





Some areas of the Farm World readership have seen drought; while others have seen rain delays. This corn in northern Indiana got a late start due to rain, but is now growing strong. Photo by Leondia Walchle

### **Farmland values increasing in Midwest**

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Since the onset of COVID-19 last spring, interest in purchasing agricultural land has grown, with U.S. farmers feeling more financially secure as very strong commodity prices arrived on top of large government payments last year.

That's according to Farmers National Co.'s June Land Values Report, which added this growing interest in buying farmland is propelling farmers to bid more aggressively for additional land for the first time since 2015.

"Farmland sales prices are up 5 to 15 percent in the past six months, with most of the increase coming since the first of the year," said Randy Dickhut, Farmers National Co. senior vice president of real estate operations. "Competitive bidding among interested buyers is really pushing land prices right now."

He said both first-time investors and experienced buyers are entering the land market as they search for a safe, long-term real estate investment in a low interest rate environment.

He added investor buyers seldom outbid farmer-buyers for a good farm unless they have 1031 tax-deferred exchange funds (a swap of properties that are held for business or investment purposes) to spend in a short time period, with the increase in agricultural land prices happening in most areas of the Grain Belt – and with most types of land.

"At Farmers National Co. auctions, we are seeing competitive bidding push prices for good



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**Above:** Land prices in the Midwest are rising as demand oustrips supply.

cropland to levels approaching 2014 values," Dickhut said. "Average- to lower-quality farms are experiencing stronger sales prices, too, while

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### Egyptian market for Illinois, Midwest soybeans is booming

By TIM ALEXANDER Illinois Correspondent

MAPLE PARK, Ill. — Egyptian demand for U.S. soybeans is booming due to growth of protein demand and increased crush capacity. Now the third-largest export market for soybeans, Egypt, the most populous country in the Middle East, is emerging as the current hot trade space for soybeans provided by Illinois and crush capacity in 2021-2022. Soybean exports to Egypt began to surge in 2019, when U.S. exports of food and agricultural products leapt by 100 percent to \$1.59 billion, compared to a low of \$795 million in 2017. Soybean exports to Egypt accounted for \$834 million through July 2020, up by 65 percent.

In addition, USDA commodity sales data shows that the U.S. shipped approximately 1.66 million ern Illinois community of Maple Grove, had an opportunity to visit Egypt around 20 years ago. The nation's once-vital poultry export industry was shut down not long after his visit due to an outbreak of Avian influenza that resulted in a 14-year suspension of trade. In 2020, the World Health Organization for Animal Health finally granted approval for the resumption of poultry exports from Egypt, setting off

ern Illinois community of Maple distribution to animal, aquaculture Grove, had an opportunity to visit and food industries.

"We are working alongside the U.S. Sovbean Export Council (USSEC) to advance programs that target the whole soybean value chain in Egypt, including supporting traders, crushers, oil refiners, feed millers, poultry producers and more," said John Lumpe, CEO of the ISA. "The success of the Egyptian industry means only good news for U.S. soybean farmers, and in particular, Illinois soybean farmers who send approximately two out of every three soybean rows to overseas markets." The USSEC and ISA have been working in lockstep to increase export market options for soybean producers since the Chinese trade war began under the administration of former President Trump. While it is true that the U.S.-China trade dispute compelled U.S. exporters to further diversify market priorities, strategic market development efforts

Midwest producers.

"I'm excited about this expanding market because it is fantastic for the farmers of Illinois, as we now have more places to market our production," said Steve Pitstick, vice chair of the Illinois Soybean Association (ISA) board of directors. "Our trade partners recognize that we raise a high-quality product and are a reliable supplier."

With new crush facilities coming online and an expanding middle class, USDA is estimating that Egypt will reach 8.4 million metric tons of tons of soybeans to Egypt between September 2020 and January 2021, an increase of 21 percent from the same time frame the previous year.

'You have a lot of growth there with people wanting more protein in their diets. There is also an advancing aquaculture industry, and the poultry industry is growing. They are also increasing their meat production" leading to increased demand for soybean meal, said Pitstick, who is a member of the ISA government relations committee.

Pitstick, who farms in the north-

new demand for soybean meal from the 14 poultry companies permitted to sell poultry products outside of the nation.

From their harvest in Illinois and other top soybean exporting states, soybeans begin their journey to Egypt from Mississippi River barge terminals and enter the Gulf of Mexico via the Port of New Orleans. Their journey continues across the Atlantic Ocean and through the Strait of Gibraltar before arriving in Egypt. They are then transported to a crush facility in Borg Al-Arab for

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### Severe drought conditions persist in parts of Michigan, Iowa, Illinois

By Michele F. Mihaljevich **Indiana Correspondent** 

LINCOLN, Neb. - The drought conditions impacting nearly all of Michigan and parts of Iowa have worsened since late March, according to the latest U.S. Drought Monitor.

The June 10 drought map indicates severe to moderate drought conditions in most of Michigan's lower peninsula. Severe to moderate conditions were also found in most of Iowa's northern half and in far northeastern Illinois. A small portion in the northern tip of Michigan's lower peninsula was rated abnormally dry, as were a part of the upper peninsula and a large portion of Iowa's southern half.

Smaller areas of abnormally dry conditions were also located in Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Kentucky and Tennessee.

"Michigan had a large expansion of severe drought and moderate drought as well as an expansion of abnormally dry conditions in the upper peninsula," noted a summary on the Drought Monitor website. "Moderate drought and abnormally dry conditions expanded in Minnesota, Wisconsin and Iowa, where almost the entire region of each state saw degradation."

All of Michigan's lower peninsula has been considered at least abnormally dry since the March 25 drought monitor. The first map showing signs of severe drought was released May 20. In Iowa, a small section in the northwestern part of the state was in extreme drought since last fall until it was lowered to severe on the April 15 map. The area has remained in a severe drought but the size of the area was expanded on the most recent map, as was the size of the area considered in moderate drought.

The lack of precipitation allowed many farmers in southwestern Michigan to get their crops planted early, said Mike Staton, Michigan State University (MSU) Extension soybean educator. "The dry weather is starting to present challenges. The dryness began last fall, when we had some of the best conditions that we've had in any fall. It was good for harvest and good for field work. After that, a lack of snowfall reduced our recharge (of moisture) in the subsoil. It wasn't a problem until we got into the annual crop season."

The biggest challenge was getting the seed out of the ground, he explained. Once soybeans emerged, they can tolerate dry conditions. "It was a challenging spring. We had some freezes and soybeans had a problem with corn seed maggots. I talked with three producers in the pretty tough, Staton said. "The most area. They would take this spring over many others. They got their planting done early. There's optimism out there."

There is less optimism about forage, Staton said. "We're really concerned. This could be setting the stage for a shortage of feed for livestock. It seems to be, in Michigan, the biggest drought related issue."

Farmers are expressing some worry about their crops but haven't reached the level of super pessimism, said Bruce MacKellar, MSU Extension field crops educator. "The (precipitation) situation has gotten worse. There's no substantial subsoil moisture in places. The crops are small right now. We're going to be in a world of hurt (if we don't get rain)."

Corn plants are working on creating root systems, he said. "In reality, there's not a lot of moisture down there for them to tap. The seed sat in the ground for a couple of weeks, it just didn't germinate. Most places, right now, they don't need a lot of water. But we're at the cusp of starting to use more water."

Once soybeans are out of the ground and set the taproot, they're

vulnerable stage begins in earnest in July. It would be helpful then to get rain. If we get timely rains in June and July, this dryness will be forgotten. Late July and early August are the key.'

It's been dry in northwestern Iowa since July 2020, said Paul Kassel, Iowa State University Extension and Outreach field agronomist. Despite the drvness, the crops look beautiful, he said, due to early planting. "The drought monitor says we're in D-2 (severe drought), but I don't know if we're quite as bad as that shows. Subsoil moisture is normal to above normal. I'll be concerned if it stays like this as we go into the 1st of July. There are a lot of nervous people, though - grain traders, people like me, farmers. The level of concern is pretty high."

The Drought Monitor was created in 1999 as a collaboration between the National Drought Mitigation Center (NDMC) at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, the National Atmospheric Oceanic and Administration and the USDA. It is released on Thursdays. Each map includes weather conditions as of the previous Tuesday morning.

Drvness and drought in several areas of the country didn't allow for moisture replenishment over the winter, said Brian A. Fuchs, a climatologist with the NDMC. "We normally look for that recharge," he explained. "The real kicker is we started to see some heat in the Upper Midwest and Plains."

For Michigan especially and much of the Midwestern states, Fuchs said, "without precipitation, even normal precipitation, we're likely going to see drought conditions worsen and intensify."

Fuchs likened the conditions to those in 2012. By August of that year, most of the center of the country was in exceptional or extreme drought. "That year, drought conditions started to develop in June and especially in July. This is kind of similar to the stage that was set at the time. We aren't too much different than what we saw in 2012."

NDMC staff count on reports from more than 500 observers across the country to validate the accuracy of the maps, Fuchs said. To view the latest drought monitor, visit https:// droughtmonitor.unl.edu/. Archived maps are available under the "maps" tab at the top.





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### Federal judge halts loan forgiveness program for farmers of color

has halted a loan forgiveness program for farmers of color in response to a lawsuit alleging the program discriminates against white farmers.

U.S. District Judge William Griesbach in Milwaukee issued a temporary restraining order suspending the program for socially disadvantaged farmers and ranchers, the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel reported.

