepherdess had to go out and collect them.

Bringing in lambs from pasture

In my last article I spoke about lambing your flock on pasture and did not recommend it. However, sometimes circumstances are such that it happens and can't be prevented.

As I write this article in mid-May, I am in the midst of spring lambing a group of 60 very pregnant ewes. I have run out of hay and it is still too early to start haying again with the frequent rains, so I have turned the flock out to pasture. My mature ewes are in the habit of grazing in the morning and then returning to the barn for safety and shade to relax and chew their cud about noon each day. My mature ewes prefer to lamb close to the barn or in the barn which makes it quite convenient for me to collect the ewes and newborns and put them in safe lambing pens for a few days.

Well, yesterday the entire crowd of sheep came to the barn at noon as usual - except for three that stayed out in the field. Aha! Red flag! So, I got on my little Mahindra 26 HP tractor and went out there to check on them. Two were lying close together. One had just shelled out twins and was cleaning them off and the one next to her was pushing. The third young ewe was standing some distance away but had



successfully lambed a pretty brown and white ewe lamb. I decided to leave them alone for a while and went to the house for lunch

Next I checked the barn. Three of the ewes that had returned from pasture were in the process of birthing in the barn. Good. Those would be easy to collect and pen. Now to attempt to collect the ones on pasture. As it turned out after checking their eartags later, the three ewes lambing on pasture were all first timer young ewes. That figures. They hadn't learned the routine yet.

Normally when a ewe lambs out on pasture she does not want to leave the spot where she has lambed. Plus if there are other sheep near her she doesn't want to leave her friends. With all the predators around now - including coyotes and the black headed vultures that will attack newborns and vulnerable livestock - I will not leave newborns out in the field over night. So I use a dog crate placed in the bucket of my tractor and go out to the field and place the lambs in the dog crate and slowly back the tractor to the barn keeping the bucket low to the ground so the mama sheep can see her lambs and she usually follows them right along up to the safety of the barn. I said usually. Well, this group of three new mothers didn't get the message. Sometimes first-time mothers can be

I started off putting the newborn twins (from the black and white ewe) in the dog cage and backing up for the barn. She followed a few feet and then kept running back to the other two ewes. So I ended up taking the twins up to the barn without their mother, put them in a pen awaiting their mother, and went back for the others. I then put the remaining two lambs (singles) in the dog cage and headed for the barn, backing up so their mothers could see their lambs leaving the premises. Finally, the three hysterical mothers began following me to the barn. It was a lot of work, but I finally got all three new mothers safely to the barn and in their pens with their babies and all was well again.

Happy quiet mamas and happy nursing safe lambs. No feed for the vultures or coyotes tonight, thank you very much. Not going to happen on this Shepherdess's watch.

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EIA reported in Tennessee horses

NASHVILLE, Tenn. - The Tennessee state veterinarian is alerting horse owners of cases of equine infectious anemia (EIA), a potentially fatal blood-borne illness.

Two horses in Shelby County, Tenn. recently tested positive for EIA. The stable is now under quarantine and animal health officials are testing additional horses on the premises.

"EIA is a devastating illness with serious consequences," State Veterinarian Dr. Samantha Beaty said. "Early detection is key to preventing the spread. Maintaining a current Coggins test on your horse is vitally important, along with practicing good biosecurity at home and on the road."

EIA does not cause disease in humans. However, it is very dangerous for horses because there is no vaccine or treatment. As a blood-borne illness, it is commonly transmitted through biting insects or sharing needles among horses. Symptoms may include fever, lethargy, swelling, loss of appetite, or colic. However, an infected horse may not show any clinical signs. If infected, horses must be permanently quarantined or euthanized.

State law requires a yearly Coggins test to check for the presence of EIA before any horse is transported from its home farm to a different location. Horse owners should consult with their veterinarian to establish a schedule for Coggins tests.

Tips to prevent EIA infection and spread include:

- Separate symptomatic horses and contact your veterinarian immediately.
- Do not share surgical or dental equipment that are contaminated with blood or debris between horses.
 - · Keep the area in and around

your barn clean and dry to reduce the insect population.

