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Solar debate heating up in Ohio, Indiana

By Doug Graves  
Ohio Correspondent

COLUMBUS, Ohio – Roughly 10 years ago when solar power first showed its face in the rural parts of Ohio and Indiana, there was no brush back, no protests. Solar power was relatively new and those in the rural communities of the state never thought solar power would gain strength or pose any problems to their peaceful rural setting.

Now, solar power has people divided. Some landowners and farmers see solar power as an opportunity to diversify income. Others are concerned about the competitive strain it could put on trying to acquire farmland.

“There are a lot of mixed feelings about this. Solar power is huge here in Ohio and it is growing,” said Brandon Kern, of Ohio Farm Bureau. “I think we have probably a dozen projects in various stages of development in terms of utility scale solar development. You have another element of concern out there about what level of local engagement is appropriate for community members to have input into the process for where these utility scale developments get sited. We certainly understand all of those dynamics. We’re working through a lot of these issues.”

Last month the USDA Rural Development announced that it was investing \$487 million in critical infrastructure for communities in 45 states, and several projects are funded in Ohio. USDA is making the investments under the Water and Environmental Program, the Rural Energy for America Program, the Electric Loan Program and the Higher Blends Infrastructure Incentive Program.

“The investments will not only aid agricultural producers and rural small business owners save energy and improve their bottom line, it is also helping to reduce pollution, create jobs and promote economically vibrant rural communities,” said USDA Ohio Rural Development acting state director Beth Huhn.

Through the Rural Energy for America Program, for example, the Southeast Ohio Public Energy Council (based in Athens) will receive a \$100,000 grant to provide free solar assessments to rural business and farmers throughout Ohio. At least 100 assessments are expected to be completed within a 12-month period. The council will assist 50 farmers, 101 businesses and 50 small businesses.

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**Below:** Solar panels like these will likely continue to dot the Ohio and Indiana landscape as more and more solar power companies intrude on the rural landscape. (photo submitted)



**Above:** These goats and a cow seem to be saying, “nothing to see here, move along.” They were spotted in Clinton County, Ind. Photo by Leondia Walchle.

Sustainable ag partnership eyeing zero-carbon future

By Tim Alexander  
Illinois Correspondent

DEKALB, Ill. – Tenets of the Illinois Sustainable Agriculture Partnership’s (ISAP) mission to improve soil health and mitigate nutrient loss on farm fields are exemplified as part of President Joe Biden’s executive order to greatly reduce carbon emissions from U.S. industries, including agriculture, by 2030.

A look at ISAP’s recent “Theory of Change” mission statement, which was culled from a series of discussions with partners last year, shows how ISAP’s current goals are closely aligned with helping producers voluntarily meet the tenets of the Illinois Nutrient Loss Reduction Strategy – while making sure farmers benefit from being a part of the climate solution.

“We developed a fact sheet on the potential income opportunities for conservation practices such as growing cover crops, and we are promoting these practices to improve water quality and environmental outcomes. Many translate into on-farm soil health while providing the potential for possible economic benefits,” said Jean Brokish, ISAP coordinator and program manager for American Farmland Trust. “No till and cover crops have a potential to provide upward of \$100 million at maximum potential, meaning if those practices were adapted on every acre.”

Many of ISAP’s Theory of Change core strategies are in lockstep with the Biden administration’s efforts to involve agriculture in their strategy to address the climate crisis. Increasing farmer recognition of the economic value of

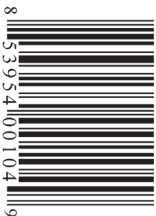
conservation practices and accelerating the adoption of practices that improve soil health and carbon cycle balance are at the heart of Biden’s new plan, but have served as the cornerstones of ISAP’s mission for the past several years.

“We were moving in this direction before January 21. There has been growing consumer demand for sustainable products, and the Illinois Nutrient Loss Reduction Strategy (of 2015) set the parameters for sustainable practices. I think what the Biden administration brings to the table is potential investment, and that is a good opportunity that I’m very supportive of,” Brokish said. “I think that part of the problem with mandates and goals is that if there is not enough funding or a market-type incentive to go along with it, we are just asking our farmers to do more and more with less. If the policies and incentives are rolled out in a way that really benefits the farmers, there is great potential.”

After the pandemic limited events to online formats during 2020, Brokish, ISAP chair Jill Kostel and ISAP partners are looking forward to more personal, one-on-one interactions with farmers interested in ecosystem and soil health markets in the summer of 2021.

“We’re looking forward to getting back out and seeing people at our field days and events. In the meantime I would urge farmers to go to our website, download our ecosystems fact sheet, and familiarize themselves with the companies operating within their markets,” Brokish said.

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And solar projects are ongoing at this time. For instance, a \$10,159 grant will be used to install a 15.6 kW solar photovoltaic system that will generate 20,352 kWh annually, replacing 93 percent of the electricity purchased from the grid for Howard Peller, a design service business, in Roseville.

A \$5,982 grant will help install a 9.6 kW solar photovoltaic system that will generate 10,895 kWh annually, replacing 95 percent of the electricity purchased from the grid for Grasshopper Property Maintenance, Inc., in Millersburg.

And these projects lie not only in the eastern portion of Ohio, but in the western portion as well and even stretching into Indiana. In Greene County (Ohio), for example, there is the Kingwood Solar Project. It is approximately 1,500 acres extending along 15 miles end-to-end. The panels used in the project will be (by weight) 80 percent comprised of glass and aluminum, which are readily recycled commodities. Copper, silver and semiconductor materials make up the majority of the rest of the panel.

A pollinator friendly groundcover blend will be planted around and under these solar panels. The area will be professionally maintained until ground cover is established and invasive species are eliminated. After the expiration of a specified lease, there is a plan to put the land back into agricultural production. The Kingswood Solar energy project will add \$1.5 million to local schools and government annually.

Projects such as these are money-saving for sure, but others say it is at the expense of the rural landscape. And not all solar proposals have been received so gracefully. Citizens packed the Lynchburg Fire Station in Lynchburg, Ohio, to air their grievances about perceived devaluation or property values, loss of productive farm land, wildlife and health concerns, and fears of pollution or ground water due to solar panel expansion.

In attendance were 200 private citizens, many of whom had property bordering the three proposed solar panel farms in the Lynchburg area.

State Rep. Shane Wilkin (R-Hillsboro) was there to address the crowd and field as many concerns as possible. Many in attendance were in support of a pair of bills making their way through Senate and House committees in the Ohio Legislature that would give local townships the right to vote yes or no on allowing large-scale utility solar farms to build in their localities.

Three companies have proposed building three separate solar panel

farms that are in close proximity to Lynchburg, two in Highland County and one across the county line in Clinton County. Directly east of the village is the Innergex-planned Palomino Solar Farm, rated at 200 megawatts and proposed to occupy 2,800 acres. To the south of Lynchburg is National Grid Renewables' projected Dodson Creek Solar Array System, which is a 117-megawatt facility that will rest on 1,000 acres.

The Hoosier State is being bombarded by solar landscapes to a larger extent. In the state, thousands of acres of farmland are being developed or eyed for massive solar farms, and not everyone is pleased. To date, Indiana lost 19,000 agricultural production acres due to the installation of such solar panels.

One of the nation's largest solar complexes is planned for Pulaski County in northern Indiana. The \$1 billion development would encompass 4,500 acres and generate enough electricity to power 80,000 homes.

Larger solar farms are also coming to the agricultural fringes of the Indianapolis area. Shelby County has approved a 1,900-acre installation, and Boone County is being scouted for a 1,400-acre solar array just north of Zionsville.

"Throughout the Shelby County solar debate, officials have tried to do what is best for the county's 40,000 residents, not just those opposed to the Ranger Power project or large solar installations in general," said Shelby County Council President Tony Titus. "As a farmer, I'd like to see nothing but farmland, but you've got to weigh progress with agriculture. We don't want to be Carmel or anything like that, but we also don't want to be left behind."

Earlier this year, solar companies have approached various landowners in the Bath and Springfield townships in Franklin County, seeking to lease land for solar farm purposes. At the time, Franklin County did not have any zoning regulations involving solar or wind farms. However, on May 19, Franklin County Commissioners voted unanimously in favor of tougher zoning rules for wind and solar installations. The new regulations call for a 650-foot setback from a non-participating property to a wind or solar installation. The ordinance is similar to those adopted by other Indiana counties.

The proposed 14-megawatt Franklin County Solar Project will generate wholesale electricity from a series of solar panels on approximately 250 acres of private land in Bath, Ind. Geenex Solar is the company behind the effort.

"I don't object to solar panels, I object to erecting those panels on prime farmland," said Debbie Sintz, a resident of Bath Township in Franklin

County. "And some of those panels will be right across from my house."

Bath Road is the main artery leading Ohioans to Brookville Lake. Should the panels be given the OK such panels will line that road leading to the lake.

"We've been told they make a lot of noise and that they only last so long," Sintz said. "They'll be like the car batteries that are stored in a barn because no one will take them and recycle them."

Solar developers are prepared to reclaim any used or unwanted solar equipment.

"With solar, once the project gets to

the end of its useful life, there is reclamation that is able to be done and you can put farmland back into production after the useful life of the solar array," Kern said. "This is one thing we are working on with the solar developers too, to make sure that is part of these agreements with landowners. This is a very complex issue for sure."

Dozens of members of Citizens Against Industrialized Solar Plants in Southwestern Shelby County (Indiana) are focused on stopping a second solar farm from being developed (by Utah-based sPower) near Bengal. They

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also want to nix overtures by two other companies they say are scouting the county for sites.

Protesters add that they worry about solar farms’ long-term effects on home values, topsoil, drainage and water quality throughout a solar array’s 35-year lifespan.

All told, at least 15 Indiana solar farms of 1,000 acres or more are slated to go online by 2024, with several more encompassing hundreds of acres also in the works. Even with solar projects in the works, only 0.5 to 2.0 percent of the state’s farmland would be devoted to renewable energy.

Many proponents of the solar installations will tell you they hold the promise of boosting the property tax base for pinched county governments and providing significantly more revenue for landowners who decide to lease their land to solar developers. And, that solar companies pay anywhere from \$800 to \$1,100 per acre per year to lease farmland in Indiana. That compares with the \$200 an acre many landowners receive to rent their land to farmers.

Many opponents of this solar panel push will say they are intrusive and contain heavy metals that can leach into groundwater when disposed at the end of their lifecycle.

“Solar energy is not readily portable, storable, fungible or transformable,” said Ozzie Zehner, author of Green Illusions: The Dirty Secrets of Clean Energy. “There’s no evidence to support the assumption that solar cells are a zero carbon energy technology. They also require conventional power plants, or storage mechanisms such as batteries, with additional layers of environmental impacts.”

## Solar projects

Solar projects in the works in Indiana, by county (acres, developer):

- Lake County: 1,400 acres, Invenergy LLC
- Jasper County: 5,000 acres, NextEra Energy
- Pulaski County: 4,500 acres, Global Energy Generation
- White County: 1,800 acres, NextEra Energy
- Howard County: 2,000 acres, Engie Solar
- Clinton County: 1,777 acres, Invenergy LLC
- Boone County: 1,000-1,400 acres, NextEra Energy
- Madison County: 1,200 acres, Invenergy
- Randolph County: 1,400 acres, EDP Renewables
- Henry County: 700 acres, NextEra Energy; 1,400 acres, Lightsource BP

- Shelby County: 1,900 acres, Ranger Power; 1,500-2,000 acres, sPower
- Bartholomew County: 1,200 acres, (developer undisclosed)
- Sullivan County: 1,800 acres, Invenergy LLC
- Knox County: 1,200 acres, Teneska & Capital Dynamics
- Pike County: 1,200 acres, Teneska & Capital Dynamics
- Stark County: 71 square miles, ESN, Advantage Capital & Inovateus
- Ohio’s top 10 counties using solar energy (power, number of installations):
- Cuyahoga: (11.27MW, 153 installations)

- Hamilton: (7.76MW, 279)
- Franklin: (8.05MW, 209)
- Wayne: (7.08MW, 81)
- Medina: (12.46MW, 48)
- Greene: (5.06MW, 64)
- Lucas: (11.09MW, 46)
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 <p><b>bi91ft</b> <b>CASE 850K</b> 737 hrs, OROPS, super sharp dozer, 6 way blade, great condition, simply like new! . . . . . <b>\$79,500</b></p>	 <p><b>bj55uy</b> <b>DEERE 310SK</b> This unit has everything! 4x4, 4-in-1 front bkt, ride control, aux hydraulics . . . . . <b>\$68,900</b></p>	 <p><b>bj38uq</b> <b>2012 NEW HOLLAND FP240</b> nice used pull-type chopper with NH 29P hay head, tandem axle, good knives. . . . . <b>\$22,900</b></p>	 <p><b>bj38ty</b> <b>2008 VERMEER 505M CLASSIC</b> clean low use baler . . . . . <b>\$11,950</b></p>
 <p><b>bj79ns</b> <b>CASE IH 2388</b> 4WD, 4,422 eng hrs, 3,246 sep hrs, good used combine, call for more info! . . . . . <b>\$42,500</b></p>	 <p><b>bj12ge</b> <b>1990 JOHN DEERE 7200</b> nice used conservation with 4 lift cylinders, unit mounted coulters, row cleaners, markers. . <b>\$15,900</b></p>	 <p><b>bj55vd</b> <b>2011 JOHN DEERE HX15</b> 15' heavy duty rotary cutter with 1000 PTO, CV driveline with slip clutch! . . . . . <b>\$10,750</b></p>	 <p><b>bi38rk</b> <b>JOHN DEERE MX10</b> Like New!! 10ft rotary cutter with 540 pto slip clutch, front and rear safety chains. . . . . <b>\$9,450</b></p>

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## VERMILLION COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS – S.R. 63

### CAYUGA, INDIANA

### OPEN SWINE SHOW

**SATURDAY, JUNE 19, 11:00 AM EST**

Judge: Scott Smith

Entries: 7 AM to 10 AM • Declared Weights: 7 AM to 10 AM

Pay Top 5 Overall

Grand Champion Barrow – \$400; Reserve Grand Champion Barrow – \$200  
Grand Champion Gilt – \$400; Reserve Grand Champion Gilt – \$200

Jackpot Showmanship \$5/person after the show  
Pen Fee \$10 per pen for Out-of-County Exhibitors, refundable after pen is cleaned

Barrows shown by breed and weight  
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# MARKETS

## Blue Grass Stockyards Lexington, KY

Livestock Weighted Average Report for 5/24/2021 - Final  
\*\*Correction released on Tue., May 25, 2021\*\*

AUCTION			
	This Week	Last Reported 5/17/2021	Last Year
Total Receipts:	568	841	0(0.0%)
Feeder Cattle:	503(88.6%)	650(77.3%)	0(0.0%)
Slaughter Cattle:	56(9.9%)	141(16.8%)	0(0.0%)
Replacement Cattle:	9(1.6%)	50(5.9%)	0(0.0%)

Special Note: Correction: Added 80 hd, 656 lbs heifers at 133.00 per CWT into the weighted average report.

Compared to last week feeder steers under 600 lbs sold 3.00 to 6.00 higher with good demand for weaned packages; over 600 lbs lightly tested. Feeder heifers under 600 lbs sold steady to 2.00 lower with good demand for weaned packages; over 600 lbs limited comparison. Slaughter cows and slaughter bulls sold 3.00 to 5.00 higher with good demand. Supply included: 89% Feeder Cattle (23% Steers, 56% Heifers, 21% Bulls); 10% Slaughter Cattle (88% Cows, 12% Bulls); 2% Replacement Cattle (50% Bred Cows, 50% Cow-Calf Pairs). Feeder cattle supply over 600 lbs was 64%.