The program pays up to 120 percent of direct or guaranteed farm loan balances for Black, American Indian, Hispanic, Asian American or Pacific Islander farmers. President Joe Biden's administration created the loan forgiveness program as part of its COVID-19 pandemic relief plan.

Emily Newton, the lead attorney

Egyptian

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to build demand and processing capabilities in Egypt has been a longer-term initiative for the U.S. soybean industry.

In fact, Egypt has been "on the map" as an emerging powerhouse for U.S. soy exports for many years prior to the U.S.-China trade war, however.

MILWAUKEE (AP) — A federal judge representing the U.S. Department of Agriculture in the lawsuit, didn't immediately respond to an email seeking comment on the restraining order.

Minority farmers have maintained for decades that they have been unfairly denied farm loans and other government assistance. Federal agriculture officials in 1999 and 2010 settled lawsuits from Black farmers accusing the agency of discriminating against them.

Conservative law firm Wisconsin Institute for Law and Liberty filed suit in April arguing white farmers aren't eligible, amounting to a violation of their constitutional rights. The firm sued on behalf of 12 farmers from Wisconsin, Minnesota, South Dakota, Missouri, Iowa, Arkansas, Oregon and Kentucky.

"Diversifying our export markets is not only a smart use of resources, it's an investment in our long-play and the key to soy farmer sustainability," said Mark Read, ISA District 5 director.

"Part of recognizing a good opportunity is preparing to be at the front end of those industry revolutions, instead of two steps behind the history makers," added Lumpe. "For the top soybean state in the country, only history-making will do."

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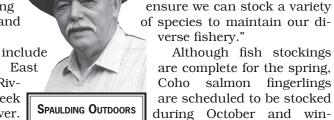
Among the fish stocked were 90.280 brown trout finger-

lings, 77,166 Coho salmon yearlings, 225,776 Skamania steelhead yearlings, and 195,915 Chinook salmon fingerlings.

Due to the COVID-related cancellation of the spring 2020 egg take at the Little Manistee Weir in Michigan, no winter-run steelhead yearlings were stocked. To make up for the shortfall in fish production, Indiana raised extra Skamania steelhead yearlings and obtained twice as many brown trout as usual from the Illinois DNR.

Indiana also experienced sourcing issues with Chinook salmon. Indiana does not have the infrastructure to spawn Chinook salmon, so the DNR relies on partners in other states for eggs. Wisconsin DNR was not able to provide enough viable eggs to meet Indiana's target. To make up for most of the shortfall, Indiana's hatchery staff worked with other Lake Michigan partner states, securing more than 59,000 surplus Chinook from the Illinois DNR and 39,000 from the Michigan DNR.

"The last year has been a challenge to navigate with production shortages, canceled egg takes and many pandemic-related issues," said Ben Dickinson, DNR's Lake Michigan biologist. "I'm proud of our hatchery staff for being



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ter-run steelhead fingerlings will be stocked in December.

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#### Summertime means skamania

Skamania, or Lake Michigan steelhead, typically begin their spawning runs in June and last throughout August, with peak runs occurring from late June to late July.

Early running fish can be caught as early as mid-May; it's not too early to get to the lake. Look for surface water temperatures under 68 degrees for best action. Strong south winds during the heat of summer will cause upwelling of cool water and hot steelhead action near shore.

**Recommended locations:** 

• The mouth of Burns Ditch at Portage Lakefront Park.

• The pier at Washington Park, Michigan City.

• DNR/Coast Guard public access site in the inner harbor of Michigan City.

Most Skamania steelhead taken by shore anglers are caught on live bait. Up to three rods are permitted to increase your chances. A spinning rod spooled with 8-12-pound test monofilament line will work with live bait. Make sure you have a quality reel, as the fish are lightning quick and can really put a strain on a reel's drag.



Suspend a size-2 to size-6 hook about 4-6 feet under a bobber. Small spawn sacs, whole cooked shrimp, nightcrawlers and minnows are all great bait.

#### Preliminary spring turkey harvest results

keys during Indiana's 2021 spring season, with at least one turkey harvested in 91 of 92 counties. No birds were harvested in Tipton County. While

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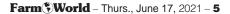
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			Per Cwt / Actual		
Head \	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
1	335	335	137.50	137.50	
2	420-425	423	129.00-133.00	131.01	
1	455	455	124.00	124.00	
3	515-545	525	125.00-130.00	127.67	
1	595	595	128.00	128.00	
1	615	615	115.00	115.00	
1	680	680	127.00	127.00	
	Large 1-2 (Pe	r Cwt / Actu	ial Wt)		
Head \	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
1	625	625	121.00	121.00	
2	687	687	129.00	129.00	
1	930	930	85.00	85.00	
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COWS -	Breaker 75-80	1% (Per Cwt	/ Actual Wt)		
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Rang	e Avg Price	Dressing
17	1270-1700	1474	67.50-72.00	70.34	Average
8	1160-1650	1434	72.00-78.00	) 74.17	High
1	1490	1490	65.00	65.00	Low
COWS -	Boner 80-85%	(Per Cwt /	Actual Wt)		
Head	Wt Range		Price Rang	e Avg Price	Dressing
13	1035-1485	1229	66.50-72.00	) 69.90	Average
26	1110-1660	1349	72.00-81.5	0 76.51	High
3	870-1205	1048	56.00-65.50	) 62.87	Low
COWS -	Lean 85-90%	(Per Cwt / A	ctual Wt)		
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Rang	e Avg Price	Dressing
11	820-1195	1016	65.00-70.00	67.51	Average
2	1000-1225	1113	70.00-72.00	) 71.10	High
8	900-1330	1088	52.00-64.00	58.34	Low
BULLS -	1-2 (Per Cwt /	Actual Wt)			
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Rang	e Avg Price	Dressing
9	1000-1865	1473	84.00-94.00	90.27	Average
10	1470-2000	1757	95.00-115.0	0 107.44	High
REPLACEMENT CATTLE					
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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; T1-3 = 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 KY Dept of Ag Market News Bill Holleran Frankfort, KY | (502) 782-4139 | www.ams.usda.gov/lpgmn https://mymarketnews.ams.usda.gov https://mymarketnews.ams.usda.gov/viewReport/2127

#### **Missouri Direct Hay Report Direct Hay Weighted Average Report** For week ending Friday, June 11, 2021

The weather is still far from perfect as nearly every day has a chance of pop up showers but then again that isn't uncommon for this time of year. For the most part much of the state was fairly dry this week unless one happened to be under that one dark cloud that passed over and down poured while the sun still was shining across the fence on the neighbor's field. There was several acres of hay cut this week but many are still a bit leery so not yet in full swing of hay season. As of the last report on Monday 1st cutting of alfalfa was at 41 percent while the five year average is 61 percent. Other hay harvest was setting at 22 percent again behind the five year average of 34 percent at this time. Hay prices are mostly steady and 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 Alfalfa - Good (Ask/Per Ton)	160.00-200.00				
Alfalfa - Good (Ask/Per Toh) Large Round Alfalfa - Good (Ask/Per Bale)	120.00-160.00				
Alfalfa - Fair (Ask/Per Ton)	5.00-7.00				
Large Round Alfalfa/Grass Mix - Good/Premium (Ask/Pr	100.00-125.00 er Bale)				
Mixed Grass - Good/Premium (Ask/Per Ton)					
Large Round Mixed Grass - Fair/Good (Ask/Per Ton)	80.00-120.00				
Large Round Mixed Grass - Fair/Good (Ask/Per Bale)	60.00-80.00				
Small Square Mixed Grass - Fair (Ask/Per Bale)	3.00-6.00				
Large 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 https://mymarketnews.ams.usda.gov/ www.ams.usda.gov/lpgmn https://mymarketnews.ams.usda.gov/viewReport/2929					

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#### Weekly National Sheep Summary For the Week Ending Friday, June 11, 2021

Weekly Trends: Compared to last week slaughter lambs San Angelo: mostly steady to 20.00 higher; slaughter eves steady to 10.00 higher; no comparison on Feeder lambs. At San Angelo, TX 7342 head sold. No sales in Equity Cooperative Auction. In direct trading slaughter ewes and feeder lambs were not tested. lamb carcasses traded with no trend due to confidentiality. All sheep sold per hundred weight New Holland: (CWT) unless specified. Slaughter Lambs: Choice and Prime 2-3: wooled and shorn 145-170 lbs 168.00-178.00. San Angelo: Ft. Collins: wooled and shorn 100-145 lbs 255.00-310.00; 155-165 lbs 200.00-New Holland, PA: 220.00 South Dakota: Ft. Collins, CO: wooled and shorn 100-145 lbs 245.00-295.00; 150-175 lbs 280.00. South Dakota: wooled and shorn 100-150 lbs 245.00-260.00. Kalona: wooled and shorn 100-150 lbs Kalona, IA: 245.00-265.00. Billings, MT: wooled and shorn 100-135 lbs Billings: 225.00-271.00. wooled and shorn 100-150 lbs no Missouri: test. Equity Coop: no sales. Missouri: Choice and Prime 1-2: hair 40-60 lbs 270.00-300.00, few Slaughter Lambs: San Angelo: 304.00-320.00; 60-70 lbs 250.00-290.00, few 294.00-304.00; 70-80 lbs 240.00-278.00, few 288.00-290.00; 80-90 lbs 230.00-260.00, San Angelo: few 264.00-270.00; 90-105 lbs 230.00-257.00, few 262.00-268.00. Ft. Collins: wooled and shorn 40-60 lbs 268.00-316.00; 60-70 lbs 256.00-298.00; South Dakota:

Good 3-4 (very fleshy) no test; Good Good 3-4 (Very riesny) no test, Good 2-3 (fleshy) 86.00-118.00; Utility and Good 1-3 (medium flesh) 122.00-138.00; Utility 1-2 (thin) 102.00-120.00; Cull and Utility 1-2 (very thin) 90.00-92.00; Cull 1 70.00-74.00. Good 3-4 (very fleshy) 120.00-155.00; Good 2-3 (fleshy) 115.00-155.00, few hair 167.00; Utility 1-2 (thin) 107.00-127.00; Cull 1 no test. Good 3-4 (very fleshy) 112.50-130.00; Good 2-3 (fleshy) 82.00-105.00; Utility 1-2 (thin) 70.00-82.50; Cull 4 40 00 55 00; Cull 1 40.00-65.00. Good3-4(veryfleshy)78.00-105.00; Good 2-3 (fleshy) 77.00-95.00; Utility 1-2 (thin) 72.00-85.00; Cull 1 66.00-84.0Ò. Good 3-4 (very fleshy) no test; Good 2-3 (fleshy) 100.00-125.00; Utility 1-2 (thin) 95.00-105.00. Good 3-4 (very fleshy) no test; Good 2-3 (fleshy) 82.00-100.00; Utility 1-2 (thin) 65.00-77.00; Cull 1 10.00-45.00 Good 3-4 (very fleshy) no test; Good 2-3 (fleshy) no test; Utility and Good 1-3 (medium flesh) no test; Cull and Utility 1-2 (very thin) no test. Direct Trading: No sales. Feeder Lambs: Medium and Large 1-2: 40-60 lbs 258.00-264.00; 61 lbs 266.00; 80-90 lbs 238.00-264.00. 45 lbs 245.00; 66 lbs 255.00. 30-40 lbs 320.00-340.00; 40-50 lbs 253.00-320.00; 50-60 lbs 25

	Delivery	•	•		Delivery		•		70-80 lbs 246.00-272.00; 80-90 lbs		320.00; 60-70 lbs 251.00-292.50;
Corn Soybeans	Month Jul 21 Sep 21 Dec 21 Mar 22 May 22 Jul 21 Aug 21	Last \$ 660-0 \$ 598-2 \$ 575-4 \$ 582-2 \$ 586-4 \$ 1466-6 \$ 1435-2	Change - \$ 24-4 - \$ 31-4 - \$ 34-2 - \$ 33-6 - \$ 33-0 - \$ 41-6 - \$ 47-2	Wheat Oats	Month Jul 21 Sep 21 Dec 21 Mar 22 May 22 Jul 21 Sep 21	Last \$ 658-4 \$ 663-4 \$ 671-0 \$ 677-4 \$ 678-4 \$ 371'4 \$ 366'4	Change - \$ 22-2 - \$ 22-2 - \$ 22-2 - \$ 22-4 - \$ 22-4 - \$ 22-4 - \$ 9'6 - \$ 13'2	New Holland: Ft. Collins:	232.00-258.00; 90-110 lbs 228.00- 252.00. wooled and shorn 40-50 lbs 280.00- 325.00; 50-60 lbs 267.00-295.00; 60-70 lbs 265.00-310.00; 70-80 lbs 265.00-302.00; 80-90 lbs 277.00- 310.00; 90-100 lbs 262.00-287.00. hair 50-60 lbs 270.00-275.00; 60-70 lbs 265.00-280.00; 73 lbs 265.00; 80-90 lbs 247.00-260.00. wooled and shorn 48 lbs 270.00;	Kalona: Billings:	70-80 lbs 251.00-252.00; 80-90 lbs 256.00-257.00; 90-100 lbs 230.00-236.00. no test. 50-60 lbs 255.00-265.00; 60-70 lbs 267.00-292.50; 70-80 lbs 267.50-295.00; 80-90 lbs 263.00-288.00; 90-100 lbs 254.00-289.00; 100-105 lbs 250.00-280.00; 110-120 lbs 214.00-250.00; 126 lbs 215.00.
Oculory	Sept 21 Nov 21 Jan 22	\$ 1394-4 \$ 1385-2 \$ 1388-0	- \$ 53-0 - \$ 53-4 - \$ 52-4	Live Cattle	Dec 21 Jun 21 Aug 21	\$ 368'0 \$118.700s \$120.025s	- \$ 12'4 + \$ 1.125 + \$ 1.475		50-60 lbs 270.00-285.00; 60-70 lbs 275.00-280.00; 70-80 lbs 260.00-285.00; 80-90 lbs 286.00-287.50; 90-100 lbs 260.00-280.00. hair 40-50 lbs 230.00-240.00; 50-60 lbs 230.00-255.00; 60-70 lbs 235.00-255.00;	Missouri: Equity Coop: Replacement Ewes San Angelo:	yearling hair ewes 80-120 lbs 160.00-190.00/cwt; mixed age hair 95-125 lbs 142.00-168.00/cwt.
Soybean Meal	Jul 21 Aug 21 Sep 21 Oct 21 Dec 21	\$ 374.8 \$ 377.5 \$ 380.0 \$ 381.0 \$ 386.2	- \$ 8.5 - \$ 8.5 - \$ 8.8 - \$ 9.3 - \$ 9.3	Lean Hogs	Oct 21 Dec 21 Feb 22 Jun 21 Jul 21	\$130.575s \$134.275s \$122.675s \$119.975s	+ \$ 1.575 + \$ 1.200 + \$ 1.125 + \$ 0.225 - \$ 1.350	Kalona:	80-90 lbs 235.00-260.00; 90-100 lbs 270.00-280.00. wooled and shorn 40-50 lbs 240.00- 275.00; 50-60 lbs 250.00-272.50; 60-70 lbs 250.00-262.00; 70-80 lbs 250.00- 262.00; 80-90 lbs 250.00- 262.00; 90-100 lbs 245.00-257.50.	Ft. Collins: South Dakota: Kalona: Billings:	no test. ewe lambs 150 lbs 81.00/cwt; young ewes 165 lbs 81.00/cwt. no test. yearlings 90-130 lbs 135.00-157.00/ cwt; young 115-140 lbs 117.50- 130.00/cwt; middle age 110-145 lbs 100.00-104.00/ccwt; ewes with
Soybean Oil	Jul 21 Aug 21 Sep 21 Oct 21 Dec 21	\$ 63.85 \$ 62.35 \$ 61.71 \$ 61.11 \$ 60.60	- \$ 3.13 - \$ 3.30 - \$ 3.30 - \$ 3.19 - \$ 3.11		Aug 21 Oct 21 Dec 21	\$ 96.600s	- \$ 1.725 - \$ 1.300 - \$ 0.700	South Dakota:	hair 45 lbs 262.50; 68 lbs 252.00; 70- 80 lbs 245.00-250.00. wooled and shorn 59 lbs 245.00; 60-70 lbs 260.00-265.00; 70-80 lbs 255.00-270.00; 80-90 lbs 245.00- 255.00; 90-100 lbs 247.50-259.00. hair 41 lbs 235.00; 89 lbs 170.00.	the week to date tot week and 35,000 la Source: U	lambs 140.00/family. no test. slaughter under federal inspection for aled 36,000 compared with 31,000 last ist year. SDA AMS LPG Market News,
Ag Futures Fai		-	orlo		ME Group/Ch Dow Jones	ures taken fro licago Board Industrial Av w.cmegroup.o	of Trade & verage	Billings: Missouri: Slaughter Ewes:	wooled and shorn 50-60 lbs 240.00- 245.00; 68 lbs 290.00; 70-80 lbs 255.00-289.00; 81 lbs 281.00; 90- 100 lbs 278.00-290.00. hair 79 lbs 212.00; 80-90 lbs 230.00-240.00. no test.	Rebec	San Angelo, Texas ca Sauder, 325-653-1778 w.ams.usda.gov/lpgmn

### Soybean ending stocks up, corn down in latest WASDE report

Very few changes were made to the domestic corn balance sheets in the monthly WASDE report. U.S. ethanol and export demand were both raised 75 million bu (mbu) for a 150 mbu reduction to ending stocks. This put ending stocks for the 2021/21 marketing year at 1.1 billion bu (bbu). These changes carried over to the 2021/22 balance sheets and lowered ending stocks there

to 1.36 bbu. New crop production was left unchanged this month at 14.99 bbu.

More alterations were made to the U.S. soybean balance sheets, and those did catch trade off guard. U.S. crush was reduced by 15 mbu which pushed old crop ending stocks to 135 mbu. As with corn this carried over to new crop where ending stocks increased to 155 mbu. While these are both historically tight it does give the market more breathing room for demand. The 2021/22 U.S. soybean crop was unchanged this month at 4.4 bbu.

The U.S. wheat balance sheets were also adjusted to give trade a bearish surprise. The USDA increased allwheat production by 26 mbu, putting the total U.S. crop at 1.89 bbu. Even with this increase, 2021/22 wheat ending stocks are forecast to tighten 4 mbu due to higher old crop exports. This is expected to leave the United States with 770 mbu of ending stocks next year, 82 mbu fewer than this year.

The USDA also updated its global numbers. The world corn ending stocks for the 2021/22 marketing year are projected at 289.4 million metric tons (mmt), a sharp 8.8 mmt reduction from this year. The world soybean reserve is expected to total 92.6 mmt at the end of the new marketing year, 4.6 mmt more than this year. The global wheat supply is forecast to increase 3.3 mmt from this year to next, putting ending stocks at 296.8 mmt.