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FEATURING: 1992 Kubota B20, 4x4, Diesel, Backhoe w/loader bucket & tiller, utility tractor, Large GAS & OIL COLLECTION & COLLLECTIBLE items that inc's A RESTORED VISABLE GAS PUMP & SUNOCO Gas pump, ECO TIRE AIR FLATOR, 1 quart oil dispenser, many other oil dispensers, cans & bottles, etc. Mainly Texaco theme but others, several gas & railroad porcelain signs, DeKalb seed sign, Large Coca-Cola collection of smalls & Signs that also includes SEVERAL Original restored Coke bottle machines & coolers no 2 alike. Several neon Bar lights inc a custom made Squirt pop lighted clock sign, Vintage tobacco cigar lighter & cutter, Joe Camel large double-sided sign & other related memorabilia, Scales featuring a Restored Stimpson Computing Scale, Toledo pan scale & others, Vintage 3-cup Hamilton Beach Malt Maker, Chain saw carved bears & Ig. bench, Sev. vintage store dispensers, etc. Oak Bin Store counter cabinet, Vintage Oak cash registers, Vintage PEDESTAL watercoolers & ICE TEA DISPENSER, Swivel glass Display cabinet, Barrister cabinet, several feet of Pallet Racking & other rollaway Racks, never used **Craftsman newer model Table** saw w/attachments on rollaway cabinet, **5' Big Boy Display**, Railroad collectible items, many other useful & collectible items too numerous to mention. SEE PHOTOS and get into this event by go2wegenerauctions.com.











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Where are you on the urban/rural interface Don't you hate it when snobs use Just when you think you

twenty-dollar words when nickel ones will do? My least favorite words at the moment are metrosexual, shapewear and paradigm. In reading a couple books recently I had to grab the dictionary to find out what "disputations" and "usufructs" were.

Now you can add to that list "the urban/rural interface." Suddenly it's the place to be. If you're a bit nebulous, ambiguous or equivocal about what we're talking about I have put together a circular and will be your docent as we reconnoiter this anomalous land called the urban/rural interface.

If a horse is your daily driver you belong on the rural side of the interface, but if "horse" is a game played on asphalt schoolyards in your neighborhood with a basketball you definitely belong on the urban side of the line.

If there is only five inches of drywall and Douglas Fir separating you from your closest neighbor I think it's obvious on which side of the line you fall. Likewise if you are telling someone how to get to your abode and it sounds something like this: "Get off the freeway at 23rd street, turn left onto 10th and you'll see several huge apartment complexes. I live in the only one on your right that hasn't been fire-bombed. Using the phone by the entrance to my apartment building you'll get a code from me then go up 40 stories and I'm in 40017. Granted, it's not the best neighborhood in town but it's only \$4,700 a month! I know, I know, I'm one lucky inhabitant. By the way, it's probably best to come during daylight hours. And bring mace or pepper spray."

If you can't see your nearest neighbor and he or she is in a different zip or area code you definitely fall on the rural side of the interface. Ditto if directions to your ranch sound something like this: "Go through a town called Dirty Socks about five miles and you'll see a big cottonwood tree. Turn right. When you run out of pavement it's still another two miles.

Just when you think you're lost you'll come to a big heavy green panel that acts as a gate. Make sure you close it behind you. You'll see our house at the end of the dirt road. Be sure to call ahead so we can chain up the dogs and unload the shotgun."

It's the Pitts By Lee Pitts

If you fall in the "urban" category you work out at a gym, eat foie gras at an

expensive restaurant called "The Parts House," drive an electric car or bike, hear sirens and gun fire all night, the tallest building snuffs out the sun, all the fences are 6 feet of chain link with rolls of concertina wire on top to keep the criminals out, and you suffer from something called "urban survival syndrome."

If, on the other hand, you live in what used to be called "the country" you work out at work, there's no vegetarian or vegan entree at the auction market cafe, the parts house is where the wife goes to buy expensive tractor or truck parts, you hear covotes at night and more and more the blood curdling cry of the wolf. You drive a combine, horse or 4-wheeler to work, all your fences have five wires to keep your cows in, the tallest building in town is either a silo or a water tower painted in high school colors complete with a mascot welcoming everyone to town, and you don't suffer from any type of survival syndrome because you have a big safe full of firearms with loads of ammunition.

The word "hunting" means different things to folks on either side of the urban/rural interface. On the urban side of the interface people "hunt" for parking spaces while on the rural side they hunt for dinner. To urban residents the letters BLM stand for Black Lives Matter while on the rural side of the interface they stand for Bureau of Land Management. The two organizations have several characteristics in common and are both sworn enemies of those falling on the rural side of the interface.