Groups of 20 head or more:

**Heifers**  
85 head 614 lbs 138.00 Blk-Bwf Value-Added  
80 head 656 lbs 133.00 Mixed Value-Added

### FEEDER CATTLE

STEERS - Medium and Large 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	420	420	156.00	156.00
13	406-445	422	162.00-168.00	165.09 Value Added
8	452-496	482	153.00-157.00	154.90
1	520	520	143.00	143.00
14	509-547	517	163.00-166.00	164.44 Value Added
6	588	588	141.00	141.00
7	553-587	565	155.00-157.00	156.41 Value Added
6	605-630	626	131.00-136.00	134.52
16	605-643	625	140.00-147.00	143.38 Value Added
4	690	690	133.00	133.00
3	662-665	663	139.00-144.00	142.33 Value Added
6	700-725	713	128.00-134.00	131.15 Value Added
4	771-785	775	123.00-126.00	125.24
4	755-772	766	127.00-128.00	127.50 Value Added
4	805-815	811	125.00-127.00	126.00
1	880	880	119.00	119.00
2	922	922	108.00	108.00

1	1020	1020	90.00	90.00
STEERS - Large 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
2	602	602	127.00	127.00
HEIFERS - Medium and Large 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
3	315-327	323	137.00-137.50	137.16
2	360-375	368	141.00-147.00	144.06
10	400-445	419	124.00-134.00	129.45
4	475-495	489	126.00-132.00	128.50
6	467-487	480	135.00-141.00	138.00 Value Added
6	500-545	528	124.00-129.00	126.90
16	500-542	523	130.00-140.00	136.60 Value Added
10	560-595	583	120.00-127.00	123.89
7	615-645	629	113.00-123.00	119.88
90	614-645	615	124.00-138.00	137.45 Value Added
1	655	655	108.00	108.00
86	656-677	657	123.50-133.00	132.50 Value Added
1	755	755	109.00	109.00
1	780	780	111.00	111.00 Guaranteed Open
HEIFERS - Medium and Large 2-3 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	365	365	120.00	120.00
2	442	442	106.00	106.00
1	475	475	114.00	114.00
1	575	575	120.00	120.00
1	605	605	105.00	105.00
1	660	660	105.00	105.00
1	900	900	80.00	80.00
BULLS - Medium and Large 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
3	335	335	152.00	152.00
1	425	425	147.00	147.00
1	400	400	159.00	159.00 Value Added
10	471-485	473	140.00-150.50	147.05
5	505-545	518	149.00-152.00	149.61
11	550-590	574	135.00-148.00	139.45
1	620	620	120.00	120.00
15	605-635	626	129.00-134.50	133.74 Value Added
4	670-671	671	123.00-124.00	123.75
2	705-710	708	112.00	112.00
14	750-775	763	114.75-118.00	115.17
2	825-840	833	95.00-104.00	99.46
1	905	905	89.00	89.00
BULLS - Medium and Large 2-3 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	300	300	130.00	130.00
1	390	390	144.00	144.00
1	455	455	120.00	120.00
7	500-540	514	120.00-133.00	125.50
5	565-585	578	124.00-133.00	128.61

2	670-690	680	110.00-113.00	111.48		
1	735	735	103.00	103.00		
1	730	730	111.00	111.00	Value Added	
1	810	810	98.00	98.00		
1	955	955	76.00	76.00		
BULLS - Small and Medium 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)						
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price		
1	485	485		111.00		
1	515	515		116.00		
1	560	560	110.00	110.00		
SLAUGHTER CATTLE						
COWS - Breaker 75-80% (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)						
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing	
1	1160	1160	69.00	69.00	Average	
12	1120-1790	1433	75.00-84.00	79.99	High	
COWS - Boner 80-85% (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)						
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing	
2	1095-1125	1110	72.00-73.00	72.49	Average	
19	1045-1755	1361	75.00-84.00	77.62	High	
COWS - Lean 85-90% (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)						
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing	
3	1035-1195	1103	67.00-70.00	68.26	Average	
4	935-1210	1050	72.00-76.00	74.28	High	
4	850-1065	970	64.00-65.00	64.49	Low	
BULLS - 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)						
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing	
1	2545	2545	92.00	92.00	Average	
5	1120-1595	1407	96.00-107.00	103.48	High	
REPLACEMENT CATTLE						
BRED COWS - Medium and Large 1-2 (Per Head / Actual Wt)						
Age	Stage	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
2-8	T2	1	1350	1350	1000.00	1000.00
COW-CALF PAIRS - Medium and Large 1-2 w/150-300 lbs calf (Per Family / Actual Wt)						
Age	Stage	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
2-8	O	1	990	990	1175.00	1175.00
Please Note:						
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. Prices are reported on an FOB basis, unless otherwise noted.						
Explanatory Notes:						
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 = all trimesters, 1 to 9 months; E = Exposed; B = Bred)						
Age - Numerical representation of age in years.						
Source: USDA AMS Livestock, Poultry & Grain Market News						
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## Missouri Direct Hay Report Direct Hay Weighted Average Report For week ending Friday, June 4, 2021

Rains and lack of many suitable days for field work each week continue to making haying difficult. Farmers are however watching weather closely and looking for any windows to try to get rolling good. Some areas are finding a few more days than others and there is some hay being baled now. The cool wet weather has been great for clover crops and some fields of mixed grasses look really good despite limited sunshine. Hay prices are steady with maybe a touch of firmness as inputs and other alternative feeds are drastically higher, but for the most part the market hasn't had a lot of activity thus far. The supply of hay is moderate and demand is light to moderate. 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) Large Round		120.00-160.00
Alfalfa - Good (Ask/Per Bale)		
Small Square		5.00-7.00
Alfalfa - Fair (Ask/Per Ton)		
Large Round		100.00-125.00
Alfalfa/Grass Mix - Good/Premium (Ask/Per Bale)		
Small Square		6.00-8.00
Mixed Grass - Good/Premium (Ask/Per Ton)		
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)		
Lg. Round		20.00-50.00
STRAW (Conventional)		
Wheat - (Ask/Per Bale) Small Square		4.00-6.00
Source: USDA AMS Livestock, Poultry & Grain Market News - MO Dept of Ag Market News Jefferson City, MO   (573) 751-5618 <a href="https://mymarketnews.ams.usda.gov/">https://mymarketnews.ams.usda.gov/</a> <a href="http://www.ams.usda.gov/lpgmn">www.ams.usda.gov/lpgmn</a> <a href="https://mymarketnews.ams.usda.gov/viewReport/2929">https://mymarketnews.ams.usda.gov/viewReport/2929</a>		

## Daily Livestock Slaughter Under Federal Inspection

Friday, June 4, 2021			
CATTLE			
Friday 06/04/2021			
Week ago	119,000		
Year ago (act)	117,000		
Week to date	113,000		
Same Period Last Week	440,000		
Same Period Last Year (act)	595,000		
	566,000		
Saturday 06/05/2021			
Week ago	98,000	0	196,000
Year ago (act)	34,000	0	22,000
Week to date	62,000	0	318,000
Same Period Last Week	538,000	4,000	1,975,000
Same Period Last Year* (act)	629,000	6,000	2,378,000
2021 Year to Date	628,000	8,000	2,453,000
2020 *Year to Date	14,080,000	149,000	55,571,000
Percent change	13,304.00	202.00	54,603,000
2021 *Totals subject to revision	5.8%	-26.3%	1.8%
2020 *Totals adjusted to reflect NASS revisions			
Yearly totals may not add due to rounding			
Previous day	Steer and Heifer	Cow and Bull	
Thursday	94,000	26,000	
Source: USDA Livestock, Poultry, and Grain Market News Division, St Joseph, MO 816-676-7000 e-mail: <a href="mailto:stjoe.lpgmn@ams.usda.gov">stjoe.lpgmn@ams.usda.gov</a> <a href="http://www.ams.usda.gov/mnreports/SJ_LS710.txt">www.ams.usda.gov/mnreports/SJ_LS710.txt</a> • <a href="http://www.ams.usda.gov/market-news/livestock-poultry-grain">www.ams.usda.gov/market-news/livestock-poultry-grain</a>			



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## Weekly National Sheep Summary For the Week Ending Friday, June 4, 2021

Weekly Trends: Compared to last week slaughter lambs mostly 10.00-20.00 higher; slaughter ewes uneven, firm to 7.00 higher at Kalona and Worthing and weak to 15.00 lower at Ft. Collins and San Angelo; feeder lambs not well tested. At San Angelo, TX 4616 head sold. Equity Cooperative Auction sold 515 feeder lambs in Texas. In direct trading slaughter ewes and feeder lambs were not tested. 2,755 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 122 lbs 215.00; 150-185 lbs 180.00-185.00.
New Holland, PA:	wooled and shorn 100-135 lbs no report.
Ft. Collins, CO:	wooled and shorn 100-125 lbs 270.00-310.00; 155-160 lbs 240.00-270.00.
South Dakota:	wooled and shorn 100-150 lbs 230.00-250.00; 150-155 lbs 225.00-237.50.
Kalona, IA:	wooled and shorn 100-125 lbs 246.00-263.00.
Billings, MT:	wooled and shorn 100-115 lbs no test.
Missouri:	wooled and shorn 100-150 lbs no test.
Equity Coop:	no sales.
Slaughter Lambs:	Choice and Prime 1-2:
San Angelo:	hair 40-60 lbs 260.00-282.00, few 284.00-294.00; 60-70 lbs 240.00-274.00, few 276.00-284.00; 70-80 lbs 230.00-266.00, few 274.00; 80-90 lbs 220.00-248.00, few 254.00-264.00; 90-105 lbs 222.00-246.00, few 252.00-262.00. woolled and shorn 43 lbs 274.00; 50-60 lbs 274.00-276.00; 60-70 lbs 232.00-250.00; 80-90 lbs 220.00-248.00.
New Holland:	no report.
Ft. Collins:	wooled and shorn 47 lbs 280.00; 68 lbs 295.00; 70-80 lbs 290.00; 85 lbs 300.00; 90-100 lbs 275.00-290.00. hair 63 lbs 240.00; 70-80 lbs 250.00-260.00.
Kalona:	wooled and shorn 50-60 lbs 247.50-269.00; 60-70 lbs 222.50-265.00; 70-80 lbs 227.50-257.50, few 263.00; 80-90 lbs 236.00-267.50. hair 69 lbs 240.00; 80-90 lbs 230.00-257.50.
South Dakota:	wooled and shorn 60-70 lbs 250.00; 70-80 lbs 225.00-242.50; 96 lbs 245.00.
Billings:	no test.
Missouri:	wooled and shorn 40-50 lbs 225.00-237.00; 50-60 lbs 247.50-250.00; 60-70 lbs 240.00-280.00; 70-80 lbs 235.00-265.00; 80-90 lbs 255.00-265.00; 95 lbs 250.00. hair 40-50 lbs 237.50-280.00; 50-60 lbs 245.00-250.00; 60-70 lbs 235.00-252.50; 70-80 lbs 240.00-250.00.

Slaughter Ewes:	
San Angelo:	Good 3-4 (very fleshy) no test; Good 2-3 (fleshy) 82.00-116.00; Utility and Good 1-3 (medium flesh) 110.00-130.00; Utility 1-2 (thin) 100.00-114.00; Cull and Utility 1-2 (very thin) 90.00-100.00; Cull 1 74.00-88.00.
New Holland:	Good 3-4 (very fleshy) no test; Good 2-3 (fleshy) no report; Utility 1-2 (thin) no report; Cull 1 no test.
Ft. Collins:	Good 3-4 (very fleshy) 112.50-127.50; Good 2-3 (fleshy) 82.50-102.50; Utility 1-2 (thin) 45.00-73.



# Analysts predict crop size

Now that the planting season is winding down, more analysts are starting to release their own yield estimates. The USDA is using a trend yield of 179.5 bushels per acre in its balance sheets, but most private analysts believe this is too high. Drier than normal conditions are already thought to have trimmed yield potential, even though the crop is just emerging. Elevated plantings that will likely include less desirable acres will also drag the U.S. yield per acre lower. Analysts are more comfortable with the USDA soybean yield estimate of 50.8 bushels per acre as that crop is more influenced by late-season weather.

The real question is what analysts are predicting for total crop size. Analysts have started to increase planted acres given recent futures activity, and in turn, are also increasing harvested acres. Predictions are now for 85 to 86 million harvested acres of corn which are anticipated to give us a 15.2 billion bu crop. The average harvested soybean acreage figure is for 86.5 million acres and a crop size of 4.4 billion bu. There are also ideas that this soybean number may increase as current market conditions are favorable for double cropping following the winter wheat harvest.

We are starting to see more reductions to the Brazil corn crop, with some now claiming it will be no greater than 90 million metric tons (mmt). This would be a large 12 mmt reduction from last year's corn production and greatly impact the global corn supply. If the crop is this small, it would create a void in the global corn market between 600-700 million bu. This would generate increased demand for not just U.S. corn, but for corn from all sources in the world market.

The drought that is currently taking place in Brazil is impacting more than corn production. We are now hearing of losses in other crops, including sugar cane. The combination of these losses is expected to lower ethanol production in Brazil by 24 percent this year from last. Even a portion of this loss is friendly for the United States as it will generate less competition in the global market and elevate demand for U.S. ethanol. It is not out of the question we could even see elevated Brazilian ethanol imports from this situation.

Chinese officials have announced they will likely scale back on their corn imports in the marketing year that starts this October. Officials are predicting 30 percent fewer corn imports in the 2021/22 marketing year as the country increases its domestic imports and also shifts to alternative grains, mainly for feed. Corn imports for 2021/22 are projected at 20 million metric tons (mmt) compared to 28 mmt this year.

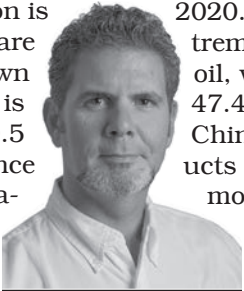
China's corn imports depend heavily upon the size of this year's crop, which is expected to be a large 272 million metric tons (mmt) compared to last year's 260 mmt. In order for this to happen we will need to see near perfect growing conditions in China. China is currently seeing drier than normal conditions in northern areas, and while not a major factor right now, they easily could be if conditions persist. Trade will put more interest on this and U.S. weather given the ongoing reductions to the Brazilian crop.

One commodity China has not slowed down on importing is soybeans. In the first four months of 2021 China has imported 17 percent more soybeans than the same period on

2020. China is also importing a tremendous amount of vegetable oil, with a year to year increase of 47.4 percent. There is no sign of China's demand for these products to slow for the next several months, possibly years.

The high tax rates the Argentine government has on commodity exports is starting to affect not only sales, but production as well. Argentina currently taxes soybean exports at 33 percent, but only 30 percent on soy products, which is limiting whole soybean sales. Farmers in Argentina are also looking at raising alternative crops that carry a lower overall tax rate, including wheat and barley. Argentina is also predicting a record wheat crop this

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MARKET ANALYSIS  
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ISAP, founded in 2017 to create a network to support a systems approach to improve soil health and reduce nutrient loss, recently released their inaugural annual report highlighting 2020 activities. “2020 was difficult and challenging for many organizations, but for ISAP it really illustrated the direction we’re going and what we’ve achieved,” Brokish said. “So many of our programs involve getting information to farmers in a way that makes sense. We did our risk management workshops in 2020 in an online format, and we found this allowed us to use a little creativity in lining up presenters. Our ‘Bridging the Gap’ risk management program was very successful from a content perspective, but it was also a success in my mind because it was our first initiative while living within the new normal.”

During 2020, ISAP engaged nearly 2,000 individuals through conferences and presentations, reached 512 people through workshops and field days, and served as the conduit between farmers and 43 soil health and conservation drainage specialists who advised on 66,000 acres of Illinois cropland.

ISAP also hosted an Ecosystem Market Webinar in February 2021, featuring four representatives from carbon credit purchasing markets that are expanding into farm territory. ISAP recently announced a reprise of the webinar, dubbed the Ecosystem Market Summer Special, which will explore new management options and financial opportunities for Midwest farmers in the expanding ecosystems market. The four-part webinar series (June 22 and 24;





July 13 and 15) is co-sponsored by agricultural and environmental organizations from Indiana, Ohio, Iowa, Wisconsin and Illinois.

“We are expanding the conversation from February and bringing in additional perspectives, such as input providers. We hope this encourages more farmers to get into some of these ecosystem and carbon markets,” Brokish said. “We are excited to continue growing our current efforts in being a structured, efficient group of partners that can help improve Illinois agriculture and educate farmers, ag retailers, professionals, and producers for years to come.”

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## Ohio Farm Bureau announces award for work on farm stress, mental health

By Celeste Baumgartner  
Ohio Correspondent

COLUMBUS, Ohio – The Ohio Farm Bureau will be awarding its first-ever “Y Prize” this year. Farm life is demanding and stressful. This award will showcase the efforts of individuals across the country who are breaking the stigma of farm stress and mental health and getting the resources to farmers where and when they need them.

“That is what this prize is all about,” said Ty Higgins, farm bureau’s senior director of communications and media relations. “Finding those unique individuals and those efforts across the country that are breaking through; it’s something that we’ve talked about for years in whispers, farm stress and mental health. We’re starting to turn the volume up on that conversation and that topic and that’s where the Y Prize is going to showcase those efforts.”

The award stems from the unfortunate passing of Yvonne Lesicko, former Ohio Farm Bureau vice president of public policy who died unexpectedly in June 2020. The Yvonne Lesicko Memorial Fund

was created after her passing. It is run through the Ohio Farm Bureau Foundation and since last year more than 300 donors have given \$80,000 to that memorial fund.

“Yvonne was unbelievable in everything that she did but she really took on the issue of farmer mental health and farm stress, Higgins said. “She helped to lead a couple of efforts through American Farm Bureau and Ohio Farm Bureau. She was instrumental in getting the “Got Your Back” farm stress coalition going which came through the Ohio Department of Agriculture.”

That’s where the Y Prize, short for the Yvonne Lesicko Perseverance Prize, is coming from, Higgins said. While not a cash award, the prize will be a recognition of the winner’s efforts and will give them a platform to amplify what they’re doing to the next level.

Those individuals and their efforts will be featured in front of Ohio Farm Bureau members. Farm Bureau will introduce them to outside media, they will be part of the Young Ag Professional Winter Leadership Experience. They will have an opportunity to talk about what they’re doing on the mental health front.