Beef and pork production were little changed from May to June. U.S. beef production is now projected at 27.91 billion pounds this year and 27.34 billion pounds for 2022. Steers are forecast to average \$117.00 per hundredweight (cwt) this year and \$121.5 cwt next year. Pork production is forecast at 28.19 billion pounds this year and 28.55 billion pounds for 2022. Hog values are projected to average \$70.18 cwt for 2021 and \$56.25 cwt in 2022.

Ahead of this data, the Brazilian firm Conab released its updated production estimates. As expected, the group lowered its corn production figure due to a 14 percent decrease in the Safrinha crop. This put total Brazilian corn production at 96.4 mmt compared to 106.4 mmt in the May report, and below last year's 102.6 mmt crop. Conab raised its soybean



production figure though, putting it at 135.9 mmt compared to the 134.5 mmt May estimate. Last year's Brazilian soybean crop totaled 124.8 mmt.

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they are not nearly as bad. A reported 42 percent of the United States has been drier than normal over the past 30 days. In the drought year of 2012 this was 71 percent of the United States over the same period.

Debate is increasing over potential acreage changes from the March planting intentions, mainly on corn. We have seen a few estimates recently that indicate corn plantings this year will be closer to 96 or 97 million in the June revisions, nearly 6 million more acres than earlier estimated. Others are not as optimistic on elevated plantings and believe they will only increase by 2 to 3 million. The real question will be if any increase is seen to soybeans, as that is the commodity that needs to most production given current stocks to use forecasts.

Chinese officials have announced measures will likely be taken in the near future to build commodity reserves. This will focus mainly on feed grains, specifically corn and wheat. Recent purchases indicate China may have already started this process as current corn bookings are estimated at 15 mmt. These are split between the United States and Ukraine. The Chinese government is expected to give out another 7 mmt of corn import certificates this summer. Given the uncertainty surrounding the size of the Brazilian crop, the bulk of this trade may be done with the United States.

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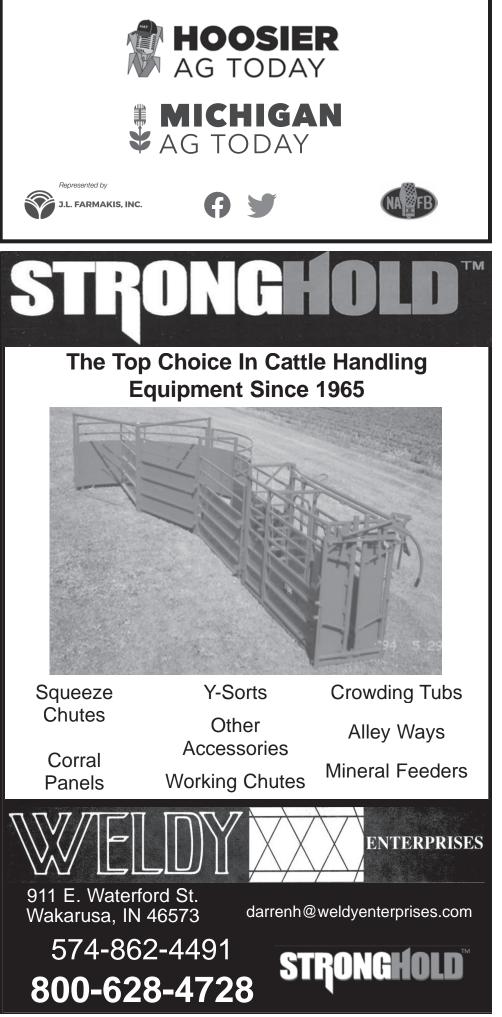
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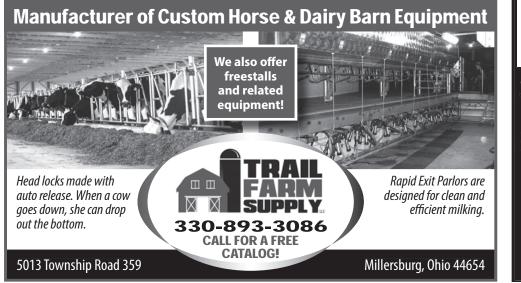
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### Fire destroys feed barn at MSU **Dairy Cattle Teaching Center**

By Stan Maddux Indiana Correspondent

LANSING, Mich. - Fire destroyed roughly 800 tons of feed, but the loss could have been tragic had an animal sciences major at Michigan State University not been in the right place at the right time.

Anne Tunison hopped on a fourwheeler to find where the smoke she smelled was coming from then spotted flames coming out the door of a feed barn at the MSU Dairy Cattle Teaching and Research Center in Lansing.

The animal sciences major called 911 and firefighters made sure the flames engulfing the building did not spread to nearby barns housing 400

cows and calves.

"It was a devastating loss, but it could have been much worse. No animals were lost. Nobody was hurt," she said.

Fortunately, the winds that evening were blowing the flames away from the barns containing the cattle, said Jim Good, Dairy Farm Manager at the center.

"Had it been blowing in a different direction it could have really wiped out the entire facility," he said.

The roughly 30,000 square foot barn destroyed by the May 15 blaze is situated between 12 silos.

Good said only two silos were full while the rest were mostly empty because of space created to store

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**Below:** A feed barn at a dairy research facility operated by Michigan State University was destroyed by a fire that's still under investigation.





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this year's harvest of feed.

Feed inside one of the silos was still smoldering nine days after the blaze, which was still under investigation, he said.

Another 3,000 tons of feed was kept in bags and bunkers elsewhere on the grounds.

Good said one of the possibilities investigators are looking into was an electrical problem toward the back of the feed barn, he said.

No decision has been made but the 60-foot-tall silos could be dismantled as a safety precaution because of heat potentially weakening the structures, he said.

Despite the loss and clean-up that followed, Good said it was pretty much business as usual with research and other work still occurring where it normally does elsewhere on the property.

Research in areas like nutrition and animal health is primarily conducted at the site where more than a dozen students are also employed doing chores like milking cows, feeding calves, and giving animals their shots.

Classroom sessions are also held at the site.

Good said the milk from the cows is sold to a coop and to the dairy store on campus.

The six-month supply of feed normally kept in reserve in case of drought is expected to be tapped but there should be at least a threemonth supply left before new feed starts coming in from this year's harvest, he said.

Many of the students after receiving their animal sciences degree go to veterinary school.

That's what Tunison plans to do after receiving her bachelor's degree in the fall.

Her parents were not food producers while she was growing up in Hadley, a small community about 30 miles east of Flint, but she recalled going to her grandfather's farm to help out.

"I've always wanted to be a vet because I've always been interested in animals," she said.





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the 2021 harvest was lower than last year's record harvest of 14,492 birds, this year's harvest was similar to the previous five years' spring harvest results - averaging 12,065 birds per season.

A total of 1,198 birds (10 percent of total harvest) were taken by youth hunters during the youth-only weekend, Apr. 17-18. Hunters had an estimated success rate of 19 percent compared to 21 percent in 2020.

A complete analysis of Indiana's spring harvest data for 2021 will be available later this summer. To see county harvest numbers, check out our spring turkey harvest website at: https://www. in.gov/dnr/fish-and-wildlife/hunting-and-trapping/wild-turkey-hunting-biology-and-management/indiana-wild-turkey-fall-harvest-data/

#### Turkey brood survey

Across the state, turkeys are scouring Indiana's woodlands and fields for insects with poults (turkey chicks) in tow. During July and August, the Indiana DNR needs outdoor lovers to help to count turkey broods and hens without poults to calculate the annual Wild Turkey Production Index (number of poults per adult hens). The Production Index helps estimate wild turkey populations in the state and provides guidance for future management.

You can view the 2020 results for the turkey brood survey online at: https://www.in.gov/dnr/fish-andwildlife/wildlife-resources/animals/ wild-turkey/turkey-brood-reporting/. Mark your calendars for this year's survey period, starting on July 1 and running through Aug. 31.

#### Canada geese grounded

Have you noticed geese and/or their young walking across the road during the summer? This is because adult Canada geese molt every summer and are unable to fly. Molting is the process by which birds replace their flight feathers. During molting, Canada geese are grounded for about a month while their new flight feathers grow. Goslings haven't even had a chance to grow their first sets of flight feathers by this time. In Indiana, peak molting times for Canada geese are the last two weeks of June through the first two weeks of July.

While gently harassing geese causing conflict is encouraged, harassing them during molt is not as effective nor appropriate since the geese cannot move long distances. Instead, install fencing or a vegetation barrier prior to goose nesting. The barriers should be at least 30 inches tall and should be 20-30 feet wide around the edge of water sources. For more information about living with Canada geese, https://www.in.gov/dnr/fishvisit and-wildlife/hunting-and-trapping/ canada-geese-management/, or contact your district biologist at: https:// www.in.gov/dnr/fish-and-wildlife/ wildlife-resources/wildlife-biologists/. Readers can contact the author by writing to this publication, or e-mail to jackspaulding@hughes.net. Spaulding's books, "The Best of Spaulding Outdoors," and his latest, "The Coon Hunter And The Kid," are available from Amazon.com.

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#### **By Susan Mykrantz Ohio Correspondent**

ROSEMONT, Ill. – It is game on for marketing dairy to Gen Z, according to Barbara O'Brien, president of Dairy Management Inc (DMI). DMI is the domestic dairy checkoff program responsible for driving trust and sales of dairy products for U.S. dairy farmers. O'Brien was one of four presenters during a recent webinar detailing DMI's National Dairy Month Lemos said he had enjoyed gaming, activities.