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DIRT BIKES: 2020 Husky 250F w/only 19 hrs; 2018 KTM 250F; both of these Bikes are racing bikes.

SHOP TOOLS: Icon Toolbox 20-Drawer w/attached side cabinet: US General 5-Drawer Box Roll-Around Toolbox; Bolt Bin w/108 Drawers; Large Shop Air Compressor; Miller Bobcat 225 Plus Welder & Generator; Shelving; Stihl MS271 Chain Saw; Stihl MS311 Chain Saw; Stihl RB600 Pressure Washer; Stihl RB400 Pressure Washer; Stihl SE62 Shop Vac; Stihl BG55 Blower; DeWALT Chop Saw; DeWALT SawZall; DeWALT Angle Grinder; DeWALT Circular Saw; DeWALT 18-Volt Drills; DeWALT Battery Grease Gun; DeWALT Jigsaw; DeWALT Sander; Milwaukee SawZall; (2) Floor Jacks; Bottle Jacks; Jack Stands; Ratchet Bind-

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lan Ryan; Ozzie Smith; Pete Rose; Cal Ripkin Jr.; Hank Aaron: George Brett; Joe Morgan; Roger Clemens; Mike Schmidt; NFL 1992 Collector Cards Sealed Box; 1990 Bowman Complete Set; 1988 Baseball Puzzle Cards; Plus lots more.

Sets; Belt Sander; Jigsaw; Electric Drill; Bolt Cutters;

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SIGNS AND BANNERS: Miller Lite Beer Sign; Coor's

Light Beer Sign; Foster's Beer Sign; Pabst Blue Ribbon

Light; Martini & Ross Neon Sign; Monster Drink Sign;

HOUSEHOLD: Sectional Couch; Flat Screen TV's; Bookshelf; Whiskey Decanters; Ducks; Bamboo Lights;

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2015 MF 5613, 999 Hrs., 16 Spd. w/LH Rev., 3 Rem., MF 946 SL Ldr., **\$64,800**



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2013 Challenger MT655D, 2573 Hrs., CVT Trans., 5 Rem., 3 Pt. Hyd. w/PT0, **\$115,000**



2004 Buhler Versatile 2145, 4237 Hrs., 18x9 PS Trans., Super Steer, 3 Elec. Rem., R&P Axle, \$62,500



2009 Agco RT 110A, 1942 Hrs., 24x24 Dyna w/LH Rev., 1 Owner, 4 Rem., **\$58,500**



1998 Agco 8765, 1338 hrs., 12x4 Trans., 3 Rem., Joystick Cont., Quickie X41 Ldr., **\$32,500**



2008 NH T6050, 1163 Hrs, PS w/LH Rev., \$59,500



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NH TS100, 4269 Hrs., Power Shift, JUST IN!



2009 JD 850J, 1336 Hrs., 1 Owner, Completely Serviced, \$65,000



2015 Wacker Neuson 8085T, 2850 Hrs., 4x4 All Wheel Steer, 2 Spd. Trans., Joystick Cont., 72" Hyd. QA Bkt., \$54,500



2017 JD 330G, 417 Hrs., 91HP, Joystick Cont., Backup Camera, \$44,800



2017 Gradall D152, 17,603 Mi., 2268 Hrs., 2017 Freightliner M2 4x2 Chassis, Auto, 36" Bkt., \$129,500



2018 Kobelco SK350LC-10, 2995 Hrs., 2 Spd., Aux. Hyd, Strickland QA, 52" Bkt., 1 Owner, **\$159,500**



2019 Hyundai HX160L, 554 Hrs., 2 Spd., 128HP, Pilot Control, 36" Bkt., **\$112,500**



2012 Komatsu PC290LC, 4232 Hrs., 32" Pads, 44" Bkt., Manual Thumb, **\$98,500**



2013 Bandit 3000T, 305 Hrs., 2 Spd. Hydro. Trans., 18" Tracks, **\$136,500**



2010 CAT 2EP6000, 2397 Hrs., 1 Owner, Side Shift, Power Pallet Fork, 60" Forks, **\$14,500**



2012 Volvo G940B, 2282 Hrs. 1883 Grader Hrs., 14' Blade, \$98,500



1985 CAT 621B Scraper, 428 Act. Hrs.,



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