“We hope the Y Prize can provide recognition and a ‘thank you’ to groups and individuals working to advance this cause,” said Kelly Burns, executive director of the Ohio Farm Bureau Foundation.

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# Crop progress, condition 'plays in Peoria,' top growing states

By Tim Alexander  
Illinois Correspondent

PEORIA, Ill. – In the 1920s golden era of vaudeville theater, if something was said to “play in Peoria” it would generally mean that it would be successful virtually anywhere in the United States. If that term were to be applied to the 2021 corn and soybean crop, farmers across the country would be anticipating a large and successful bounty based on early planting and emergence observations in Peoria County.

“Corn and soybeans are 95 percent planted in Peoria County, and overall the crop looks good,” reported Patrick Kirchhofer, manager of the Peoria County Farm Bureau, on June 1. “Some heat and continued moisture will keep the crops progressing.”

Kirchhofer and Peoria farmers didn't have to wait long for the heat he had hoped for; the area emerged from a brief cold front to see temperatures soar into the mid-to-upper 80s beginning on June 3 and continuing throughout the weekend. The prior week saw some heavy, sporadic rainfall events in central Illinois, with the region recording an average 1.29 inches of precipitation, or 0.11 above normal, during the week ending May 31.

“There are a few pond holes in fields that will have to be replanted if they dry out in time. As usual, rains have been sporadic this spring and can vary extensively in measured precipitation from one mile to the next,” Kirchhofer said.

The Peoria farm bureau manager's estimate on corn planted in the county mirrored USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service's (NASS) statewide estimate of 95 percent planted, according to the June 1 Illinois Crop Progress and Condition report. Illinois corn planted is 11 percent above the state five-year average of 84 percent, with 75 percent emergence, which is on par with past years. Nationally, 81 percent of planted corn had emerged, which is 11 percent greater than average.

Nationwide, 84 percent of soybeans had been planted in the top 18 soybean producing states, according to NASS, with 62 percent emergence. This was 20 percent above the national five-year average soybean emergence rate, and 12 percent behind Illinois' 74 percent soybean emergence rate for 2021.

The Illinois corn crop condition was rated as 4 percent poor or very poor, 16 percent fair, 67 percent good and 13 percent excellent. Soybean condition was rated 4 percent poor or very poor, 19 percent fair, 67 percent good and 10 percent excellent in the Prairie State.

A breakdown of corn and soybean planting, emergence and condition in the other primary Farm World readership states as of June 1 revealed:

In Indiana, 94 percent of corn was planted compared to the five-year average of 76 percent, with 76 percent emergence. The corn crop was rated 22 percent fair, 65 percent good and 9 percent excellent. The Indiana soybean crop was 86 percent planted compared to the five-year average of 61 percent planted. Soybean condition was not rated.

In Ohio, 92 percent of corn was planted compared to the five year average of 72 percent. The corn crop, 70 percent emerged, was rated 2 percent poor, 19 percent fair, 71 percent good and 8 percent excellent.

The Ohio soybean crop was 84 percent planted, compared to the five-year average of 56 percent planted. Soybean condition was not rated.

In Michigan, 95 percent of the corn crop was planted compared to the five-year average of 73 percent, with 79 percent emergence. Corn condition was rated 3 percent poor or very poor, 19 percent fair, 71 percent good and 8 percent very good. Soybeans planted were at 91 percent, compared to the five-year average of 58 percent. Sixty seven percent of soybeans had emerged. Soybean condition was not rated.

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# Indiana Junior Beef Cattle Association names grant recipients

INDIANAPOLIS – The Indiana Junior Beef Cattle Association (IJBCA) has awarded \$500 grants to two Indiana county 4-H extension programs. This is the first year for the IJBCA to offer a grant to youth organizations in Indiana. The purpose of the IJBCA Grant is to fund organizations that intend to further support and promote Indiana’s beef industry.

The grant recipients are Adams


County 4-H and Purdue Extension Area Two (Harrison, Crawford, Orange, Lawrence, Jackson, Washington, Scott, Clark and Floyd Counties).

Adams County plans to utilize the grant to purchase The Ohio State University Extension Beef Learning Lab Kit. This kit will provide educational hands-on materials for their beef committee to utilize when putting on a Beef Day of Education. Amy

Rumschlag, Adams County 4-H youth development extension educator, said it’s been a personal mission of hers to educate the youth in Adams County 4-H that they are so much more than “little ole rural Indiana farm kids raising animals for the 4-H Fair.”

Purdue Extension Area Two will utilize the grant to create a Feed Lab Kit that will help achieve education in livestock nutrition through hands-

on activities for 4-H members. “Youth participating in livestock activities... need access to materials to teach and guide them toward good management and stewardship of their animals,” said Miranda Edge, Harrison County agriculture and natural resources extension educator. Edge said that one of the most important and costly parts of raising livestock is creating a cost-effective, well-balanced diet.




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# Michigan ag exports jumped nearly 19 percent

By Kevin Walker  
Michigan Correspondent

LANSING, Mich. – Michigan saw a big jump in its exports in 2020 and it’s making officials feel more optimistic about the future.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, Michigan’s agricultural exports totaled \$2.16 billion in 2020, an increase of 18.7 percent from the previous year’s total of \$1.82 billion.

“I think this really speaks to the strength, resilience and global demand for Michigan’s high-quality foods,” said the Gary McDowell, state agriculture director, in an announcement. “Last year was a difficult time for people, communities and businesses, so it’s reassuring when we receive positive news like this, especially for an industry that supports so many families and rural areas.”

The U.S. Census Bureau reports exports on a regular basis, explained Jamie Zmitko-Somers, director of the state’s agricultural development division. “We went through all the statistics over the past few months and came out with where we’re at with our exports,” she said. “It was a pleasant surprise. We had been looking at our exports quarterly, so we were optimistic; but we were

very pleasantly surprised compared to 2019 and 2018, especially given the COVID pandemic.” Michigan’s exports to foreign nations were down in the two previous years due to trade disputes, but they jumped back up in 2020. She described these latest figures as the second largest ever, behind only 2014.

Significant increases in exports were seen in dairy products, soybeans, sugar beet byproducts and wheat byproducts. Canada and Mexico remained Michigan’s top export markets, largely due to the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement, known as the USMCA. Exports to South Korea and China saw renewed growth, moving up to the third and fifth positions, respectively. Michigan’s top exports include processed food products at \$365 million; soybeans, sugar beets and wheat byproducts, \$253 million; cereals, baked goods and pasta, \$208 million; soybeans and soybean meal, \$193; and dairy products, \$180 million.

Zmitko-Somers added that last summer and fall there were concerns about the food supply chain. At certain points last summer meat packing plants in Michigan and other states were threatened with shutdowns due to the spread of the COVID-19 virus among workers. However, no plant in Michigan was shut down at any point. Due to slowdowns at processing plants, some farmers in Michigan were concerned that they might not be able to get their pigs processed. That worst case scenario did not come about. According to Zmitko-Somers, foods in Michigan were harvested, processed and delivered right on time and this contributed to the success of the state’s exports last year.

“We continue to have programs to continue exports and to help businesses connect with other businesses,” she stated. “Certain kinds of international travel are going to be restricted for awhile. We’re still working to connect businesses remotely, because vaccination rates around the world are not the same as they are in the United States.”

The state’s International Marketing Program, part of the state agriculture department’s development division, provides help to the state’s food and agriculture sector by providing services like one-on-one consultations, export education, export assistance and market entry activities. More information about these services can be found at [www.michigan.gov/agexport](http://www.michigan.gov/agexport).

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# Vertical farming finding success in urban areas

**By Doug Graves  
Ohio Correspondent**

NEW YORK CITY - Is the future of farming indoors? Vertical farmers think so.

Before farmers dash to sell their farms, they need to first take a deep breath. Vertical farming has been around since 1999 and it's not about to replace conventional farming anytime soon. But experts do say vertical farming is gaining traction and has a place in the agriculture world.

One such vertical farm operation is Square Roots, with 'campuses' in Brooklyn, N.Y., and Grand Rapids, Mich. There are 10 satellite vertical farms around New York City alone, each utilizing shipping containers in parking lots.

One of those satellite farms in New York City, for example, produces the same amount of food as a two- or three-acre farm annually, just from 340 square feet. This yield is achieved by growing plants at 90 degrees, and by using artificial intelligence (AI) to ensure the environment is optimal for each specific plant, including the day and night temperatures and amount of CO2 needed. Combined, these farms serve 100 retail stores within five minutes of each farm.

Other known vertical farms include 80 Acres Farms (Hamilton, Ohio), Bowery Farming (Brooklyn, N.Y.), Farm One (New York, N.Y.), AeroFarms (Newark, N.J.) and Plenty (San Francisco, Calif.).

"The mission of Square Roots is to train the next generation of farmers, who are probably working in a landscape growing food for people in an increasing urban setting," said Sylvia Channing, one of Square Roots' entrepreneurs. "More and more people are moving to the cities and demanding healthy, fresh food."

The two types of vertical farming that have gained the most headway since their inception in 1999 include building-based vertical farms and shipping-container vertical farms.

Abandoned buildings are often reused for vertical farming, such as the farm in Chicago called “The Plant.” An abandoned meatpacking plant was turned into a vertical farm. However, even new buildings are constructed for vertical farms.

Recycled shipping containers are popular for housing vertical farm systems, oftentimes equipped with LED lighting, vertical stacked hydroponics, smart climate controls and monitoring sensors.

Techniques of vertical farming include hydroponics, aquaponics, aeroponics and controlled-environment agriculture.

With hydroponics, plants are grown without the use of soil. The roots of plants are submerged in liquid solutions containing macronutrients, such as nitrogen, phosphorus, sulphur, potassium, calcium and magnesium, as well as trace elements, including iron, chlorine, zinc and others. The advantages of hydroponics include the ability to increase yield per area and reduce water usage. Example, hydroponic farming could increase the yield per acre of lettuce by roughly 11 times while requiring 13 times less water.

Aquaponics is coined by combining two words: aquaculture (which refers to fish farming) and hydroponics (growing plants without soil). Aquaponics integrates the production of terrestrial plants with the production of aquatic organisms in a closed-loop system that mimics

nature itself. While absorbing nutrients, the plants purify the wastewater, which is recycled back to the fish tanks. The plants consume carbon dioxide produced by the fish.

Aeroponics does not require any liquid or solid medium to grow plants. Instead, a liquid solution with nutrients is misted in air chambers where plants are suspended. Aeroponics is the most sustainable soil-less growing technique as it uses up to 90 percent less water than the most efficient conventional hydroponic system. Aeroponic systems have not been widely applied to vertical farming, but are gaining more attention.

“Our indoor farms are living biosystems, constantly adapting to maintain optimal climates for growing specific crops,” said Tobias Peggs, Square Roots’ chief executive. “We’re then able to understand how changes in the climate can impact yield taste and texture. It’s just amazing what we can do. We can actually design the lights to, say, make a leaf of this to be a little bit bigger, or a little smaller, or increase or decrease the oils in a leaf, all depending on what you need.”

Artificial lighting helps in extending



**Above:** Vertical farms may not replace conventional farms, but they have a place in congested urban areas in cities like New York, Chicago or Los Angeles. (photo submitted)

the hours of natural daylight, which further increases the health, growth rate and yield of the plants. Artificial lights can also extend the availability of crops throughout a season.

The global vertical farming market size is anticipated to reach \$40.25 billion by 2021, according to a new report by Grand View Research.

Inc. According to the report, vertical farming is effective in ensuring stability in crop production and maintaining reliability even in adverse climatic conditions. It provides multiple benefits over traditional farming techniques, such as less use of water, the lesser need for

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# Vertical

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agrochemicals and low dependence on agricultural labors. In addition, vertical farming makes use of metal reflectors and artificial lighting to maximize natural sunlight.

The global population is predicted to reach 9.7 billion by 2050, and to feed everyone, it's estimated that global food production will need to increase by up to 70 percent in the next 30 years. Add to that, the obstacles of rising temperatures and more frequent droughts brought about by global warming make traditional farming methods increasingly inefficient and unpredictable.

Adding to the interest in vertical farming is that fact that genetically modified organisms and environmental and health effects of pesticides and other non-natural substances that are used for increasing agricultural production have encouraged consumers to adopt organic foods.

There's an emerging consensus that the agriculture industry needs to adapt to use less water and chemicals, make crops less vulnerable to changes in the climate and produce more yields. Part of the answer may lie in the emerging start-ups growing produce in indoor environments, where growing conditions can be better managed.

Viraj Puri is co-founder and CEO of Gotham Greens in New York City. Gotham Greens is a pioneer in urban indoor agriculture that operates more than 500,000 square feet of greenhouses in five states. Puri said vertical farming has an increasing role to play in the future of sustainable food production.

"While indoor farming may not represent the future of all fresh produce production, it will become more prevalent," Purisaid. "Customers are increasingly recognizing the reliability, consistency and high quality of greenhouse-grown produce that's grown in close proximity to large population centers using fewer natural resources. Other agricultural commodities like grains or fruits or root vegetable, however, can't yet be produced."

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# Hackers attack U.S. meat supply chain

URBANA, Ill. – Another international cyberattack may have a direct impact on your dinner table.

Hackers recently breached computer systems of JBS USA, the second-largest producer of beef, pork and poultry in the country. In response, the company initiated a shutdown of many of its meat producing facilities across the country. The company produces 206 million 4-ounce servings of protein a day.

“The protein supply chain is tightly coordinated and efficient,” said Todd Gleason, University of Illinois Extension broadcaster. “Any disruption has an impact on the ability of the system to continue moving product.”

James Lowe, director of the University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine I-Learning Center, believes the full extent of the attack is still unknown. “If it goes on for the rest of the week, I think that’s a problem across the entire protein complex,” Lowe said.

From conception to consumption, the meat industry is highly coordinated, Lowe said. Producers raise animals based on consumer demand. U.S. meat processing plants typically run at 100 percent capacity. Any glitch has a ripple effect.

For example, the JBS pork producing plant at Beardstown processes about 20,000 pigs a day. The pigs, born months earlier, are already contracted for harvesting at an established weight.

“If we don’t harvest the pigs at Beardstown today, they have to be harvested later,” Lowe said. “The pig continues to gain weight, and we run out of days to process this perishable commodity.”

Disruptions cause major impacts up and down the protein chain. COVID-19 was the most recent disruption to the meat industry. This cyberattack exposes another vulnerability in a highly-mechanized industry, Lowe said.

# Indiana’s craft distilleries to compete

INDIANAPOLIS – The Indiana Corn Marketing Council (ICMC) plans to take part in the next Heartland Whiskey Competition, July 22-23 in Louisville, Ky., where craft distillers from across Indiana are invited to compete.

ICMC is a sponsor for the competition, which includes multiple corn whiskey categories along with a challenge for Indiana’s Best. The American Craft Spirits Association (ACSA) will oversee blind judging and determine state medalists, category medalists and best of show.

“Finding new markets and uses for Indiana corn is the daily goal for those of us involved in the state’s corn checkoff,” said ICMC Board President Joshua Miller, a farmer from Anderson, Ind. “While corn whiskey isn’t a new use for Indiana corn, the spirits made from our grain is an emerging market for our farmers. Corn has a variety of uses for U.S. consumers. This competition is just one more way we can highlight that versatility.”

The biennial contest is sanctioned by the ACSA and strictly limited to craft whiskeys that contain some amount of corn as an ingredient.

Any U.S. craft distiller is eligible to enter a product for judging in several categories. The most coveted awards

are “Best of State,” which are limited to only those 16 states sponsored by their respective corn associations and “Best of Show” – also limited to sponsor states.

“We are thrilled to once again work with the state corn associations and support a competition that highlights small distilleries in their individual states. This covers more than 90 percent of all U.S. craft distilleries,” said Margie A.S. Lehrman, ACSA CEO. “Ours is a rapidly growing industry that requires continual support which corn growers have so graciously provided these last several years. This competition provides craft distilleries – many of which are independent, family-run businesses – a unique opportunity for visibility among consumers and distributors.”

Spirits competitions carry significant weight in the spirits industry, as award medals are often the reason a consumer purchases a product at a retail location. Indiana distillers have performed well in previous Heartland Whiskey competitions, earning several coveted medals. Most craft distilleries use corn mash sourced locally to make their product.

ACSA will select judges from accomplished mixologists who have experience with craft spirits. The actual judging will occur July 22 and 23 and winners will be announced in early August.

## Crop

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crop had been planted compared to the five-year average of 92 percent, with 77 percent emergence. Corn condition was rated 3 percent poor or very poor, 11 percent fair, 74 percent good and 12 percent excellent. The state’s farmers had planted 66 percent of their soybeans, compared to the five-year average of 47 percent. Soybean condition was rated 2 percent poor or very poor, 17 percent fair, 69 percent good and 12 percent very good.

In Tennessee, the corn crop was 98 percent planted compared to the five-year average of 95 percent, with 67 percent emergence. Corn condition was rated 5 percent poor or very poor, 21 percent fair, 54 percent good and 20 percent very good. The soybean crop was 66 percent planted compared to the five-year average of 57 percent,

with 47 percent emergence. The state soybean crop condition was not rated.