O'Brien said DMI is working to ensure that youngsters have a positive But Lemos said his family does have experience with dairy. "This generation is our future consumers," she said.

O'Brien said when the pandemic hit and schools were shut down, programs such as Fuel Up to Play 60 went virtual. "But there was a silver lining to all of that, as the online option gave more families access to their programs," she said.

DMI is focusing a lot of their programs on Gen z, young people aged 10-23, she said. Young people in this group have an estimated \$100 billion in spending power and they are willing to spend the money, O'Brien added.

Anne Warden, executive vice president of communications for DMI said the goal of the dairy checkoff program is to tap into new ways to connect with consumers and promote ways to give children access to healthy foods.

Warden said Gen Z members are bombarded with a lot of different opinions, and there are so many choices about food, but they aren't completely connected to where their food comes from. "Gen Z is transforming how products are marketed," Warden said.

Warden said one way they are reaching out to Gen Z is by tapping into their love of video gaming and stressing how dairy will benefit gamers as a pick-me-up during their gaming sessions.

One example is the transition of the signature Fuel Up To Play 60 program designed to encourage youngsters to get 60 minutes of physical exercise daily into an interactive video game on the GoNoodle platform. Warden said GoNoodle has a database of almost one million parents and over 16 million family users on the home platform. The new video was launched on June 1, World Milk Day.

To further enhance the gaming experience, DMI's Undeniably Dairy teamed up with Jordan Maron, who has more than 11 million followers on YouTube, where he goes by the name of Captain Sparklez.

During his videos, Maron demon-

duced is phenomenal.

"My personal favorite is freezedried ice cream," Maron said. "It is delicious and you don't have to worry about it melting.'

Nevin Lemos, owner and operator of Lemos Jerseys, is a Gen Z California-based dairy farmer. Lemos said he started his dairy operation four years ago, fulfilling a lifelong dream of having his dairy operation. His family also owns a larger dairy operation. but managing his dairy doesn't give him much time for other activities. a presence on social media, featuring many photos provided by his mother. a professional photographer.

Lemos added that it is important to work with influencers such as Maron to focus on what is real. "Gen Z looks through the facade and gaming resonates with Gen Z as a place to put their focus," Lemos said.

For Maron and Lemos, the digital farm tour was beneficial, as Maron saw the systematic organization required to make a dairy farm work and Lemos saw Maron's appreciation for the work he does in a business he loves.

"Gaming, as a platform, is a relevant way to connect with Gen Z," O'Brien said. "We need to think about gaming as a channel to understand where Gen Z will place their dollars. It gives a more contemporary look at how check-off dollars are being used. Gaming is a new, authentic way for advertisers to reach out to an important target."

O'Brien said one of the challenges is to combat the chatter about the benefits of plant-based beverages. Through programs such as Fuel Up to Play 60 live and video format, O'Brien said they can share the benefits of dairy to a Gen Z audience and introduce new products to consumers

"Dairy has so many ways to meet the needs of Gen Z to keep them healthy," Warden said. "Dairy offers so many things and when we put it into language Gen Z understands, it is a great opportunity. But we have to be factual and we have to be au-

thentic. They want to engage with ing sessions. She said the U.S. Dairy the story."

Warden added another component of the program is the availability of recipes to give Gen Z energy and prevent lag time during their gam-

website offers a variety of recipes and will also feature recipes submitted by participants in the Beat the Lag snack challenge (www.usdairy.com/ beat-the-lag).





strates to other gamers what they can do in gaming.

Maron said he enjoys working with the dairy industry as a whole because he eats a lot of dairy in his diet. He added that one of the great things has been working with a focus group to develop new products. Maron said he had the opportunity to participate in a virtual dairy farm tour of the farm owned by Nevin Lemos and learn about the day-to-day operation of the farm and how the cows were cared for.

"I saw the layout of the farm, how the cows were housed, and the amount of work that goes into preparing the feed for the cows," Maron said. "The scale and amount of space required for the farm are amazing."

Maron said he has been using his platform to inform Gen Z gamers about protein packing and fueling up for the day's activities. He said the number of new products being intro-

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### Iowa State prof is Farm Foundation's first agriculture economics fellow

#### **By Doug Schmitz Iowa Correspondent**

OAK BROOK, Ill. - Farm Foundation has announced Alejandro Plastina. associate professor and extension economist at Iowa State University's Center for Agricultural and Rural Development, has been selected as its first agricultural economics fellow.

"We are thrilled to welcome Dr. Plastina as our first agricultural economics fellow," said Shari Rogge-Fidler, Farm Foundation president and CEO. "We have a long history with agricultural economists, on our board and in our programming, so this is an exciting extension for us.

"Dr. Plastina's academic and practical experience brings great value to Farm Foundation's programs for stakeholders throughout the food and ag value chain to advance their understanding of the economic issues surrounding critical topics such as sustainable agriculture."

According to the foundation, the agricultural economics fellowship is a new program designed to nurture a promising leader in the field.

Plastina will be engaged with Farm Foundation for one year, during which he will have the opportunity to provide thought leadership through publications and speaking appearances, expand his professional network and manage highvisibility projects.

In addition, he will participate in Farm Foundation programs and events, network with and be mentored by staff in the USDA's Office of the Chief Economist, and mentor and meet with participants in Farm Foundation's suite of next generation development programs.

"The agricultural economics fellowship at Farm Foundation is a fantastic year-long opportunity to work with thought leaders in the agricultural sector to develop practical guidelines



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and challenges presented to them by the rapidly increasing number of initiatives on agricultural carbon sequestration and GHG mitigation, and in so doing inform my longer-term research efforts on farm business management," Plastina said.

Raised in Argentina, Plastina's area of specialization is agricultural production and technology, with an emphasis on-farm business and financial management.

"Although I did not grow up in a farm, I very much enjoyed visiting my grandparents who raised hogs, rabbits (for fur and meat), layers, and sheep (for meat) at a small scale," he said. "I have always appreciated the hard-working people in the agricultural sector."

Plastina's recent publications have addressed the economics of conservation practices such as cover crops and subfield land-use change from cornsoybean rotations into switchgrass, as well as agricultural productivity analyses.

The agricultural economics fellowship is the latest recognition for Plastina, who received the Iowa State Office of the President Excellence in Remote Instruction Award in 2021; the Iowa State Extension and Outreach Creativity in Service to All Iowans Award in 2020; and the Agricultural & Applied Economics Association Distinguished Extension Program Award in 2019.

He also won the Iowa State Agriculture and Natural Resources Programming Innovation Award in 2018; and the Iowa State Extension and Outreach Impacting Iowa Award in 2014.

Plastina received his bachelor of arts in economics, with a major theoretical focus, in 2000, and his master of arts in health economics and management (ABD) in 2001, both at Universidad Nacional de La Plata, Argentina.

"After graduation, I worked a couple of years helping hospitals and large health care providers evaluate the cost-effectiveness of multiple practices, and I quickly realized that the fancy mathematical models that I learned in college fell short of being directly applicable to real-life problems," he said.

As a result of multiple domestic and international consultations, he said, "I learned about agricultural economics as an area of specialization focused on finding applied (as opposed to theoretical) solutions to real-life problems faced mostly by farmers, ranchers, agribusinesses and consumers of agricultural outputs and their derivatives.

"I also learned that some agricultural economists have the luxury of working closely with agricultural producers on multiple projects," he said. "Those were the two main drivers of my decision to pursue a career in the agricultural economics profession." After completing a master of science in statistics in 2005, and a doctorate in agricultural economics in 2007, both at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, he added. "I had the great honor of serving cotton producers, and 41 governments of cotton-producing and cotton-consuming countries for seven years (while visiting 23 of those countries) as economist and senior economist of the International Cotton Advisory Committee in Washington, D.C.' Over the past seven years, Plastina said he refocused his career toward serving Iowa and Midwest farmers through his extension faculty position at Iowa State University. "My current focus is on helping farmers and agricultural stakeholders make informed farm business and financial management decisions," he said. "I thoroughly enjoy working with them to develop the decision tools, reports and research that inform my extension program."



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Above: Box tree moths start out as green caterpillars, usually with black markings.

### **USDA** warns of box tree moth in several states

**By Kevin Walker Michigan Correspondent** 

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The USDA announced late last month that an invasive species, the box tree moth, had been found in several states after infested boxwood plants were shipped from a nursery in Ontario, Canada, near Niagara Falls.

The box tree moth can significantly damage and potentially kill boxwood plants if left untreated. According to the announcement, dated May 28, from August 2020 to April, a nursery in St. Catharines, Ontario, shipped boxwood shrubs that may have been infested with box tree moth to locations in six states. That includes 25 retail locations in Connecticut, Massachusetts, Michigan, New York, Ohio, South Carolina and a distribution center in Tennessee. The USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) is working with state governments and nurseries to contain and eradicate the pest. The agency has also been working with state officials to determine if more nurseries may have been impacted.

On May 26, APHIS issued an order to halt the importation of boxwood, Euonymus and holly plants into the United States. The boxwood shrub is very commonly used in landscaping and is the plant most commonly infested with box tree moth, a native of East Asia. It was found in the Toronto area of Canada in 2018. The caterpillars, which are green and usually with black markings, can defoliate a host plant. The caterpillars can then go on to feed on bark and possibly destroy the plant.

"We've had a few nurseries in Michigan where we have found the pest," said Robin Rosenbaum, the plant health section manager of the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development. "We're asking anyone who's purchased boxwoods to go and examine them and if they see silky webbing or green caterpillars with a bold black stripe or spots to call us. We need the help of the public right now."

nurseries have been very cooperative. Most affected is Wayne County, which includes Detroit and a number of other communities. Rosenbaum is asking that people in this area be especially alert to the possibility of infested plants there.

In Tennessee, infested plants arrived at a distribution center in Memphis, in the southwest corner of the state. "We do have traps set up throughout the state and so far we have not found any box tree moths in those traps," said Kim Doddridge, a spokeswoman for the Tennessee Department of Agriculture.

According to Dan Kenny, chief of the plant health division at the Ohio Department of Agriculture, two locations in the state received infested boxwoods. "There's about 800 plants that got into the state, but it's not as bad as it sounds," he said. "We haven't actually found any caterpillars on any shrubs, though there has been some evidence of feeding." Kenny said it's his understanding that the nursery in Canada that sold the infested stock is compensating the nurseries that bought the plants.

"This is definitely concerning for nurseries in Ohio," Kenny said. "These shrubs are pretty important for the nurseries, so we definitely don't want them getting out."





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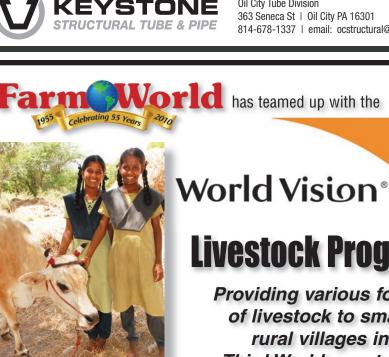
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## IFB: Legal action 'likely' over legislative redistricting

#### By Tim Alexander **Illinois Correspondent**

BLOOMINGTON, Ill. - Illinois Democrats say that newly redrawn state congressional district maps reflect population shifts that haven't been adjusted since the early 1960s. The state's Republicans are calling the redistricting effort, passed on May 28 by party line vote, a power grab that will lessen the number of GOP lawmakers in Congress by reducing the number of districts that would have multiple Republican incumbents.

The latest version of the legislative map for Illinois was approved and passed despite criticism from rural Illinoisans as well as urban ethnic and religious groups who claimed the new maps dilute minority voting power. Kevin Semlow of the Illinois Farm Bureau (IFB) said there are issues with the legality of the legislative remap, beginning with the data used to determine populations of congressional districts.

"We fully realize the difficult situation our lawmakers were put in with the delay of the U.S. 2020 Census data for redistricting purposes, therefore having to look for other reliable data. The unfortunate situation that Illinois finds itself in is that they have chosen to rely on American Community Survey (ACS) sampling data from the U.S. Census Bureau, which is estimated by some groups to be 41,877 lower than the initial 2020 Census counts. This puts our maps in a precarious legal situation, undoubtedly leading to time-consuming and costly legal challenges," Semlow said in an email.

"We also want to highlight the fact that these maps were drawn using an archaic, troubling and partisan process where the legislators on one side of the aisle are drawing the maps affecting the whole state. This process neglects many, including our rural communities."

Farm bureau policy calls for redistricting to be determined by an independent board using an unbiased process, with districts drawn in a manner that follows county, township and municipal boundaries as faithfully as possible. Above all, the process should be conducted in a way that is impartial to party or incumbency, according to Semlow.

To that end, the IFB is calling on the Illinois General Assembly to approve a ballot vote asking voters whether to amend the Illinois State Constitution to reform the state's

petitions to run until Jan. 13, 2022.

"This has been approved to allow the General Assembly to draw the congressional maps using 2020 U.S. Census data, which is supposed to be released in August or September. This bill also moves the deadline for county governments to perform their redistricting requirements to Dec. 31, 2021," he explained.

Some critics of the new map are accusing Democrats of having another ulterior motive for redistricting: to retain their political advantage on the Illinois Supreme Court. Currently, the seven-jurist panel is composed of four Democrats and three Republicans, with the three GOP members hailing from the 2nd, 4th and 5th districts.

The new map, based on the ACS and election data, redraws the 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th districts, which each have one elected justice, while three justices are elected from the 1st District, which spans Cook County. It extends the 4th District, which currently runs across central Illinois from Kankakee County to the Quad Cities, to include some counties within the current 2nd and 3rd Districts.

The new 4th District would gain Peoria County and the Quad Cities region, which are both currently in the 3rd District. It would also acquire Winnebago County and DuPage County, which are currently in the 2nd District. The 5th District, which currently spans more than 30 counties downstate, would gain Champaign County and Macon County, which were previously within the 4th District, Capitol News Illinois reported.

Rep. Dianne Mazzochi (R-Elmhurst) said the new legislative map reflects the Democratic Party's attempt to manipulate the Illinois Supreme Court "as they've done in every other branch of government."

Democratic Rep. Elizabeth Hernandez, chair of the House Redistricting Committee, defended the new map, saying that concerns expressed by ethnic groups, Republicans and others were considered. "After 50 public hearings across the state and listening to hours of testimony, the House and Senate Democrats have put together a product our state can be proud of," Hernandez said in a news release. "What should stand out about this proposed map is how similar districts look compared to our current map."



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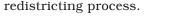
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"We now await to see what the governor will do with HB 2777 (which) contains the Illinois General Assembly new districts," Semlow said. "He has 60 days (beginning May 30) to review and take action. It is assumed once these maps are approved, their legality in regards to the requirements of the Illinois Constitution that they are drawn in a (way that is) compact, contiguous and substantially equal in population (adhering to) the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965 will be challenged in a court of law."

Semlow noted that Illinois Gov. JB Pritzker will also be asked to review and act upon SB 825, which delays the 2022 Illinois primary election from March until May 28. If SB 825 is passed into law, candidates seeking election to the General Assembly and all other offices would not have to start collecting signatures for their



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#### Farmland

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pastureland increases are more modest."

Currently, he said the demand for good farmland is outstripping the supply of farms for sale.

"Iowa cropland prices statewide are up 13 percent since January, while Illinois' prices are up 10 percent," said David Whitaker, Farmers National Co. area sales manager.

He said the current agricultural land market has more buyers than sellers, with the inventory of farms for sale presently at a low point for all land brokers as buyers have been aggressively purchasing what has been listed for sale.

"The prospect for seven-dollar corn drives the demand for good cropland in the Corn Belt," he said. "It is making farmers even more bullish to buy farmland."

He said competitive bidding among potential buyers is delivering the best sales prices to sellers.

"If you want top dollar in my area, a seller needs to take their land to auction to bring out all potential buyers," he said.

He added the expectation is for more farms to come up for sale as the year moves along due to the higher prices received, and potential changes in tax policy.

"We have already seen increased interest by some landowners as we field calls daily about them wanting to sell in the coming months," he said. "Our agents are busy booking auctions and sales for later in the summer, and on to the end of the year."

In Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, and Kentucky, buyers are also actively pushing land prices, the report said.

"We are seeing land prices up 9 to 11 percent for the good cropland in the area," said Linda Brier, Farmers National Co. area sales manager.

"At Farmers National Co. auctions, we have seen sales well over \$13,000 per acre for good cropland," she said. "Price levels vary by state, but good cropland is strong everywhere. Prices have definitely increased since fall, and even more so since the first of the year."

Kevin Wendt, auctioneer broker

with the Wendt Group in Plain City, Ohio, said land values in the state are also on the rise due to a higher demand and limited supply of available ground, as well as competitive bidding, as the report indicated.

"Land values and sales in our area are at a rate of 20 percent higher than the previous two-year cycle," he said.

Wendt added while landowners had been afraid to sell during the COVID-19 pandemic, they are opening up to options of selling farmland as soon as this summer, and into late fall.

He added some of the factors involved in sales are retirement and estates, which "seem to be the most for sellers in our area."

Like Wendt, Jay Allen, managing broker and auctioneer with Allen Auction and Real Estate in Veedersburg, Ind., said land values are on the rise due to a higher demand and limited supply of available ground, as well as competitive bidding.

"That is exactly the same situation we have here in west central Indiana," he said. "I have numerous buyers, mostly 1031 (which is a swap of properties that are held for business or investment purposes), and very little for sale. Land values here are up at least 15-20 percent over the past 12 months," he said.

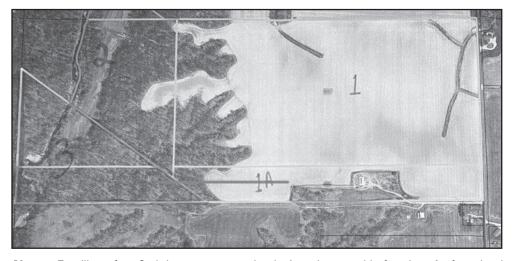
He said some are retirement sales, "but quite honestly, most of my sales are estates. Kids are not local, not attached to the farm and selling the land.'

He said recent sales were the highest he had ever had.

"I sold 339 acres in Mill Creek Township, Fountain County near Kingman, Ind., at public auction on March 17," he said. "There were 311 tillable acres, sales price \$5,050,000, and I charged a buyer's premium of \$88,375," he said. "That makes the gross sale over \$15,000 per acre. I just sold two farms in Richland Township, Fountain County (71 acres and 121 acres), \$825,000, plus \$16,500 buyer's premium and \$1,425,000, plus \$28,500 premium, making them at or near \$12,000 per acre."

He added, "Both of these were purchased by farmers. I have had numerous sales in the past six months, and the demand for farm ground continues to grow at a rapid pace."