In Iowa, the corn crop was 99 percent planted compared to the five-year average of 94 percent, with 87 percent emergence. Corn condition was rated 1 percent poor, 18 percent fair, 62 percent good and 19 percent very good. Soybeans planted had reached 93 percent compared to the five-year average of 78 percent; 72 percent had emerged. Iowa’s first soybean condition rating of the season showed 1 percent rated poor, 23 percent fair, 60 percent good and 16 percent excellent, according to NASS.

Meanwhile, back in Peoria County and elsewhere across the Corn Belt, farmers were taking advantage of the recent hot spell to cut hay. “Farmers will look at the forecast when cutting hay, as three to four sunny continuous drying days are needed from the time it is mowed to being baled,” Kirchhofer said.



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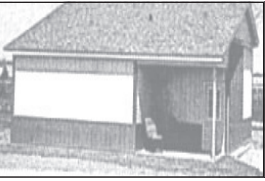
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# Benefits may outweigh risks of Monarch habitats near fields

By DOUG SCHMITZ  
Iowa Correspondent

AMES, Iowa – New research on monarchs by Iowa State University scientists is showing the benefits of planting habitat close to corn and soybean fields, despite insecticide risks.

“Our results suggest that the benefits of establishing habitat close to crop fields outweigh the adverse effects of insecticide spray drift,” said Tyler Grant, an Iowa State University post-doctoral research scientist in natural resource ecology and management.

“Assuming moderate habitat establishment, including areas adjacent to crop fields, we predicted increases in adult populations from approximately 8 to 9 percent,” he said. “This was notably more than an increase of 3.5 percent for moderate habitat establishment only outside a 125-foot zone around crop fields.”

The research is supported by the USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture’s Pollinator Health Program, Iowa State University’s College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, the USDA Agricultural Research Service, the Iowa Monarch Conservation Consortium, and the Xerces Society and Prairie Biotic Research.

Currently, Iowa is the epicenter of the U.S. monarch’s summer breeding range, and roughly 40 percent of all monarch butterflies that overwinter in Mexico are estimated to come from Iowa, and neighboring states in the Midwest.

According to scientists, the research indicates maximum increases in Iowa monarch populations are expected if habitat is established near crop fields, assuming that the state’s integrated pest management recommendations are used, and insecticide spray drift management practices are followed.

“There are concerns that habitat established near crop fields could lure the butterflies into areas where they might be killed by insecticide exposure,” the scientists added.

To better understand the risks and benefits of establishing habitat near crops fields, Iowa State researchers conducted an in-depth investigation using a variety of approaches and data.

As part of her doctorate in toxicology at Iowa State, Niranjana Krishnan led research addressing the acute and chronic toxicity of six insecticides commonly used in foliar and seed treatment formula-

A close-up photograph of two monarch butterflies perched on a cluster of small, light pink flowers. The butterflies' orange and black wings are clearly visible against the green leaves and pink blossoms.

**Above:** New research on monarchs by Iowa State University scientists is showing the benefits of planting habitat close to corn and soybean fields, despite insecticide risks (photo by Iowa State University).

tions. Krishnan, who is now a research assistant professor at the Missouri University of Science and Technology in Rolla, Mo., used research focused on laboratory experiments that looked at chronic and acute effects of several widely used classes of insecticides on different life stages of monarchs.

She then studied toxicity caused by direct exposure and from dietary residues on milkweed leaves, and in artificial nectar.

As a result, she found aerial applications of pyrethroid, organophosphate, anthranilic diamides and neonicotinoid insecticides can be expected to cause high downwind mortality in larvae (caterpillars) and eggs, with lower mortality predicted for adults and pupae (the chrysalis). (The diamide and pyrethroid were the most toxic insecticides to all life stages.)

According to Krishnan, the least toxic were the neonicotinoid and organophosphate insecticides.

“Not surprisingly, we confirmed that several of the insecticides will cause high levels of downwind butterfly mortality,” she said.

“Overall, though, our findings suggested the benefits of additional habitat likely outweigh the risks to monarch population growth, taking into account variability in pest pressure across Iowa and field seasons, as well as variability in the spatial configuration of crop fields, and habitat locations,” she added.

However, Krishnan and Grant said real-world results depend on the frequency of insecticide applications.

To address this hypothesis, Grant developed a landscape-scale population model for Story County, Iowa, that integrated

what is known about adult monarch movement patterns, egg-laying behavior, and reduced larval survival, using the toxicity data from Krishnan’s work.

Other variables considered included spray drift patterns based on prevailing wind directions.

Along with collaborators Krishnan and Steve Bradbury, an Iowa State University professor of entomology, Grant used the model to simulate adult monarch population responses over a period of 10 years for four habitat-establishment scenarios:

Current habitat condition, Maximum amount of new habitat establishment, Moderate amount of new establishment, and

Moderate establishment only outside a 125-foot buffer around crop fields.

Grant’s model incorporated use of the state’s integrated pest management practices that encourage tailoring applications to economically significant pest pressure.

Bradbury said the expected impacts could also vary, depending on different insecticides used, and their formulations.

“The combined results of this research provide new insights to help answer some of the challenging, multi-dimensional problems we face in monarch conservation,” he said. “Still, these findings only apply to species, like monarchs, that move across spatial scales greater than the distance of potential spray/drift impacts.

“Other species of concern, which do not move widely across the landscape, including some species of bees and other butterflies, would be expected to show different population responses due to insecticide drift.”

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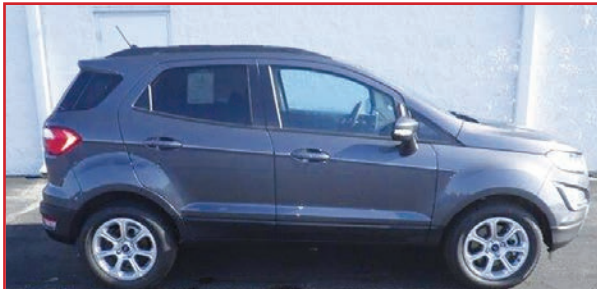
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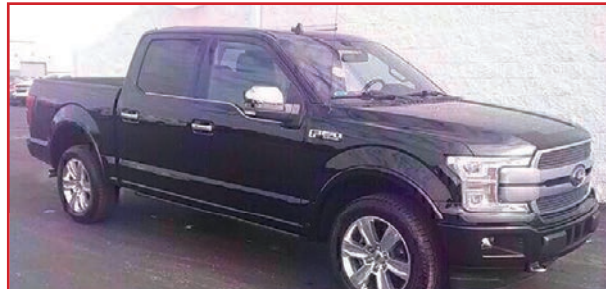
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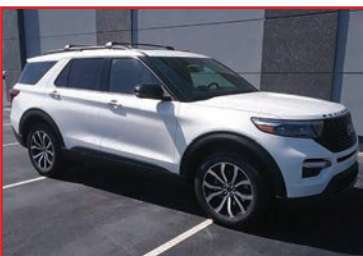
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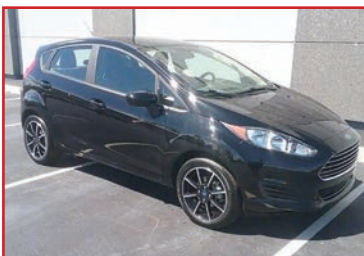
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By Stan Maddux  
Indiana Correspondent

INDIANAPOLIS – The winner of this year's Indianapolis 500 adding strawberry flavoring to his milk in Victory Circle has dairy farmers

hopeful of turning the corner on slumping sales.

Helio Castroneves celebrated his fourth win at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway on May 31 by carrying on with the long tradition of racers first (Indy 500 on page 2B)

**Below:** Helio Castroneves drank 2 percent white milk before adding strawberry flavoring to the rest of the bottle after winning the Indianapolis 500. Milk producers are hopeful the strawberry flavoring added by Helio Castroneves to his milk at Victory Circle will increase demand for milk.



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# These books will offer great summer reading to children

You’ve waited all year for this. You sat inside, looking out a window, thinking about all you were going to do when summer came. Well, it’s here and now’s the time to grab these great books and head outside...

If a beach is in your summertime plans, then “Ocean Soup” by Meeg Pincus, illustrated by Lucy Semple (Sleeping Bear Press), is the book you want before you go. Here, you’ll learn what you can do to keep the ocean clean and why it’s important. This is a great read-aloud for little kids, and for ecology-minded 5-to-7-year-old doers.

Young bird-watchers will love owning “Birds” by Miranda Krestovnikoff & Angela Harding (Bloomsbury). Loaded with artwork, this book teaches kids unique things about birds, their food and their habitat, “extremes,” dangerous birds, exotics and more. Meant for birders ages 6-11, it might challenge those on the lower end of that scale.



THE BOOKWORM SEZ  
Terri Schlichenmeyer

Another unusual book on wildlife is “Do You Know Where the Animals Live” by Peter Wohlleben (Greystone Kids). It’s full of questions that kids might ask, and answers that’ll fill them in on animals, birds, wildlife habitat, biology, animal language and even some make-a-kid-think entries. Six-to-9-year-olds will absolutely enjoy it.

Happy campers will want to take “Wild Outside: Around the World with Survivorman” by Les Stroud, illustrations by Andrew P. Barr (Annick Press), on walkabout. It’s a true-life adventure book about the wilderness, including “four steps to every great adventure,” ways to be prepared before you go and while you’re outdoors, lessons on how to stay safe and lots of gorgeous pictures. It’s perfect for the outdoorsy-type kid ages 8-12.

For the quieter kid, or perhaps for an Earth-minded child who may need

to stay indoors for part of the summer, check out “The Wild World Handbook” by Andrea Debbink, illustrated by Asia Orlando (Quirk Books). With more facts, less adventure, this book offers ecology-based biographies, activities to do indoors, fun-facts, places to visit and information about our world. Out May 25, this is a great book for kids ages 7-to-12.

For kids who are fascinated with Big Cats, there are two books to find: “Cougar Crossing” by Meeg Pincus, illustrated by Alexander Vidal (Beach Lane Books), is the story of P-22, a cougar that was born in a national park near Los Angeles. When he needed more room to roam, he headed into the city, but that was dangerous; by then, though, people had spotted the cat and decided to help. This is a good book for kids ages 7-9 but beware of the not-entirely-happy ending.

And finally, for readers ages 13-and-up, “The Black Leopard” by Will Burrard-Lucas (Chronicle Books) offers the story of a hunt that never included much more than a camera,



supreme patience and one man’s wildest dreams. Give the book to your wildlife-loving teen and borrow it back.

If these books don’t quite fit your child’s interest or activity level, check with your bookseller or librarian for more. Let your child go a little wild; they’ve been waiting for this all year...

## Indy 500

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to cross the checkered flag drinking from a bottle of cold milk.

He finished about half of the bottle then broke from tradition by adding a packet of strawberry flavoring to the rest of the milk. He then gulped it down.

“It was a big surprise to all of us,” said Allie Rieth, agriculture affairs manager for the American Dairy Association Indiana, Inc.

To her knowledge, she said it was the first time flavoring was added to the milk of the winning driver.

Rieth said Castroneves, by having it both ways, may have opened the eyes of some consumers who previously didn’t know or consider the possibilities with milk. “We want people to understand that a gallon of white milk still has all of those nutritional benefits but people are looking for something new and exciting and different that maybe fits

into their lifestyles a little better,” Rieth said.

Rieth said consumption of dairy products this year is up by about 7 percent from a year ago. However, the increase is largely from higher sales of cheese and butter.

Adding the strawberry flavoring came when the industry has been looking for ways for milk to be more appealing in a beverage market offering more choices than ever before.

She said it doesn’t hurt to have only the fourth driver to win the Indianapolis 500 four times to show the versatility of milk, one of the messages the industry has been trying to get across to consumers.

Rieth said it’s too early to know what impact Castroneves might have had on the industry but she pointed out sales increased in Japan after Takuma Sato took part in the tradition after his Indianapolis 500 victory in 2017.

At the very least, she said his actions should generate more ideas on growing demand for milk, “whether

it’s developing fun and innovative packaging or partnering with those unique flavors to get kids excited about it.”

Rieth said Castroneves also could have primed the pump for more schools to consider allowing flavored milk in their lunch programs.

Only flavored skim milk was allowed in schools until 2017 when permission was given to offer students flavorings in milk with a 1 percent fat content.

Rieth said she doesn’t believe flavored 2 percent or whole milk will become an option in schools anytime soon because of a health conscious government in charge of making those decisions.

However, she said the wheels of government could turn faster with help from new research showing fat content in milk is not a contributor to weight gain in children.

In fact, she said a lot of research now shows the fat content is “actually part of a healthy diet and helps keep kids fueled up and stay active.

Chocolate milk is an excellent recovery drink from workouts and sports for athletes,” she said.

Dairy farmer Jill Houin of Plymouth couldn’t be happier being part of the historic occasion. She handed the milk to Castroneves and was just inches away when he added the strawberry flavoring he arranged to have before the race if he won.

Castroneves said he wanted the rest of the milk to reflect the pink color of his car and team uniform.

“He celebrated traditionally and then he got to celebrate it the way he wanted to and I am humbled to be part of that whole day,” Houin said.

Houin is with Homestead Dairy, which was started by the grandparents of her husband, Brian. The farm has close to 5,000 head of dairy cattle producing milk for the Walmart processing plant in Fort Wayne.

Houin said the cows are milked by 36 robots along with traditional milking machines placed on the teets by hand. “Winners drink milk whatever flavor,” she said.

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ITEMS ARE LOCATED AT 15833 N 3100 E RD, CULLOM, IL 60929  
(Cullom is located in E. central IL, approximately 20 miles E. of Pontiac)

**INSPECTION:** Friday, June 18th from 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.  
& Saturday, June 19th from 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 noon



**HIGHLIGHTS:** '08 C-IH 435 Steiger 4WD tractor, PS, PTO, 1,322 hours; '11 C-IH 315 Magnum MFWD tractor, 848 hours; '14 C-IH 7230 4wd combine, 516 eng./314 sep. hours; '13 C-IH 2162 35' flex draper head; '15 Geringhoff Self-Disc Elite XL 8R30" chopping corn head; '09 Hagie DTS8 self-propelled sprayer, 484 hours; '20 Brent Avalanche 1596 grain cart on tracks; '17 Kinze 1100 grain cart on tracks; '09 Kinze 1050 Sof-Tred grain cart; '14 C-IH 1245 16 row 30" planter; '13 C-IH TigerMate 200 48' field cultivator; '13 C-IH 870 9-shank disc-ripper; '07 Woods BW1800 15' batwing mower; '02 Woods BrushBull 5' 3-pt. rotary mower; JD 400 30' 3-pt. rotary hoe; '01 Sukup T203 20' 10-panel grain dryer; '01 Sukup Cyclone 5" pneumatic grain system; (5) grain bins to be removed; Assorted bin & truck grain augers; '99 Volvo daycab truck, 102k miles; '09 Wilson DWH-500 41' hopper bottom; '18 Behnke 22' flatbed trailer; '94 Towmaster 20' flatbed trailer; Loadcraft 44' lowboy liquid tender trailer; Shop built 30' HD trailer w/tanks; '66 Minneapolis Moline M670 Super 2wd tractor; Assorted farm support items and more.

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**INSPECTION:** Friday, June 18th from 9:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.



**HIGHLIGHTS:** 1997 John Deere 8400 MFWD tractor, 6,085 hours; 1990 John Deere 4755 2wd tractor, 9,836 hours; 1990 Ford Versatill 846 4wd tractor, 7,349 hours; Farmall Super M 2wd tractor; Allis Chalmers CA 2wd tractor; Minneapolis Moline ZA 2wd tractor; Massey Harris 33 2wd tractor; Westendorf TA46 loader; 2007 John Deere 9660 STS 4wd combine, 2,670/1,629 hours; 2007 John Deere 893 8 row 30" corn head w/trailer; 2006 John Deere 630F 30' HydraFlex platform w/trailer; 2000 John Deere 1780 8/15 planter; DMI Tiger-Mate II 30' field cultivator; John Deere 650 33' disk; Blu-Jet 7 shank in-line pull-type ripper; Land Pride RCM5015 15' batwing mower; Land Pride DTM55 3-pt. ditcher; 9' 3-pt. blade; John Deere 20' 3-pt. rotary hoe; John Deere 1350-1450 5-bottom plow; John Deere 1350-1450 6-bottom plow; International 18 15' 3-pt. rotary hoe; International 8 row 30" 3-pt. cultivator; John Deere 28' implement trailer; Alloway-Westgo Spray Pup 800 gal. tender; Killbros 1400 grain cart; M&W 400 bu. gravity wagon w/seed auger; 250 bu. gravity wagon; Westfield MK100-61 10"x61' swing away auger; Westfield MK80-61 8"x61' swing away auger; Westfield J210-36 10"x36' truck auger; Westfield W70 truck auger; 1986 Ford 9000 semi; 1993 Jet 22' hopper bottom trailer; 1976 Ford 9000 grain truck; 1978 Ford F-800 grain truck; John Deere GS2 2600 display; John Deere StarFire 3000 receiver, SF1; John Deere ATU 300 universal steering wheel; Shop built 500 gal. fuel trailer; 1,000 gal. fuel barrel w/ pump; (2) 500 gal. fuel barrels w/ pumps; Selection of farm support items.