Like Allen, Howard Halderman,



Above: Families often find the next generation isn't as intersted in farming. As farm land prices rise; some of those families are now considering selling their land. This is one family's working draft of what a sale would look like in terms of what the family would like to keep and what would be offered for sale.

president and CEO of Halderman Real record prices, levels above the previ-Estate & Farm Management in Wabash, Ind., said land values in the state are on the rise.

"Indiana showed an increase of 9 percent year over year, according to the Federal Reserve Bank study released in February," he said. "Much higher commodity prices, government support prices, and generally good vields from the 2020 crop increased farm incomes, leading to slightly higher rents and therefore, higher land values."

In addition, he said, the market in Indiana is very tight, with limited supply.

"Higher demand, combined with limited supply, leads to higher prices," he said. "In addition, historically low interest rates (the Chicago Fed survey found long-term fixed interest rates for farm mortgages to be the lowest in survey history) are helping spur demand.

"Finally, due to the housing expansion, we see 1031 tax-deferred exchange investors entering the market, along with institutional investors creating a very dynamic market (as influencers)," he added.

He said the state's current status is one of very limited supply, "which is not atypical for the spring/summer time period when the crop is being planted and growing.

"Sales that do occur are 5-10 percent (higher) than 2020, and there is competitive bidding at all auctions," he said. "Some locations are seeing ous high in 2013-2014."

He said landowners are happy with the increase in asset valuations, improving their balance sheets.

"If they are buyers, the higher prices are not that exciting," he said. "Investors are somewhat frustrated by the lack of available supply and choices - very similar to the housing market," he said. "Also improving farm incomes are welcome as we see higher costs of ownership in real estate taxes, insurance, and input costs."

He said higher farm incomes are leading to landowners keeping their farms - even through ownership generational transfer.

"However, some landowners are watching with concern the debate over increased taxes and changing tax structure for capital gains, stepped-up basis, and estate tax exemptions," he said.

He said the actions of Congress will influence land sales and the choices families make going forward.

"Today, a landowner can sell and know their capital gains tax rate," he said. "Going forward, will new rules be retroactive? Will the step up in basis go away? Will the estate tax exemption decrease substantially?

"As a landowner, I am watching these negotiations closely," he added. "If you are thinking about a sale in the next three years, you may want to accelerate the decision since land values are currently high, and the tax structure is still known."



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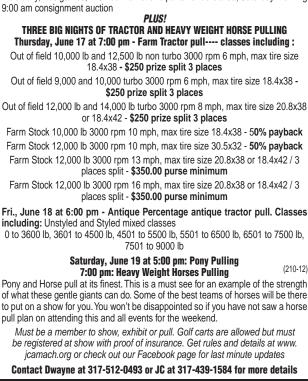
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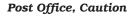
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### **SECTION B**

Thursday, June 17, 2021

### Bleat in, bleat out: Goat yoga is 'the thing' and people are lining up for it

#### **By Doug Graves Ohio Correspondent**

GROVEPORT, Ohio - File this under "workouts you can't believe are an actual thing."

Goat yoga, which is yoga practices in the presence of (and in tandem with) live goats, is the latest exercise to capture the imagination and Instagram feeds of city-slickers everywhere.

Taylor-made for the selfie set, each class allows one to do downward dog alongside barnyard goats in all their bleating, adorable glory. Yoga goats

are baby goats, and when you get into tabletop, expect a goat to hop onto your back. They weigh just about 15 pounds, the perfect weight with which to plank.

"We offer yoga classes and we also have a herd of 200 goats," said Katherine Harrison of Harrison Farms in Groveport, Ohio. "Not all goats become yoga goats. Most are bottle babies, looking for a cozy spot on a yoga mat."

Harrison is entering her sixth season with goat yoga. Popularity of this event brings yogis back season after season.

you can focus on the animals," she said. "It's an opportunity to choose your own adventure. We try to conduct a holistic, on-farm yoga experience and welcome yoga enthusiasts. We typically hold those classes in front of our huge red barn. There the chickens run around, the roosters crow, ducks wander about...AND we invite the goats to attend. Now and then there's a little head-butting going on, but most of the time they lay up near the yogi's mat."

Harrison's farm includes sheep, goats and chickens. She also opens

"You can focus on the yoga and her farm to college interns wanting to know more about farming, interested in animal handling or just basic agriculture skills.

Goat yoga is offered at other farms in the state. At Feels Like Home Farm in Kirtland, about 25 minutes east of Cleveland, it's pretty difficult for visitors to leave without having loved on an animal or laughed at their antics.

"They're just floating out the door afterward," said yoga instructor Angela DeMichele. "You can't leave without smiling."

(Goat Yoga continued on page 5B)





Above Left: Yogis at Harrison Farm in Groveport, Ohio, soon learn the goats enjoy sharing a workout mat, and oftentimes hop their back during your workout. (Heidi Shapiro photo); Above Right: While performing her reps, this yoga enthusiast found a young goat anxious to join right in. (Ayla Koslon photo)

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their energy up, according to You-Tuber and gaming influencer Jordan Maron, who goes by the handle of Captain Sparklez. Maron has teamed up with Dairy Management Inc. to share the positive message of dairy with Gen Z members. During a recent video conference to highlight DMI's National Dairy Month activities, Maron said dairy is packed with protein and other benefits to prevent lag time in gamers and keep them at their competitive best. This week Cook Simply is featuring four dairypacked recipes courtesy of the U.S. Dairy website recipe page to kick off dairy month. Ranging from Grilled Campfire Queso Dip to Grilled Cheese Sandwiches with dipping sauce to Heartfelt Tuna Melt sandwiches and Mac and Cheese Casserole Cups, there is something to add fun to meals and snacks and keep you at the top of your game. Enjoy and until next time, simply cook.

#### **Grilled Campfire Queso Dip**

Makes 10 Servings

• Cook Time: 30 minutes

Ingredients

1 pound 90 percent lean ground beef (ground turkey or chicken may be substituted)

1/2 cup red bell pepper, cored, seeded and chopped

1/2 cup yellow onion, peeled and chopped

1 jalapeño, seeds and ribs removed and diced (optional)

12 ounces Mexican blend cheese, shredded (a mixture of cheddar and queso quesadilla)



1 tablespoon cornstarch 2 teaspoon ground cumin 1 teaspoon salt 1 teaspoon chili powder

1 teaspoon smoked paprika

1 10-ounce can diced tomatoes with green chilis

1 block low-fat cream cheese, cut into cubes (8 ounces or fat level of choice)

1/2 cup low-fat Greek vogurt (or fat level of choice)

1 cup reduced-fat milk

1/2 cup fresh cilantro leaves, chopped and loosely packed

Tortilla chips for serving

Instructions

1. Combine ground beef, bell pepper (and jalapeño, if using), and onion in a skillet over high heat and cook, breaking up the meat with a wooden spoon, until the beef is browned and the vegetables are soft. Drain fat from the beef and set aside.

2. In a large bowl, combine shredded cheese, cornstarch, cumin, salt, chili powder, and smoked paprika and toss until the cornstarch and spices are evenly distributed.

3. In an 8x10-inch disposable foil pan, arrange ground beef mixture, shredded cheese mixture, canned tomato with green chilis, cream cheese and Greek yogurt. Wrap pan tightly with heavy-duty foil and store in the refrigerator until ready to cook.

4. To cook queso dip, preheat a gas or charcoal grill to 250 to 300 degrees (low to medium). If using charcoal, arrange coals so that queso dip can cook over indirect heat.

5. Place foil pan on the grill, over indirect heat, and grill for 15 minutes with the grill lid closed.

6. After 15 minutes, carefully open the foil wrapping and stir the cheese (Cook Simply continued on page 4B)

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#### **Cook Simply**

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mixture. Add about a half cup of milk and continue stirring until smooth. Close the lid and continue cooking the queso dip for another 15 minutes, stirring occasionally until the dip is completely melted and smooth. Add remaining milk, as needed, to achieve a smooth consistency.

7. Use potholders to carefully transfer the foil pan from the grill and remove the foil wrapping. Garnish queso dip with fresh cilantro and serve with tortilla chips.

8. Enjoy your campfire queso dip with family and friends.

#### Grilled cheese with tomato dipping sauce

Ingredients:

8 slices thick-cut sandwich bread 8 slices Real California cheddar cheese

4 slices Real California mozzarella cheese

8 Tbsp Real California butter, softened

2 cups marinara

1 cup Real California heavy cream

2 Tbsp Real California sour cream parsley for garnish

Directions:

Sandwiches:

1. Heat a griddle to medium heat.

2. Make 4 sandwiches using 2 pieces of bread, 2 pieces of cheddar cheese, and one piece of mozzarella for each sandwich.

3. Spread both outer sides of the bread with softened butter and cook for a few minutes per side until golden brown and cheese is melted.

4. Remove sandwiches from griddle and let cool slightly.

Sauce:

1. Combine marinara and cream in sauce pan and heat just to a simmer.

2. Remove from heat, fold in sour cream, and pour into bowl. Garnish with parsley.

Assembly:

1. Slice each sandwich into 3-4 block shape strips, and stack like Jenga blocks.

2. Serve with sauce

#### **Heartfelt Tuna Melt**

Makes 4 Servings

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Ingredients

6 ounces sold white tuna packed in water, drained

Source: California Milk Board

1/3 cup chopped celery

1/4 cup chopped onion 1/4 cup low fat Russian or Thou-

sand Island salad dressing 2 whole-wheat English muffins,

split 3 ounces Cabot 50 percent Light Cheddar cheese, grated

Salt and black pepper to taste Instructions

Preheat broiler. Combine tuna, celery, onion and salad dressing. Season with salt and pepper. Toast English muffin halves. Place splitside-up on baking sheet and top each with 1/4 of tuna mixture. Broil 2-3 minutes or until heated through. Top with cheese and return to broiler until cheese is melted, about 1 minute longer.