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# The action is in the auction

This COVID thing sure has messed things up, including taking the action out of many auctions. As a result of the coronavirus, many purebred bull breeders just had internet auctions instead of traditional bull sales and I hope this is not a permanent state of affairs. Before you know it they'll make their sales electronic auctions and get rid of the auctioneer entirely and you'll be forced to buy your bulls on eBay.

I know internet sales make some sense economically, no bulls get hurt and no one gets dirty but where else but a real bull sale are you going to see other ranchers from such a wide area, drink free beer and eat free steak, swat flies that are interpreted as bids by the auctioneer, get hit with projectile manure and get something for nodding?

I suppose I should be the last to complain, after all, for 20 years I was the announcer and a very small shareholder in one of the first video sale auctions where we sold cattle in load lots. It's a great way to sell cattle and buyers can get a lot of business done while eating free food and drinking free drinks, but beauty is in the eye of the beer-holder. I know sale barns still have big runs of yearlings and calves but a little part of me misses seeing all the big ads for dozens of off-the-grass specials and watching ring man Tommy run over the backs of mobs of yearlings trying to get them out the gate while catching a bid or two at the same time.

Already many breeders have taken the first step in taking the bull out of the bull sale. Instead of running the cattle through a sale ring they show pictures of them so no one dumb enough to sit on the front row gets shavings in their coffee or recycled alfalfa on their clothes. As a ring man for 40 years with my back to the sale ring I never wore out my clothes on the front, just the back from being pelted with shavings and gooeey stuff.



It's THE PITTS  
By Lee Pitts

I'll never forget the day when a big wig in the business, who was a very fastidious dresser, got squirted by a fire hose of manure and much of it lodged in the crease of his silver belly Stetson so for the rest of the sale he sat very still because if he moved even a smidgen the lake of stuff would overflow and would drip, drip, drip down the front of his hat. You won't see that at a bull-less auction.

Then there was the time a bull decided to join the auctioneer and clerk on the auction block and got stuck. Although my memory is failing me I'll never forget the time the auctioneer fell over backward off the block, but he never missed calling the bid. And invariably when we couldn't get a bid on the bull in the ring and let another bull in the buyer picked the inferior bull half the time. And the second bull often brought more money!

Looking back there were some situations that could have been very dangerous like the time a Longhorn bull at a sale in Elko, Nev., lifted up the sale ring, climbed underneath, knocked over a section of bleachers and was fixing to shish kabob somebody when a smart person opened the door and let the bull out who was last seen headed east on I-80 for Chicago. I don't know what it is about Nevada but it was also there where a Hereford bull busted his way out of the ring and sent everyone scurrying for cover. And I'd be remiss if I didn't mention the fellow at John Wayne's bull sale every year who waved a huge American flag when he wanted to bid. I didn't know whether to take his bid or salute and bust out singing our national anthem.

The zenith of my career as a ring man had to be the time a man and wife got into an argument over his selection of bulls and the amount he was willing to spend. After several such altercations heard by everyone in the sale barn she finally slapped him and left. For good, I was later told. [www.LeePittsbooks.com](http://www.LeePittsbooks.com)

# The unfinished gravestone

John 11:25 "Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me will live even if he dies, and everyone who lives and believes in Me will never die . . .'"

Death is a difficult experience. It means separation from loved ones and a new way of living for those left behind. But what if death is not the end?

Different stages of life preclude certain types of events. High school students will attend numerous graduation parties. Young adults will regularly dance at weddings and attend baby showers. But when you get older the type of events you attend changes. Sadly, funerals of people you love and respect increase in frequency.

I began thinking about these things a few weeks ago when Dad and I attended a number of funerals all in one week. Following the committal service, as we attendees slowly paraded our cars around the winding drive of the cemetery, I perused the many gravestones we passed.

One monument in particular caught my eye. Looking at the dates I realized that surviving family members had failed to have the death year engraved onto the stone. Decades had passed with no record of her final time of departure.

At first I felt sorry for this forgotten



VERSES FROM MAMA  
By Sandra Sheridan

woman. "Poor Emma," I thought. "No one remembered to finish her story." But then I had another thought. Those who believe in Jesus never really die. Yes, their flesh becomes old, wears out, and must be put in the ground, but this person's soul stays very much alive.

If Emma believed in Jesus as the resurrection and the life, then right now she lives and will never die. Maybe,

although unintentional, Emma's gravestone tells an even better story than the one we usually think of when it comes to death. Her body is in the ground, but her soul lives on.

No matter what stage of life you are now in, at some point you will encounter death. And the older we get the more prevalent it will be. But God's child doesn't need to grieve in the same way others do. For those who put their faith in Jesus will never really die. The date on the gravestone will record when the body gave out, but it will not record the end of the person.

So, grieving one, look forward in faith. There is life in Jesus. And if someday your family members forget to fill in the year on the stone, it won't be a travesty. This oversight will only stand as a reminder that you are not really there. Because Jesus is the resurrection and the life you will never die but live forever!

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# Class III milk prices up; highest since November

U.S. milk prices are making June Dairy Month a little happier for farmers. The USDA announced the May Federal order Class III benchmark milk price at \$18.96 per hundredweight (cwt.), up \$1.29 from April, \$6.82 above May 2020, and the highest Class III since November 2020. The five month average is at \$16.91, up from \$15.10 at this time a year ago and \$15.05 in 2019.

Late Friday morning Class III futures had the June price at \$17.29; July, \$17.82; August, \$18.33; September, \$18.73; October, \$18.86; November, \$18.75; and December at \$18.45.

The May Class IV price is \$16.16 per cwt., up 74 cents from April, \$5.49 above a year ago, and the highest since February 2020. Its average now stands at \$14.54, up from \$13.96 a year ago, and compares to \$15.81 in 2019.

A jump in the April all milk price helped offset increased feed costs to pause the slide in the U.S. milk feed ratio. The USDA's latest Ag Prices report shows April at 1.75, same as March, but down from 1.85 in April 2020.

The index is based on the current milk price in relationship to feed prices for a ration consisting of 51 percent corn, 8 percent soybeans and 41 percent alfalfa hay. In other words, one pound of milk would purchase 1.75 pounds of dairy feed of that blend.

The U.S. all milk price averaged \$18.40 per cwt., up \$1 from March and \$4 above the March 2020 average. California's all milk price climbed to \$16.70, up 90 cents from March and \$2.80 above a year ago. Wisconsin's, at \$18.80, was up \$1.30 from March and \$4 above a year ago.

Unfortunately, the national average corn price hit \$5.31 per bushel, up 42 cents per bushel from March and a pricy \$2.02 per bushel above April 2020. Soybeans averaged \$13.90 per bushel, up 70 cents from March and a whopping \$5.55 per bushel above April 2020. Alfalfa hay averaged \$187 per ton, up \$6 from March and \$7 above a year ago.

Looking at the cow side of the ledger; the April cull price for beef and dairy combined averaged \$71.10 per cwt., up \$4 from March, \$7.10 above April 2020, and 50 cents below the 2011 base average of \$71.60 per cwt.

Milk cow replacements averaged \$1,310 per head in April, down \$50 from January but \$60 per head above April 2020. Cows averaged \$1,400 per head in California, up \$50 from January and \$100 per head above a year ago. Wisconsin's average, at \$1,490 per head, was up \$20 from January and \$240 per head above April 2020.

In the week ending May22, 53,500 dairy cows were sent to slaughter, down 1,900 from the previous week and 2,200 or 3.9 percent below that week a year ago.

International dairy values continue to slip. This week's Global Dairy Trade auction saw the weighted average down 0.9 percent, following a 0.2 percent slip on May 18 and 0.7 percent loss on May 4. While the slippages are small, due to China remaining in the market as well as stepped up trade from other regions, it was the fourth consecutive event to lose ground. Traders brought 50.3 million pounds of product to market, up from 46.6 million in the last event. This was the first auction of New Zealand's new market year.

Dairy exports continue to leave our shores through the Cooperatives Working Together (CWT) program. Member coops accepted 31 offers of export assistance this week to help capture sales of 2.4 million pounds of Cheddar, Gouda and

Monterey Jack cheese, 2,205 pounds of anhydrous milkfat, and 762,800 pounds of cream cheese.

The product is going to customers in Asia and South America through September and raised CWT's 2021 exports to 17.9 million pounds of American-type cheeses, 10.4 million pounds of butter (82 percent milkfat), 7.1 million pounds of anhydrous milkfat, 16.6 million pounds of whole milk powder and 6.9 million pounds of cream cheese. The products are going to 30 countries in six regions. These sales are the equivalent of 766.1 million pounds of milk on a milkfat basis.

We talked about the congestion at U.S. ports and truck shortages within the United States and what they mean to the dairy industry in the June 7 Dairy Radio Now broadcast with Matt Gould, editor of the Dairy and Food Market Analyst.

Gould said that shipping costs from California to the Midwest have surged as have the costs from the middle of the country to Mexico. Securing a ship at west coast ports has also become more difficult in the last six months, he said.

The port congestion started in November last year, according to Gould, where ships had to wait to be unloaded in southern California. That congestion peaked in February but has since slowly improved but the situation isn't over yet.

He blamed the congestion on "People staying home and spending their money on things, but those things have to be made somewhere, typically overseas, so that demand filled the ships."

The port improvement is much needed, he said, because "We have booming supplies of cheese and we have booming supplies of milk. At this point we're very dependent on those export markets because we have to balance our market by shipping products overseas."

Midwest cheese producers are busy, reports Dairy Market News, and "milk availability is evidence that peak flush season has yet to be achieved. Cool weather continued to put a surplus of milk into cheese vats. DMN said, "It is getting to a point where milk handlers are aggressively seeking out destinations for notable volumes of milk. Contacts are hopeful that heat in the forecast will begin to stanch the current flow of milk."

Western cheese demand is steady in both retail and food service markets. Milk is readily available, allowing producers to run full schedules however cheese output is, reportedly, outpacing demand. Market tones are unsteady though contacts believe the lower prices should lead to increased interest from international buyers but port congestion and shipping issues are continuing to cause delays.

In politics, the Wisconsin-based American Dairy Coalition (ADC) gave a thumbs up to Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand (D-N.Y.) this week for "continuing to seek solutions and relief for dairy farmers."

As chair of the Senate Agriculture Subcommittee on Dairy, Livestock and Poultry since the beginning of the 117th Congress, Sen. Gillibrand has wasted no time looking into concerns raised about the Class I milk price formula change that has had devastating effects for dairy farmers via income loss, negative Producer Price Differentials (PPDs), and failed performance of risk management tools amid the pandemic," the ADC stated.

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**MIELKE MARKET WEEKLY**  
By Lee Mielke



# The double standard for plant-based products

Plant-based meat alternatives are everywhere and are currently the darling of the food industry. Along with all the hype have come misinformation, accusations and downright lies. The two biggest of these are that plant-based meats are healthier and are better for the environment. In both cases the facts don't support those claims. At the same time, the one plant-based farm product that can prove it is better for human health and better for the environment is criticized by the same crowd that supports plant-based meat.

Plant-based meat alternatives are not new. In the late 1800s, John Harvey Kellogg developed a peanut-based "meatless meat" called Nuttose. Today's plant-based meats are far more complicated. Two of the most popular brands, Beyond Meat and Impossible Foods, utilize pea protein or soy protein concentrate in their burgers, both of which closely mimic the texture and taste of real beef.

While in a few key areas this product has some impressive health claims such as lower fat and cholesterol, it is also very highly processed with almost three times the sodium level of beef which has led to mixed opinions among dietitians. The environmental claims made by plant-based meat products stray much further from reality. Radical environmentalists, anti-animal groups and Hollywood celebrities have been spouting rhetoric for years about how bad animal agriculture is for the environment. From cow flatulence to carbon foot print, the claims made against animal agriculture are fiction.

These outrageous and unsubstantiated claims are all part of the marketing approach. They are

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Meanwhile, 16 senators and 12 representatives signed on to a letter authored Sens. Mike Rounds (R-S.D.) and Tina Smith (D-Minn.) calling for "reform of government policies impacting U.S. cattle and beef markets."

"The Congressional signers represent 23 states, including many with stronger consumer-oriented constituencies than traditional cattle-related constituencies," according to an R-Calf press release. "Together they are calling on U.S. Attorney General Merrick Garland to take action to protect the nation's cattle farmers and ranchers from going broke due to inexplicably low cattle prices and protect American consumers from paying over-inflated beef prices at grocery stores. The letter identifies several factors the government needs to address but goes beyond traditional antitrust concerns."



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a distraction because plant-based meat cannot compete with real meat when it comes to taste and texture. Using a genetic engineering process, Impossible Foods, the maker of the plant-based Impossible Burger, created something similar to the protein found in red blood. It allows their simulated meat to bleed and sizzle like real ground beef. So making us feel good when we are eating something that might taste not so good is their goal.

Yet it is the belief that eating real meat is bad for the environment that young consumers say is the reason they choose a plant-based diet. This eco-aware generation, however, seems apathetic about adopting a plant-based fuel for their cars. Ethanol not only puts less harmful particulate matter into the air we breathe, it comes from a renewable plant-based resource that takes millions of tons of carbon out of the atmosphere and sequesters it in the ground.

So, why the double standard? Perhaps we should start marketing ethanol-blended fuel as plant-based fuel or perhaps even eco-friendly, plant-based fuel. This is a claim that even the electric cars can't make since the amount of toxic chemicals and heavy metals used in battery production gives them a carbon footprint several sizes larger than ethanol.

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# Barge traffic resumes at Hernando de Soto Bridge

By DOUG SCHMITZ  
Iowa Correspondent

MEMPHIS, Tenn. – Barge traffic under the Hernando de Soto Bridge has been allowed to resume after a bridge inspector discovered a ‘significant fracture’ on May 11 that temporarily closed the bridge carrying Interstate 40 across the Mississippi River between Memphis, Tenn., and West Memphis, Ark. However, the bridge is still closed to vehicular traffic.

“Based on information provided to us by the Tennessee Department of Transportation, the Coast Guard has determined that transit under the I-40 bridge is safe for maritime traffic,” said Ryan Rhodes, Coast Guard captain of the Port of Memphis.

“We appreciate the cooperative efforts of both the Tennessee and Arkansas Departments of Transportation, as well as maritime port partners, to ensure the safety of our waterway,” he added.

According to Mike Steenhoek, executive director of the Soy Transportation Coalition in Ankeny, Iowa, however, “Vehicular traffic may remain suspended for quite a while.”

The crack – located on a beam essential to the bridge’s structural integrity – was identified during a routine inspection that occurs every two years.



**Above:** Barge traffic under the Hernando de Soto Bridge has been allowed to resume after a bridge inspector discovered a ‘significant fracture’ that temporarily closed the bridge carrying Interstate 40 across the Mississippi River between Memphis, Tenn., and West Memphis, Ark. (photo courtesy of en.wikipedia.org)

Adel Abdelnaby, University of Memphis professor of civil engineering, told WREG News Channel 3 in Memphis, he contributed the crack to a design flaw in the bridge’s sagging ‘M’ shape.

Steenhoek said on May 12 there were 62 vessels with a total of 1,058 barges

waiting to pass under the bridge.

“Almost every barge loaded with soybeans, corn, or other agricultural commodity along the Upper Mississippi, Ohio, Illinois, or Missouri Rivers are destined to Gulf of Mexico export facilities near New Orleans, and therefore must pass underneath the I-40 bridge,” he said.

According to the USDA, in the week ending May 1, 438 barges moved down river destined for Gulf export facilities, with most of these barges loaded in areas north of Memphis.

“It is reasonable to assume hundreds of barges of U.S. grain will be negatively impacted by the closure, depending on its duration,” Steenhoek said before the bridge was re-opened for barge traffic only last Friday.

“Because (80 percent of) U.S. soybeans are primarily exported between the months of September and February, other commodities, particularly corn, will bear more of the brunt of the barge traffic suspension, but soybeans will clearly be impacted as well,” he said.

He added, “A disruption in the supply chain is very analogous to squeezing a balloon – pressure can be alleviated in one area, but it will be augmented in another. International demand remains robust, but our ability to connect supply with demand has been compromised.”

He said the USDA also reported 982,000 short tons of grain and soybeans transited Lock and Dam #27 on the Mississippi River, and Olmsted Lock and Dam on the Ohio River.

Of that volume, he said 29 million bushels were corn, and 4.2 million bushels were soybeans.

“Those two locks are good links in the supply chain to monitor since most any volume going through those two locks will need to pass by Memphis to ultimately arrive at Gulf export terminals,” he said.

“They also represent the two main feeders – the Upper Mississippi River and the Ohio River – into the lower portions of the Mississippi River, which includes the Memphis area,” he added.

Before last Friday’s barge traffic re-opening, he said he expected to see a shift from barge to rail, (and trucking, to a lesser extent), which will put upward pressure on rail rates.

“This would clearly impact the profitability of agriculture, including the U.S. farmer,” he said.

He said it is important to regard the bridge closure – and resulting suspension of traffic – in the broader context of a national and global supply chain that is currently under tremendous stress.

“The seismic shift in consumer spending over the past 12-15 months from services (i.e., restaurants, travel,



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- JUN 10 ELKHART, INDIANA: Myers Implement, Inc. — Polk Auction Co.. 10 acres of machinery.. 9 am EST
- JUN 10 LONDON, OHIO: Ella's Farm, LLC — Wilson National LLC. Real estate.. 6 pm
- JUN 11 ELKHART, INDIANA: Myers Implement, Inc. — Polk Auction Co.. 10 acres of machinery.. 9 am EST
- JUN 12 BUNKER HILL, INDIANA: Maple Estate — Metzger Auction. Antique farm equipment, tools, other.. 10 am SEE AD ON PAGE 16B
- JUN 12 ELKHART, INDIANA: Myers Implement, Inc. — Polk Auction Co.. 10 acres of Machinery.. 9 am EST
- JUN 12 NEW WASHINGTON, INDIANA: Barton — Heil's Auction Service. Tractors, Gator, mower, trailer, other.. 9:30 am SEE AD ON PAGE 11B
- JUN 12 SOLSBERRY, INDIANA: Chasteen Estate — Williams Auctioneering. Real estate and personal property.. 8 am
- JUN 12 WESTPORT, INDIANA: Baker — Owens Auction Service. Tractors, equipment, tools, misc.. 9:30 am SEE AD ON PAGE 15B
- JUN 12 JEFFERSONVILLE, KENTUCKY: Martin — Lisa Rogers Realty. Real estate and farm equipment.. 10 am
- JUN 12 ADRIAN, MICHIGAN: Chase Estate — Lyn Liechty Auctions. Personal property.. 10 am

- JUN 12 BELLEVILLE, MICHIGAN: Superior Auto — Juckette & Neuhart Auctioneers. Retirement auction.. 10 am
- JUN 12 POSEN, MICHIGAN: Goll Estate — Sykora Auction Service. IHC collection.. 10 am
- JUN 12 SCHOOLCRAFT, MICHIGAN: Maneikis — Miedema Auctioneering. Farm & woodworking equipment.. 10 am
- JUN 12 GREENVILLE, OHIO: Consignment — Bussey Brothers. Tractors, equipment, other.. 9 am SEE AD ON PAGE 14B
- JUN 12 WEST ALEXANDRIA, OHIO: Kerschner Estate — Walnut Harvest Auctions. Commercial real estate and personal property.. 10 am
- JUN 14 WOLCOTT, INDIANA: Swygman — Ted Everett Auctions. Large farm retirement auction.. 10 am SEE AD ON PAGE 14B
- JUN 15 CHATSWORTH, ILLINOIS: Dehm F.E. 182 — Schrader Real Estate & Auction Co., Inc.. Farm equipment.. 9 am CST
- JUN 15 REYNOLDS, INDIANA: Cleefman — Ted Everett Auctions. Large estate farm auction.. 10 am SEE AD ON PAGE 12B
- JUN 16 NEW RICHMOND, INDIANA: Laffoon — Jay Allen Auction Service. Retirement auction, farm equipment and machinery.. 10 am

- JUN 18 PENDLETON, INDIANA: Annual Summer Auction — Don Smock Auctions. Farm equipment, machinery, other.. 9 am SEE AD ON PAGE 15B
- JUN 19 DECATUR, INDIANA: Cook FE 190 — Schrader Real Estate & Auction Co., Inc.. Farm equipment.. 9 am SEE AD ON PAGE 12B
- JUN 19 LOOGOOTE, INDIANA: West Boggs Park — Graber Auctions. Surplus and consignment.. 9:30 am SEE AD ON PAGE 11B
- JUN 19 MEMPHIS, INDIANA: Legler — Heil's Auction Service. Semi & trailers, collector cars, vehicles, forklifts, crane, misc.. 9:30 am SEE AD ON PAGE 11B

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## Bridge

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entertainment, etc.) to goods has imposed historic demand on manufacturing and production, and the supply chain that accommodates them.

“Every link (i.e., ports, railroads, trucking, maritime shipping, etc.) in the supply chain is under stress,” he added. “When a link in the supply chain – barge, in this case – experiences a shut down or delay within the context of (an) overly subscribed transportation network, challenges can easily compound – adding insult to injury.”

He said he also had another reaction to the news of the I-40 bridge closure.

“If we have such pronounced structural problems with the bridges that are a component of our interstate system – the flagship portion of our nation’s surface transportation system – then we clearly must have significant challenges with our local bridge inventory – especially in rural areas,” he said.

“The number of structurally deficient bridges in rural America affirms this concern,” he added. “As we move forward, it is my hope that this situation will further galvanize efforts to produce a comprehensive infrastructure investment strategy that addresses the needs of both urban and rural America,” he added.

The Tennessee Department of Transportation said the crack may have been there for a week before being spotted during the inspection.

But Abdelnaby said he thinks it may have been there longer, possibly a few weeks.

“So, this crack is very developed,” he said. “When I look at the crack, the crack doesn’t look to me like it’s new. The crack looks like the edges of the crack are worn. You see they are round; they are not sharp edges.”

The Tennessee Department of Transportation said they didn’t have a specific timeline for the bridge to re-open to vehicular traffic.

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# Highs in the 90s more likely as mid-June approaches

Simple attention to the details of nature, as always, helped me keep in sight both my center and my life's destination and purpose, which was to live skillfully and mindfully each step of the journey. – Stephen Altshuler

POOR WILL'S ALMANACK  
By Bill Felker

## The Moon and the Stars

The Cottonwood Cotton Moon wanes to become the Mating Milkweed Bug Moon on June 10 at 5:53 a.m. Even as cottonwood cotton continues to fall, milkweed bugs gather on milkweed to mate in the deeply sweet odor of the new milkweed flowers. Rising in the morning and setting in the evening, this moon passes overhead in the early afternoon, encouraging creatures to feed around that time, especially as the cool fronts of June 10 and 15 approach.

By chore time in the early morning, the sky has moved to the way it will appear on an October evening. Hercules is setting, and the Summer Triangle is shifting into the far west. Pegasus is almost overhead, and the harbingers of winter, the Pleiades, are coming up over the horizon.

## Weather Trends

The second week of June always brings an increase in the likelihood for highs in the 90s, and the average percentage of afternoons in the 80s rises above the average percentage for 70s for the first time in the year. Cold 60s are rare, occurring just 5 percent of the time. This week brings more sunshine than almost any other week so far in the year: a full 85 percent of the days have at least partly cloudy skies. New moon on June 10, however, is likely to contribute to a thunderstorm toward the weekend.

## Zeitgebers

(Events in Nature that Tell the Time of Year)

Chiggers bite near this date; their season lasts through August in the North, well into autumn in the South. Most deer have been born by now. Raccoon young are half grown, rabbits maybe a third.

This is peak fishing time for channel catfish. Painted turtles and box turtles are laying eggs. On Lake Erie, walleye fishing is usually at its best.

Oakleaf hydrangeas, Pokeweed, early seasons hostas, Queen Anne's lace, larkspur and hollyhocks come into bloom. Acorns have formed in the woods. Droopy lizard's tail flowers in ponds and streams.

Pie cherries and the earliest black raspberries ripen. Mock orange petals fall.

The violet heads of May's chives droop and decay. Tall buttercups recede into the wetlands. The blossoms of the scarlet pyrethrums, blue lupines and Siberian iris come apart. Nettles and grasses reach waist high and tangle with catchweed (the catchweed flowers turned to burs). Catalpa flowers fall in afternoon thunderstorms.

## Mind and Body

The S.A.D. Index, which measures seasonal stress on a scale from 1 to 100, rises into the 20s under the influence of the new moon, but it then falls toward the single digits, reaching a low of just 3 on June 18.

## In the Field and Garden

Cucumber vines for pickles are at the three-leaf stage. This is the average budding date for birdsfoot trefoil in central Ohio and Indiana. Grapes are blossoming throughout the vineyards of northeastern Ohio.

The earliest corn is now 40 inches tall. The first winter wheat is turning gold. Soybeans are normally 80 percent planted, 60 percent emerged. At least half of the tobacco plants are in the field along the Ohio River.

Spray for fleas, lice, ticks, scab mites, screw worms, blow fly eggs and fly maggots on your sheep. Check for scrapie and ringworm, too. Hunt potato leaf hoppers in the alfalfa, corn borers in the corn, mites in the roses. Go after bean leaf beetles in the fields. Cucumber beetles reach economic threshold throughout the region. Sawfly larvae eat the leaves on the mountain ash. Lace bugs cause yellow spotting on sycamores, oaks, and azaleas.

Fertilize roses, asparagus and rhubarb; side dress the corn; cut broccoli, harvest early cabbage. In average years, the first cut of alfalfa hay is almost complete in an average year along the 40th Parallel east of the Mississippi. A minimum of 100 frost-free days still remains in most of the area.

## ALMANACK LITERATURE

### Picking Potatoes

By Patti Van Scoy, Huron, Ohio

Back in the day, my grandfather had a few fields of potatoes surrounding his home in Milan Township. I was fortunate enough to grow up and live next door to my grandma and grandpa. As a child, in the 1960s, I was always visiting with them, almost daily, and cherish those times so much now.

One of my most memorable times was digging and picking potatoes with my grandpa. I was the oldest grandchild (no boys) and at the age of about 9 or 10, 1966-68, I wanted to be in the field with him. He let me ride on the tractor, as I got a little older, he taught me how to drive the tractor in the fields. At the end of summer, most of the family, men and kids, helped Grandpa pick the rest of the crop, which were then sorted and stored in their basement and for sale to the public.

People laugh at me these days for saying "picking potatoes," but that's what we called it. A machine called a potato digger loosened them out of the dirt, so we simply picked them up off the dirt and placed them in bushels. Now here is my favorite memory. Our final pick up one year, it lasted all day into the evening. Grandpa paid all the children \$1 for their help, which wasn't bad for young kids.

He paid me last. I'll never forget, he gave me a crisp \$5 bill, and said, "You're the only one who helped me all year, and I appreciate it." I was so proud. I wish I still had that \$5 bill. But I have the most treasured thing, "a wonderful memory with my grandpa!"

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# National FFA Organization and Foundation name a new chief

INDIANAPOLIS – The National FFA Organization and the National FFA Foundation have named Scott Stump the new chief executive officer of both organizations, effective June 21.

Stump, who lives on a small ranch in Stoneham, Colo., with his wife, Denise and three children, Brady, Ross and Emma, has a background rich in agricultural education, career and technical education and FFA. He received his bachelor's in agricultural education from Purdue University and his MBA from Western Governor's University.

"It is with great anticipation that I return to National FFA in this leadership role," said Stump, CEO of the National FFA Organization. "I know from personal experience as a student and as a parent the positive difference FFA makes in the lives of students across this nation. I look forward to working with FFA's talented national staff, committed board members, state and local leaders and supporters to advance and expand our collective impact."

National FFA Advisor and Board Chair Dr. James Woodard shared the news with state FFA and agricultural education leaders and National FFA staff.

"The opportunity to select Scott Stump as the new CEO is exciting for the National FFA Board of Directors. Scott is a leader with credibility, vision and passion for the agricultural education profession," Woodard said. "The process for selecting Scott was both inclusive and transparent. The respondents of the survey provided great insight into the needs of the organization. I want to professionally thank all who provided input to the selection process."

After an extensive search process, the Joint Governance Committee of the National FFA Board of Directors and National FFA Board of Trustees selected and approved Stump as CEO.

"On behalf of the National FFA Foundation Board of Trustees, we are both humbled and excited to welcome Mr. Scott Stump to our team. Scott brings decades of experience to the table, having been a part of FFA and

agricultural education at nearly every level – including student member, classroom teacher, state staff and national staff," said Ronnie Simmons, chair of the National FFA Foundation Board of the Trustees. "With a Smith-Hughes style philosophy of agricultural education, Scott's ideals and beliefs are built on a strong foundation giving him the capacity to lead and influence others. It is evident that these beliefs are the driving force behind his vision that agricultural education will continue to be the difference-maker in the lives of students across the nation."

Stump began his career as an agriculture teacher in Manchester, Ind., where he taught for two years. He then worked for the National FFA Organization, where he managed the national officer team and the National FFA Convention & Expo. From 2007 through 2014, he served as the assistant provost and state director for career and technical education with the Colorado Community College System. During his CCCS tenure, Stump also served as state FFA advisor, agriculture program director and interim president of Northeastern Junior College during the institution's presidential search process. In 2015, Stump was named COO of learning solutions provider Vivayic, Inc. In July 2018, he was confirmed by the U.S. Senate to serve as the assistant secretary of career, technical and adult education for the U.S. Department of Education, where he served until January. He currently serves as senior advisor with Advance CTE, where he leads and contributes to major initiatives and projects, including Advances CTE's Postsecondary CTE Leaders Fellowship Program and Advancing the Framework. He also supports their federal advocacy, state policy and technical assistance efforts.

Stump replaces Mark Poeschl, who resigned in January 2021 after leading the organization for five years.

The National FFA Organization is a school-based national youth leadership development organization of more than 760,000 student members as part of 8,700 local FFA chapters in all 50 states and Puerto Rico.

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**Larry Miller, South Solon, OH - 937-605-7723 • Lot 22:** Massey Ferguson 540 Combine w/ MF 1143 Corn Head & 13' MF Grain Head • **Lot 23:** Massey Ferguson 540 Combine - PARTS ONLY • **Lot 24:** 10' John Deere 8200 End Wheel Drill • **Lot 25:** John Deere 4-Bottom Plow

**Thompson Grain Farm, South Charleston, OH - 937-605-4731 • Lot 26:** Cat/Lexion 12R30" Corn Head • **Lot 27:** 30' Unverferth HT30 Header Cart • **Lot 28:** 32' Landoll To-The-Max Harrow • **Lot 29:** 32' Ford (White) Disc • **Lot 30:** Spray King 1500 28% Applicator • **Lot 31:** 18' Buckeye Ag Supply Flatbed Truck Skid

**Andy Bledsoe, Xenia, OH - 937-313-5544 • Lot 32:** New Holland L228 Skid Steer • **Lot 33:** 15" wide steel skid steer tracks • **Lot 34:** 48" pallet forks • **Lot 35:** 39" pallet forks • **Lot 36:** 5' Melroe Co manure forks w/ grapple • **Lot 37:** 6' New Holland manure forks • **Lot 38:** 6' Bradco bucket w/ grapple • **Lot 39:** New Holland 770W hay head • **Lot 40:** 24' Farmco feeder wagon • **Lot 41:** 20' Hay wagon • **Lot 42:** White 378 6R30" Cultivator • **Lot 43:** Ritchie 100/150 2-Hole Livestock Waterer • **Lot 44:** Mineral Lick • **Lot 45:** 10' Countyline Poly Bunk Feeder • **Lot 46:** (2) 5' Poly Bunk Feeders • **Lot 47:** (2) Rubbermaid 100-gal Water Tanks • **Lot 48:** Stronghold portable chute w/ palpation cage, rear hinge gate, swing door • **Lot 49:** Stronghold portable crowding tub • **Lot 50:** (2) Feed thru panels • **Lot 51:** Square Bale feeder • **Lot 52:** (3) Behlen Country hay manger racks • **Lot 53:** (2) Apache Bunk Feeders • **Lot 54:** Apache F51242 Fence Line Hay Feeder • **Lot 55:** (2) Farmstar Hay Feeders • **Lot 56:** Farmstar Creep Feeder • **Lot 57:** Marting Steer Stuffer • **Lot 58:** (20) Large Square bales of straw • **Lot 59:** (20) Large Square bales of straw • **Lot 60:** Troy-Bilt Tiller • **Lot 61:** Frontier Bale Spear • **Lot 62:** Bale Spear • **Lot 63:** (2) 8' Alley Panels • **Lot 64:** (2) 8' 3" Stronghold Alley Panels • **Lot 65:** (3) 10' Gates • **Lot 66:** (2) StrongHold Sliding Alley Gates • **Lot 67:** (4) 10' Gates, 5' tall • **Lot 68:** (2) Adj Alley Panels • **Lot 69:** (2) Alley Panels • **Lot 70:** (2) Alley Arches • **Lot 71:** (2) Alley Arches • **Lot 72:** Alley Arch • **Lot 73:** (2) Alley Arches • **Lot 74:** Arch Gate • **Lot 75:** (2) Arch Gates • **Lot 76:** (2) Arch Gates • **Lot 77:** (2) Arch Gates • **Lot 78:** (2) Arch Gates • **Lot 79:** (9) Assorted Gates • **Lot 80:** (2) 8'3" Palco Alley Panels • **Lot 81:** (6) Assorted Pipe Gates  
**Eric Elfers, Springfield, OH - 937-631-5146 • Lot 82:** John Deere 7200 12R30" Planter • **Lot 83:** 90' Bestway Field Pro III 1600 Gal Sprayer

**Angie Lehman, Shelby, OH - 419-612-5426 • Lot 84:** 1995 International 9400 Semi Tractor  
**Noah Schlabach, Irwin, OH - 614-595-4905 • Lot 85:** 1972 GMC 6500 Grain Truck w/ 14' Dump Bed • **Lot 86:** M&W 5-Shank Ripper • **Lot 87:** 30' Case IH Crumbler

**Dennis DeRolph, Glenford, OH - 740-404-6881 • Lot 88:** Great Plains YP3025-3610 Planter • **Lot 89:** Strobel 2-Box Seed Tender  
**Hillary Arnold, McConnelsville, OH - 740-651-8298 • Lot 90:** 1987 Kenworth T800 Semi Tractor • **Lot 91:** 1991 Mack Semi Tractor w/ bunk • **Lot 92:** 53' 2001 Trailmobile Box Trailer • **Lot 93:** 48' Fruehauf Box Trailer

**Wayne Gingerich, Plain City, OH - 614-203-0675 • Lot 94:** Massey Ferguson 1135 Tractor • **Lot 95:** Massey Ferguson 8570 Combine w/ Mud-Hog hyd rear wheel drive • **Lot 96:** Massey Ferguson 1163 6R30" Corn Head • **Lot 97:** 25' Massey Ferguson Grain Head • **Lot 98:** 25' Killbros Header Cart • **Lot 99:** EZ-Flow Model 300 Gravity Wagon • **Lot 100:** EZ-Flow Model 300 Gravity Wagon • **Lot 101:** John Deere 700 Grinder-Mixer • **Lot 102:** 1975 Ford 800 Grain Truck w/ 18' Dump Bed, NOT RUNNING • **Lot 103:** 15' Yetter 3415 Rotary Hoe • **Lot 104:** 15' Kewanee 80 Cultimulcher • **Lot 105:** Massey Ferguson 880 5-Bottom Plow • **Lot 106:** Brillion 6-Row Field Cultivator • **Lot 107:** 2006 Honda Odyssey 4-Door Minivan  
**Pete Wical, Waynesville, OH - 937-694-5085 • Lot 108:** 40' 2007 Lime City Steel Hopper Trailer

**Gary Wical, Spring Valley, OH - 937-313-7990 • Lot 109:** 34' 1984 Hobbs End Dump Trailer  
**Tony Moran, Ripley, OH - 561-721-5770 • Lot 110:** New Holland BC5070 Square Baler  
**Becks Superior Hybrids, Inc., Chillicothe, OH - 541-561-0576**

• **Lot 111:** Bean Hustler • **Lot 112:** 6' Rotary Mower • **Lot 113:** 10,000-gal Single Wall Fuel Tank • **Lot 114:** 20,000-gal Single Wall Aluminum fertilizer storage tank • **Lot 115:** 500-gal Fuel Tank on Trailer • **Lot 116:** Pickup truck ladder rack  
**Dave Strous, Amanda, OH - 740-497-0451 • Lot 117:** 32' White 276 Disc • **Lot 118:** 30' Unverferth 120 Rolling Harrow • **Lot 119:** 26' Wil-Rich Field Cultivator • **Lot 120:** DMI Eco-Tiger 5 Shank Ripper • **Lot 121:** 35' JD 635 Grain Platform w/ Header Cart • **Lot 122:** (16) Yetter Row Cleaners • **Lot 123:** (2) 28L26 Firestone Tires  
**Tig Fravel, Pataskala, OH - 614-348-1794 • Lot 124:** 8'x 18' Hay Wagon • **Lot 125:** 8'x 16' Hay Wagon • **Lot 126:** 8'x 16' Hay Wagon • **Lot 127:** 8'x 16' Hay Wagon • **Lot 128:** 8'x 18' Hay Wagon • **Lot 129:** 8'x 16' Hay Wagon

**Whey Meranda, Ripley, OH - 937-483-6031 • Lot 130:** 35' Claas 535 Max Flex Grain Head • **Lot 131:** 35' Unverferth Header Cart  
**Fred Steyer, Tiffin, OH - 480-318-2177 • Lot 132:** 46.5' Ear Corn Elevator • **Lot 133:** Irrigation Pump w/ 276' of Pipe  
**Bernie Steyer, Tiffin, OH - 419-618-3904 • Lot 134:** Gustafson Seed Treater • **Lot 135:** Gustafson Seed Treater • **Lot 136:** Gustafson Seed Treater • **Lot 137:** Gustafson SS Slurry Tank • **Lot 138:** Gustafson SS Slurry Tank • **Lot 139:** (3) Diaphragm Transfer Pumps • **Lot 140:** Ametek Dust Collector • **Lot 141:** (2) Fill-Rite Manual Treatment Pumps • **Lot 142:** Electrical Control Panel • **Lot 143:** Homemade Natural Gas Burner Unit • **Lot 144:** Wet Line Tank • **Lot 145:** Kason Bean Sizer • **Lot 146:** Gustafson Polishing Drum • **Lot 147:** Powder Tank w/ Electric Motor • **Lot 148:** (3) Sotera Transfer Pumps • **Lot 149:** Gustafson Vibrator & Tank • **Lot 150:** (8) Assorted Load Bars • **Lot 151:** (3) Pallets of Cable • **Lot 152:** (8) Assorted Fans • **Lot 153:** Assorted Belting • **Lot 154:** (3) Pallets of Misc. Parts • **Lot 155:** 15' Holding Bin • **Lot 156:** 24' Grain Bin w/ Floor • **Lot 157:** 30' Butler Grain Bin

**Dan Marshall, Marysville, OH - 614-679-1866 • Lot 158:** Farmall Super H Tractor • **Lot 159:** 15' Case IH 5100 Soybean Special  
**Dick Heitz, Delphos, OH - 419-235-8590 • Lot 160:** Deutz-Allis 1500 Min-Till Chisel Plow

**Bob Brown, Chillicothe, OH - 740-649-0377 • Lot 161:** 1998 Volvo semi tractor w/ bunk • **Lot 162:** 1998 Volvo semi tractor • **Lot 163:** 1985 White Volvo semi tractor w/ bunk • **Lot 164:** 36' 2001 Maurer grain trailer • **Lot 165:** 1961 Transport 8'x 24' lowboy trailer • **Lot 166:** 30' Great Plains 3N-3010 P drill • **Lot 167:** Convey-All BTS 290 Seed Tender • **Lot 168:** Yetter 8030 12-row 30" strip-till bar • **Lot 169:** Homemade 12-row strip till bar • **Lot 170:** Lexion C508-30 corn head • **Lot 171:** 45' Road Runner 745 header cart • **Lot 172:** JD Skiles 1700-gal pull-behind all-wheel steer cart  
**Shannon Valley Farms LLC, Hillsboro, OH - 937-346-7690 • Lot 173:** 18' Hay Wagon • **Lot 174:** 18' Hay Wagon • **Lot 175:** 18' Hay Wagon • **Lot 176:** J&M 225 Bu Gravity Wagon  
**Kenny Arnold, Washington C.H., OH - 740-572-0011 • Lot 177:** (4) 15" x 20" x 1/2" Steel Culvert Pipe  
**Ted Waddle, Washington C.H., OH - 740-572-7290 • Lot 178:** International Farmall Super H Tractor  
**CONTACT WENDT GROUP REPRESENTATIVE TYLER WILT 740-572-1249 FOR LOTS 12 - 178**

**Nutrien, Washington C.H., OH - 740-505-2894 • Lot 179:** Willmar dry fertilizer tender bed • **Lot 180:** Willmar dry fertilizer tender auger • **Lot 181:** Fimco 3pt spot sprayer • **Lot 182:** Hein-Werner hyd shop press

**Chris Cottrill, New Holland, OH - 740-572-0409 • Lot 183:** John Deere 825 Gator  
**Dick Brake, Marysville, OH - 937-243-5292 • Lot 184:** John Deere 3020 tractor

**Jeff Wood, Milford Center, OH - 937-537-0716 • Lot 185:** Case IH 1190 haybine • **Lot 186:** New Holland 845 round baler • **Lot 187:** John Deere #4 double rake bar • **Lot 188:** Loader from A/C 180 tractor  
**Charles Davisson, Milford Center, OH - 937-349-6181 • Lot 189:** Farmall C tractor • **Lot 190:** John Deere 730 diesel tractor • **Lot 191:** John Deere flat top fenders • **Lot 192:** Brush Hog 1560 disc chisel  
**Hempleman Farms, Carroll, OH - 614-284-7703 • Lot 193:** Case IH 1640 combine • **Lot 194:** 20' Case IH 1020 grain head • **Lot 195:** 20' Unverferth header cart  
**Farm DAP Inc, Granville, OH - 740-404-3615 • Lot 196:** 1993 Volvo/GMC silage truck

**August Knecht, Jeffersonville, OH - 217-840-2477 • Lot 197:** 250 unit Par-Kan seed pod  
**James Vanzant, Greenfield, OH - 937-763-9307 • Lot 198:** John Deere 3020 tractor • **Lot 199:** 34' Sunflower 6333 soil finisher  
**Mike Curry, Wilmington, OH - 937-302-0050 • Lot 200:** 6 Strip till row units

**Aaron Mosley, Kingston, OH - 740-601-8477 • Lot 201:** Agco Allis 9695 tractor • **Lot 202:** 18' International 496 disc  
**Chris Moyer, Wilmington, OH - 937-725-3420 • Lot 203:** Kuhn 1034 bale accumulator • **Lot 204:** White 2-135 tractor, cab • **Lot 205:** 16'+4' International gooseneck trailer • **Lot 206:** 1991 7'x 20' Gooseneck livestock trailer • **Lot 207:** 21' Donahoe implement trailer • **Lot 208:** 45' Slide in pickup sprayer • **Lot 209:** New Holland Model 80 3pt hay fork  
**Carlos Campbell, Gallipolis, OH - 740-256-6011 • Lot 210:** (4) 385/85R34 tires Firestone • **Lot 211:** (3) 385/85R34 tires on rims • **Lot 212:** John Deere LA tractor • **Lot 213:** (24) Kinze disc openers

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• **Lot 214:** (24) Kinze gauge wheels • **Lot 215:** (12) Keeton seed firmers • **Lot 216:** (12) Bullsseye seed tube  
**CONTACT WENDT GROUP REPRESENTATIVE NATHAN WHITNEY 740-505-0482 FOR LOTS 179 - 216**

**Sollars Property 3 LLC, Washington C.H., OH - 740-606-5755, • Lot 217:** International 720 Moldboard Plow • **Lot 218:** A/C Monoframe moldboard plow  
**Charlie Miller, Sabina, OH - 740-505-9879 • Lot 219:** 2008 International Transtar semi truck, daycab • **Lot 220:** Case 855D track loader  
**Dale Wilson, Greenfield, OH - 740-572-1673 • Lot 221:** Pair 200-gal oval poly saddle tanks • **Lot 222:** Pair 200-gal round poly saddle tanks • **Lot 223:** Liebrecht lazer tile mast cart • **Lot 224:** 250 bu gravity seed wagon • **Lot 225:** DMI auger wagon  
**CONTACT WENDT GROUP REPRESENTATIVE WESLEY BLACK 740-572-1670 FOR LOTS 217-225**

**Bower Family Farms, Washington C.H., OH - 740-572-2253 • Lot 226:** 90' Bestway Field Pro 4 Pull type sprayer  
**CONTACT WENDT GROUP REPRESENTATIVE WJ FANNIN 614-395-9802 FOR LOT 226**

**Dan & Bret Cleveland, Green Springs, OH - 419-355-3350 • Lot 227:** New Holland 162 Hay Tedder • **Lot 228:** New Holland 55 Hay Rake • **Lot 229:** New Holland 252 Double Rake Hitch  
**CONTACT WENDT GROUP REPRESENTATIVE KEVIN WENDT 419-566-1599 FOR LOTS 227-229**

**Steve Pidgeon, Wilmington, OH - 937-238-1504 • Lot 230:** 3150 Better-Bilt vacuum tank • **Lot 231:** 20' John Deere 400 rotary hoe • **Lot 232:** 20' Farmhand-F202-A, 8R30" row crop cultivator • **Lot 233:** 30' Smucker sponge weed wiper

**Dick Hiatt, New Vienna, OH - 937-302-8850 • Lot 234:** 275-gal fuel tank on runners

**Streber Farms, New Vienna, OH - 937-302-6363 • Lot 235:** White 2-155 Field Boss tractor

**Jason Geer, New Vienna, OH - 937-571-1115 • Lot 236:** McCormick IH 50 T Gas Powered Baler • **Lot 237:** 14' Allis Chalmers disc • **Lot 238:** SM 55 Deutz Allis disc mower • **Lot 239:** Winco 25 PTO generator • **Lot 240:** Ford 7000 Truck  
**Steve Coe, Jamestown, OH - 937-768-2356 • Lot 241:** Case IH 1020 grain platform, flex head  
**Waddle Farms, Springfield, OH - 937-605-1503 • Lot 242:** 1981 GMC Sierra Fuel Pincher  
**James Perrill, Jamestown, OH - 740-572-0288 • Lot 243:** J & M 350-20 Gravity Wagon • **Lot 244:** DMC HI-Cap 44 Grain Cleaner & Auger

**The Late Gilbert C Fogle, Raymond, OH - Gregg - 614-226-8268 or Whitney Gentry - 740-572-4255 • Lot 245:** 2001 76.5" x 12' Friesen Tandem Axle Utility Trailer • **Lot 246:** Witte 3HP Hit & Miss Engine • **Lot 247:** Maytag hit and miss engine • **Lot 248:** Montgomery Ward gas engine • **Lot 249:** Briggs & Stratton gas engine • **Lot 250:** Briggs & Stratton gas engine • **Lot 251:** Westinghouse 1 phase motor • **Lot 252:** Leeson 1 phase motor • **Lot 253:** 22 ton Husky Pull Type Log Splitter • **Lot 254:** Ingersoll 4020 garden tractor w/blade, snow blower, 60" mower deck • **Lot 255:** 6' JD 620 Disc, 3pt • **Lot 256:** JD 350 Hay Rake • **Lot 257:** 3pt Carry All • **Lot 258:** JD iMatch quick hitch • **Lot 259:** Cosmo 500 3pt cone type spreader • **Lot 260:** 3pt Ford distributing multivator rotary tiller • **Lot 261:** JD 524 front tine walk behind tiller • **Lot 262:** 48" Ohio Steel industries heavy duty steel lawn roller • **Lot 263:** 50" Agri-Fab lawn sweeper • **Lot 264:** Briggs and Stratton motor • **Lot 265:** Swisher trim max walk behind string trimmer • **Lot 266:** Bolens 2 wheel walk behind garden tractor • **Lot 267:** Lawn Boy Gold Series push mower • **Lot 268:** 35-Gal Poly Horizontal Tank • **Lot 269:** Sears Roebuck Cement Mixer • **Lot 270:** Porter cable 14" chop saw on table stand • **Lot 271:** Clarke Sandblast Cabinet • **Lot 272:** Little Giant Ladder System • **Lot 273:** Fairbanks Morse & Co Platform Scales • **Lot 274:** Campbell Hausfeld Portable Air Tank • **Lot 275:** (1) metal rolling shelf • **Lot 276:** Vintage metal pull type cart • **Lot 277:** Ritchie Metal Water Fountain  
**CONTACT WENDT GROUP REPRESENTATIVE KASEY SMITH 740-505-8845 FOR LOTS 230 - 277**

**Sunrise Cooperative, South Charleston, OH - Jay Darner 937-207-3201 • Lot 278:** 24" Brock Fan • **Lot 279:** 24" Brock Fan • **Lot 280:** 24" Brock Fan • **Lot 281:** 24" Brock Fan • **Lot 282:** 24" Brock Fan • **Lot 283:** 24" Brock Fan • **Lot 284:** 18" Brock Fan • **Lot 285:** 18" Brock Fan • **Lot 286:** 18" Brock Fan • **Lot 287:** 18" Brock Fan • **Lot 288:** 18" Brock Fan • **Lot 289:** 18" Brock Fan • **Lot 290:** 18" Brock Fan • **Lot 291:** 18" Brock Fan • **Lot 292:** 18" Brock Fan • **Lot 293:** 18" Brock Fan • **Lot 294:** (2) 18" Brock Fans • **Lot 295:** 18" Rolfes Fan • **Lot 296:** 18" Rolfes Fan • **Lot 297:** 18" Rolfes Fan • **Lot 298:** (67) Temporary grain storage containment panels  
**Sunrise Cooperative, Wilmington, OH - Jay Darner 937-207-3201 • Lot 299:** (29) Temporary grain storage containment panels • **Lot 300:** (44) Braces for grain storage containment panels  
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# New interactive map for locating businesses that sell 840 RFID tags

LANSING, Mich. – To help protect the health of Michigan’s livestock and promote food security, officially identifying animals has been an essential practice. A new interactive map on the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development’s (MDARD) website is now available to help producers find local retailers and auction markets that sell one particular form of official identification: 840 radio frequency identification (RFID) tags for larger livestock species.

Official identification tags are defined as having a unique animal number, being tamper resistant and bearing the U.S. shield. The 840 RFID tags may be applied to bison, cattle, privately-owned deer and swine.

More specifically, bison and cattle must have 840 RFID tags to leave a Michigan premises, unless they are moved directly to an approved tagging site where 840 RFID tags can be purchased and applied. Privately-owned deer must have 840 RFID tags plus secondary identification to leave a Michigan premises. Swine must have a form of official identification (of which the 840 RFID tags are one of the available options) when presented for exhibition, such as a jackpot show

or county fair. The 840 RFID tags are also an option for identifying swine before they enter a livestock auction market, buying station, or collection point.

By using 840 RFID tags or other forms of official identification, animal health and food security are enhanced by allowing for greater traceability, the capability of following an individual animal over time from its herd of origin to its current location. Using official identification, state animal health officials can trace animals during a disease event within minutes to hours, enabling them to rapidly stop the spread of disease. Tracing animals without official identification can take days, weeks or even months to complete, which allows the spread of disease to additional herds.

To purchase any form of official identification, a national premises identification number (PIN) of the property where the animals are housed is required. To obtain a national PIN, call MDARD’s Atlanta Field Office at 888-565-8626.

For more information on Michigan’s animal identification and movement requirements, please visit [www.mi.gov/animalimport](http://www.mi.gov/animalimport).

# BOAH looking for tissue samples from sheep, goat carcasses

INDIANAPOLIS —The Indiana State Board of Animal Health (BOAH) is seeking to increase scrapie surveillance testing by collecting tissue samples from sheep and goats that have died on the farm. Qualified sheep and goat producers who agree to have their deceased adult animals sampled for scrapie may receive free Shearwell scrapie tags and a tag applicator while supplies last.

“We are making progress in our efforts to eradicate scrapie. We need to continue to stay vigilant through surveillance testing, using official ID, maintaining records, and observing animals for signs of disease,” said Cheryl Miller, DVM, Director for the scrapie program at BOAH. “Indiana’s last case of scrapie was in 2019 in a 4-H goat that tested positive at slaughter.”

The U. S. Department of Agriculture sets scrapie testing requirements for each state. BOAH is dedicated to ensuring Indiana meets testing requirements so Hoosier producers will not have restrictions on interstate movements of sheep and goats.

The goal of this program is to test flocks/herds that have had no recent laboratory monitoring. Producers who have not had any animals tested through on-farm scrapie surveillance since Jan. 1, 2016 are eligible to receive free tags after submitting a

valid sample for laboratory testing.

To participate, the animal owner should call BOAH veterinarian Dr. Cheryl Miller within 24 hours after an adult sheep or goat dies. A BOAH veterinarian will visit the farm to collect the sample as quickly as possible (even on weekends). Dr. Cheryl Miller may be reached at: 317-402-1527

Disposal of the carcass is the responsibility of the owner. A BOAH veterinarian will only collect tissue samples required for scrapie testing.

“Cases of scrapie in Indiana have dropped significantly from 10 or 20 years ago,” said Dr. Miller. “We want to do all we can to ensure this disease is eradicated from our state.”

Scrapie is a fatal, degenerative disease affecting the central nervous system of sheep and goats. The name “scrapie” was derived from the characteristic scraping that infected animals do to relieve itching. However, clinical signs vary widely and develop slowly. Ultimately, over a period of several years, as infection spreads and develops within a flock, the disease can render an operation economically unviable.

More information about the scrapie eradication program is online: [www.in.gov/boah/species-information/cattle-sheep-and-other-ruminants/sheep-and-goats/scrapie/](http://www.in.gov/boah/species-information/cattle-sheep-and-other-ruminants/sheep-and-goats/scrapie/)

## LARGE FARM RETIREMENT AUCTION

**ROBERT & CONNIE SWYGMAN, PHONE: (765) 714-7181**  
**MONDAY, JUNE 14 at 10 A.M.**  
**5534 W 200 N, WOLCOTT, IN 47995**

**FROM STATE RD. 24 EAST OF WOLCOTT, TURN LEFT ONTO N CO. RD. 600 W, GO 2 MILES, TURN RIGHT ONTO W 200 N, SALE IS ON THE RIGHT**

C/H 9150, 4WD, 20.8X38 W/DUALS, 6425 HRS, S/N JCB0006030 • JD 4840, DUALS, 480/80X42, WEIGHTS, 8447 HRS, S/N 002104 • JD 4630, WEIGHTS, DUALS, 18.4X38 • IHC H, S/N 331422 • DATSUN 5000 FORKLIFT, PNEUMATIC TIRES, LP GAS, 3288 HRS • C/H 2366 COMBINE, ROCK TRAP, CHOPPER, 4589/3116 HRS, S/N JJC184821 • C/H 1020 GRAIN HEAD, 25' • C/H 1063 CORN HEAD W/6-ROW CORN REEL • UNVERFERTH 30' HEAD CART • UNVERFERTH 25' HEAD CART • JD 7200 PLANTER, 12-ROW, LIQ FERT, ROW CLEANERS, NO-TILL COULTERS, PTO HYD PUMP • JD VANBRUNDT DRILL W/GRASS SEED • IHC 6000 CONSERVILL, 11-SHANK, 14' • JD 8-ROW CULTIVATOR, 30", C-SHANK, END TRANSPORT • UNVERFERTH MD225 ROLLING HARROW, 28' • (2) WHITE 271 WHEEL DISK, HYD FOLD, ROCK FLEX, 23' • JD 400 ROTARY HOE, 15' • JD 145 PLOW, 5X, 16" • IHC 710 PLOW, 5X, 18" • ASGROW FRIESEN SEED TINDER, 65 BU • BESTWAY FIELD PRO 1000, 60' BOOMS • 300-GAL TRAILER SPRAYER W/8' BOOMS • JD 1210A GRAIN CART, 500 BU • BRENT 670 AUGER CART, CAMERA EQUIPPED • (2) FARM KING GRAVITY WAGON, 250 BU • SET OF FORKS, CLAMP ON FOR LOADER BUCKET • JD 3PT BLADE • ROTARY SCREEN GRAIN CLEANER • WHEAT HEART GRAIN DUMP AUGER, HYD DRIVEN • FETERL 60"X 8" AUGER • BEHLEN PTO DRYER W/AXLES & HITCH, 500 BU • (2) STEEL CATTLE LIVESTOCK GATES • (8) STEEL HOG LIVESTOCK GATES • CATTLE MINERAL FEEDER • ROUND HOG FEEDER • METAL CHICK NEST • (2) POLY FEED MANGERS • ROUND BALE FEEDER • (2) 1500-GAL POLY TANK • SET OF 200-GAL POLY TANKS • SET OF STAINLESS STEEL SADDLE TANKS • 1000-GAL FUEL TANK W/ELEC PUMP • 500-GAL FUEL TANK W/ELEC PUMP • 300-GAL FUEL TANK W/12V PUMP, MTD ON WAGON GEAR • 100-GAL FUEL TANK W/12V PUMP • USED 55-GAL BARRELS • CAT III QUICK HITCH & TOPLINK • (6) IHC FRONT SUITCASE WEIGHTS • 1995 WILSON HOPPER BOTTOM, 40', 60" SIDES • 1994 GMC 3500HD, DSL, AUTO, 11' STEEL FLATBED, 166090 MILES • 1984 INTERNATIONAL, DAYCAB, 350 CUMMINS, TANDEM AXLE • 1982 FORD F-800, 5+2 SPEED, GAS ENGINE, 16' BED W/HOIST, 42000 ORIGINAL MILES • 1967 CHEVY C50, 12' BED, STEEL SIDES, 350 V8 ENGINE, 56868 MILES • YALE FARMER HITCH STOCK TRAILER (SALVAGE) • (2) FLATBED WAGONS W/HOIST & SIDES • LEER PICKUP TOPPER, 8' • JD SICKLE BAR MOWER, 3PT • JD 185 LAWN MOWER • GRASSHOPPER FRONT MT LAWN MOWER W/GRASS CATCHER, 60" DECK, 1009 HRS • PUSH LAWN MOWER • PRESSURE WASHER, GAS • LINCOLN 110 ELECTRIC WELDER • BAND SAW • AIR BUMPER JACK • 20-TON FLOOR JACK • HYD PALLET JACK • (2) HYD FLOOR JACKS • (2) 3.5HP WATER PUMPS • 40' WOODEN LADDER • SET 18.4X38 SNAP-ON DUALS • 30.5X32 TIRE • (1) 11R22.5 TIRE W/ NEW WHEEL • (2) 10.00X20 TIRES & WHEELS • (2) 9.25X20 TIRES & WHEELS • (2) 9.00X20 TIRES & WHEELS • 4 PALLETS OF JD PLANTER PARTS • (2) WAGONLOADS OF MISC ITEMS

**\*MR. SWYGMAN HAD A REPAIR SHOP FOR YEARS. HE HAS A GREAT REPUTATION WITH THE COMMUNITY AND HIS EQUIPMENT HAS BEEN WELL MAINTAINED.**

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## PUBLIC EQUIPMENT AUCTION

**SATURDAY, JUNE 12, 2021 @ 9:00 AM**  
**LOCATED @ 4938 ST RT 49, GREENVILLE, OHIO 45331**



**TRACTORS:** Ford TW25II 2wd, cab, 3 point hitch, dual remotes, 6,219 hrs; 1996 JD 6400, MFWD, 4,731.7hrs, runs & drives good, cab, heat & air, 2 hydraulic remotes, 1000 PTO, 18.4x38 rear tires, 13.6x28 front tires, 2019 Kubota M6060 w/ loader only 170hrs, 4wd, 2 remotes, 540 PTO, 3 point hitch;

**AG EQUIPMENT-GRAIN DRILL-FERT APPLICATOR:** 1996 JD 750 Grain Drill, new closing wheels, new disc openers, new gauge wheel tires, new boots & boot springs, Unverferth seed auger, all new parts are from Shoup, this machine is field ready with lots of new parts!; CASE IH 2800 NUTRIPLACER, 11 KNIFE, LIQUID 28% APPLICATOR, 850 GAL;

**HAY EQUIPMENT-RAKES-MOWERS:** 2015 POTTINGER TOP812 Low Acre Rake, Very Good Condition, No Welds or Cracks, seller is selling the hay side of their business; 2013 NOVACAT 301 Alpha-Motion ED, front mount, PTO mower, only 269 hrs, excellent condition, SELLS WITH 2013 NOVACAT X8 ED, SN#VBP00021011000318 double folding mower, this will sell as a triple unit;

**TRUCKS-SEMI- TRAILERS:** Ford F450XL Super Duty, crew cab, 2wd, 211,366 miles, trans jerks when downshifting, SELLS AS IS; 1998 Freightliner box truck; 1995 FORD LN8000 truck has 8.3 liter Cummins eng, automatic trans, automatic transmission, Pony Motor- Engine on pony motor is 5.9 liter Cummins, pony motor has had fan bearings & transmission replaced, Brand new jet hose on the reel, uploader valve & plumbed to excavate or jetting capabilities, approx 1000 gal water tank, 9yd debris tank, fully operational; 1998 Freightliner box truck; 2014 VOLVO, 350,486 mi, Cummins ISX engine, clean oil sample, paper work comes with truck for repairs, good running, dealer owned; 1999 REITNOUER 48FTX 96IN WIDE , Flatdeck, "Covered Wagon trailer", fixed spread axle, air ride, good operable condition!

**CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT- SKIDSTEERS-DOZERS:** 2016 Bobcat T650 track skidsteer, 3,120 hrs, quick tach; 2000 Caterpillar D5M, 15,845.1 hours, runs & operates good, finger controls, straight blade, 6 way blade, nice machine; 2014 JD 329E , 3,450 Hours, Reman Motor w/ paperwork 30 Hours ago. 2 Speed, Radio, A/C & Heat, Pilot Controls, w/ General Purpose Bucket. Very well maintained! Farmer owned!; 2013 Bobcat S630 skidsteer, ONLY 885.4 original hours! quick-tach, hydraulic high flow, Kubota diesel engine, Aux. hydraulics;

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# RHDV2 a huge threat to domestic and wild rabbits

By **DOUG GRAVES**  
Ohio Correspondent

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Tennessee Department of Agriculture is warning rabbit owners and hunters of a virus outbreak that is nearing the state line. The threatening virus is called rabbit hemorrhagic disease virus type 2, or RHDV2.

The virus is highly contagious and fatal to domestic rabbits, wild hares, and pikas. RHDV2 can be transmitted through direct contact with infected rabbits or carcasses, meat or fur, feces, bodily fluids, bedding material, feed and water bowls, and hay.

“There have been no cases of RHDV2 found in Tennessee, but rabbit owners should be mindful of the heightened risk,” said Tennessee State Veterinarian Dr. Samantha Beaty.

Last month, the RHDV2 virus was detected in domestic rabbits in the Arkansas counties of Craighead and Poinsett. Those counties are in the very northeast corner of the state, bordering Tennessee and Missouri.

“Onset of this rabbit virus is extremely quick and it’s persistent,” Beaty added. “The virus can remain in the environment for an extended time, even in extreme temperatures. Pet owners and breeders should be alert for any signs their rabbits are infected.

“Animals may experience lethargy, decreased appetite, labored breathing, swelling, and internal bleeding. Owners should also watch for bloodstained noses or mouths, although often the only sign is sudden death of the animal.”

RHDV2 currently poses no threat to the states of Ohio, Michigan, Illinois, Iowa, Kentucky, or Indiana. State veterinarians contacted in each of these states say they’re aware of the virus and plan to keep the public advised if a problem occurs.

“There are two strains of Rabbit Hemorrhagic Disease Virus: RHDV and RHDV2,” said Melissa Justice, veterinarian with the Indiana Board of Animal Health and Director of Small Animal Health. “There are several differences between the two strains, perhaps the biggest difference is that RHDV only affects European rabbits. Unfortunately, RHDV2, which is currently being diagnosed in several western states, is capable of affecting not only rabbits of European descent but many wild rabbit populations.”

According to Justice, RHDV2 tends to affect rabbits of all ages while RHDV tends to affect older rabbits.

“This disease is believed to have a seasonal pattern of spread with increased detection of cases occurring in the spring, early summer and fall,” Justice said.

Last year, cases of RHDV2 were detected in New York, New Mexico, Arizona, Texas, Colorado, Nevada, California, and Utah. Cases are also identified in Mexico. Since December 2020, there have been new cases identified in Florida, Oregon, Idaho, Wyoming, and Montana.

“Indiana rabbit enthusiasts should be aware of the expansion of this disease and take precautions to protect their own rabbits,” Justice said, “as well as the wild rabbits here in Indiana. There is not a vaccine available at this time for residents of Indiana so breeders and owners must evaluate and upgrade their colony biosecurity practices to help prevent the spread of this highly contagious, infectious disease.”

The first-ever confirmed cases of



RHDV in the U.S. was spotted at a farm in Crawford County, Iowa. Up until this confirmed case, the U.S. had been considered free of RHDV.

The second U.S. outbreak of this rabbit disease occurred in August of 2001 at a rabbitry in Utah. A Mercer County, Ill., premise received 72 rabbits from that infected Utah location and was also involved. More than 3,000 rabbits were euthanized with that outbreak.

The third reported outbreak of this disease occurred in an exotic animal facility in Flushings, N.Y., in 2001.

The fourth outbreak of RHDV occurred at a private residence in Evansville, Ind., in June of 2005 and concerns were that the disease was likely to spread into Kentucky, though it never did. The rabbits were purchased from a Kentucky rabbitry. Epidemiologic investigation later indicated that a processing plant in Tennessee had imported rabbit carcasses from China which may have been carrying the virus.

RHDV2, a new virus, emerged in France in 2010, and quickly spread in Europe and the Mediterranean, and has replaced the original strain in many countries. In 2015, RHDV2 was first detected in Australia.

### Safety procedures for rabbit owners

- Separate domestic rabbits from other pets, livestock, and wild animals.
- Thoroughly clean and disinfect surfaces and equipment used for rabbit care.
- Thoroughly wash hands, clothes, and shoes before and after contact with domestic rabbits.
- Dedicate a pair of shoes to be worn in rabbit housing and don't wear them outside the housing area.
- Quarantine newly acquired domestic animals for at least 30 days from other pets and livestock.
- Do not handle dead wild rabbits.
- Hunters should wear gloves and disinfect tools, equipment, and hands after field dressing wild rabbits. Meat from healthy animals is safe for human consumption if dressed and cooked properly.

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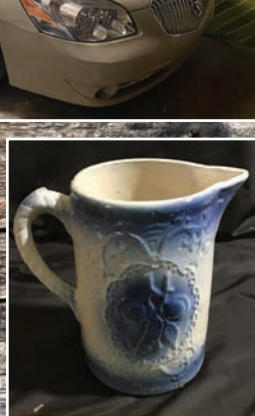


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