#### Mac and Cheese Casserole Cups

Ingredients

3 cups skim milk

2 1/2 tbsp all-purpose flour

6 ounces (1 1/2 cups) reduced-fat, mild shredded Cheddar cheese

3/4 cup light shredded Mozzarella cheese

1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese

and drained

Preheat oven to 350°F. In medium saucepan, slowly add 1 cup of milk to flour, stirring constantly until all lumps have dissolved. Add the remaining milk, stirring thoroughly. Place on stove and simmer 15 minutes, stirring occasionally, until sauce thickens. Add 1 cup of the Cheddar, Mozzarella and Parmesan cheese; stir until blended. Add macaroni, stirring gently to coat well. Line muffin tin with paper muffin cups and place one scoop of mac and cheese mixture into each muffin cup. Top with reserved 1/2 cup shredded Cheddar. Bake 15 minutes or until golden brown. Let cool for 5 minutes before serving.

### FARM EQUIPMENT AUCTION

Saturday, June 19 • 10am | Adams County, IN



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LOCATION: 7687 W 500 N, Andrews, IN 46750

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1953 FARMALL SM gas tractor, WF, PS, 13.6-38 tires, 6.00-16 fronts, Live power, 1 remote, pto • 1953 JD 60 gas tractor, NF, 13.6-38 rears, 6.00-16 fronts, 1 remote, pto, chrome pipe • 1950 JD B gas tractor, WF, 11.2-38 rears, 5.50-16 fronts, pto • 2006 Kawasaki Prairie 360, 4x4, ATV w/racks • Honda ATC 90 3 wheeler • JD 440 Trail Fire snowmobile · 2005 LIB Patriot tandem axle trailer • 1960 Truck bed trailer • 2001 Master Tow dolly trailer • (2) JD pull behind yard trailers • JD X 495 riding mower, diesel, all wheel steer w/mower deck • 5' Danco rotary mower • 7' Woods grade blade, 3pt • Brave 15 ton log splitter, pull behind • Stihl MS 250C chain saw • McCulloch Mini Mac chain saw • Log chains • Benders • P&D Ignition parts cabinet · Echlin United Auto parts er · 8' Werner Alum ladder · Craftsman leaf blower cabinet • Delta 10" bench saw • Central pneumatic 28 gal. compressor · Solar 450 heavy duty charger booster • Silver Beauty battery charger • Craftsman router alum ramp & table · Craftsman tabletop band saw · Kerosene heaters • Speedway 25 gal upright air compressor • L/G wheelbarrows & yard tools • K&F 16sp drill press • Ace Many other items too numerous to 3 1/2" anvil/vice • Craftsman 16' scroll saw • Craftsman list due to moving



1/2 hp 6" bench grinder • Wilton bench vice • Craftsman 4/25 shop vac · Craftsman Mitre saw · Craftsman 16" scroll saw · Craftsman belt/disc sander · Craftsman 30 gal upright compressor • Weaver 4 ton floor jack • Misc floor jacks • Work tables • Auto Lite work station/parts cabinet • Double stack Big O Tune up cabinet • Blue Streak Tune-up cabinet · Snap-On double stack tool box · Tool boxes · Roll around shop carts · Large quantity of shop tools, wrenches, socket sets etc · Campbell Hausfeld 1750 psi pressure washer • Pull behind spray-Ratchet straps & flash flights · Wood ext ladder · Pull behind seeder • Home Lite/Feather Lite weedeaters • 6'

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DATE: Fri., June 25 10am-4pm

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TRACTORS/EQUIPMENT: 1952 8N Ford completely restored; 1964 Ford 4000 Select-O-Speed w/Kelley loader; Ferguson 7' 3 pt. disc & 2 btm. plow; Bush Hog RDTH 72 & other 5' 3 pt. finish mowers; 6' 3 pt. tiller; AC 3 pt. 2 btm., JD 3 pt. 2 btm., & Oliver 3 pt. 3 btm. plows; flatbed wagon w/ sides. ANTIQUES/PRIMITIVE/VINTAGE: Horse-drawn plows & cultivators; small fert. spreader on steel; David Bradley fodder cutter & pump jack; corn shock tier; cast-iron kettle w/spider; single & doubletrees; meat grinders, lard press, many other items. <u>CAR:</u> 1954 Chrysler New Yorker w/30k, overdrive, Hemi. MISC; Craftsman riding mower; Stihl weed eaters; misc. open & box end wrenches; chains & boomers; numerous other items. **TERMS: Cash/Check** Lunch Served Not Responsible for Accidents

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#### **4 SCHOOL BUSES** \*ALL WELL MAINTAINED

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### Goat Yoga

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Alissa Miller is the owner of Feels Like Home Farm, where for the past four years she's offered yoga and cuddle sessions with all kinds of adorable barnyard animals. One of her newest offerings is "Yoga with Piglets." Piglets joining the yoga classes are Kunekunes, a small social breed from New Zealand.

"There's a lot of research that shows animals can help your health," Miller said. "Animals are accepting of people, and they relieve stress to the touch. Touching an animal helps increase endorphins and promotes a happy release of good hormones and releases anxiety."

During the COVID-19 pandemic, Miller offered classes for two to 10 people at a time. She plans on holding similar size classes this year, too. Classes are held on the weekends.

With the hour-long yoga classes, participants can get their minds centered, work on different postures, practice mindfulness and breathing - but they can do it among the animals with plenty of breaks for cuddles and selfies.

"Being a small farmer, I feel any light I can shed on the farming community is a positive thing because farmers are really the backbone of

our community," Miller said. "And I've heard so many people come in from the city, and maybe they've never even seen a goat. So it's helping people connect."

The Boer makes up the backbone of Miller's herd. She also has pygmy and myotonic (fainting) goats.

"A couple years after starting our breeding program, we started working with some local gyms and yoga studios to begin offering goat yoga classes on the farm," Miller said.

It's uncertain how this goat yoga trend all started or even where it started. Some say it began in Oregon in 2016, but others say it started in Netherlands 10 years ago. Regardless of its roots, goat yoga is catching on big time.

"I believe people want to connect with the animals and experience the outdoor world," Harrison said. "I believe small farms speak to something within our nature about how we interact with animals. The more time I spend with my animals the more I understand my own place in the circle of life. And with goat yoga it's a bit light-hearted at times and at times it's a bit ridiculous."

Harrison Farm (with its voga classes) can be found at 5278 Berger Road in Groveport, Ohio (614-271-0304). Feels Like Home Farm is found at 10875 Sperry Road in Kirtland, Ohio (440-724-5121).



Above: At Feels Like Home Farm in Kirtland, Ohio, you can expect curiosity seekers among you while you're doing your warmups. (Ayla Koslon photo)

Below: At Harrison Farm the goats will often eat while you sweat. Each goat weighs roughly 15 pounds, adding a little extra resistance to your routine. (Heidi Shapiro photo)





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AUCTIONEER'S NOTE: This is an online auction for the Moffett family and the Estate of Alfred Carter. The Moffett Family has purchased the farm and has asked us to liquidate some of the items from Alfred's Estate. We invite you to the Auction Preview on the 21st from 3-6 p.m. and hope you will enjoy the excitement of the online bidding that will run from the 17th thru the 24th. Pick up of won items will be June 26th from 10-6:00 p.m. Call Harmeyer Auction with questions at 765-561-1671. Visit www.harmeyerauction.net for complete details, inventory, photos and bidding.

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### Owner of tractor company guilty of bank fraud

MACON. Ga. (AP) — The owner of a south Georgia tractor company has pleaded guilty to lying about his debts, assets, and income to obtain loans from banks and financial institutions.

Nashville Tractor owner Rickey Carter, 60, pleaded guilty in federal court in Macon to one count of bank fraud.

Carter agreed to plead guilty to a criminal charge without being indicted. The charge says Carter took out a \$5 million loan from Farmers and Merchants Bank in Lakeland in 2016 that was backed by the U.S. Small Business Administration. He also agreed to a \$625,000 line of credit. Carter admitted he falsified financial statements to obtain the loan for his financially troubled tractor dealership,

pieces of equipment worth more than \$1.5 million that Nashville Tractor held in trust for CNH Industrial, the manufacturer of New Holland tractors; and other equipment that he held in trust for Kubota, without notifying the manufacturers. Carter then used the cash to pay Nashville Tractor's debts. Carter also forged sale and lease contracts for 33 pieces of New Holland equipment, improperly receiving \$1.25 million and then improperly selling the equipment to others without telling CNH.

In total, three banks, the SBA and manufacturer financing divisions lost \$6.4 million to Carter because of the fraud. Carter is supposed to repay that amount in restitution.

U.S. District Judge Hugh Lawson

### Sale Calendar

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JUN 18 PENDLETON, INDIANA: Annual Summer Auction — Don Smock Auctions. Farm equipment, machinery, other.. 9 am

JUN 19 DECATUR, INDIANA: Cook FE 190 — Schrader Real Estate & Auction Co., Inc.. Farm equipment.. 9 am SEE AD ON PAGE 4B

JUN 19 ELIZABETHTOWN, INDIANA: Nienaber Trust — Mensendieks Auction Service. Tractors, equipment, furniture, other.. 10 am SEE AD ON PAGE 7B

JUN 19 GREENSBURG, INDIANA: Peters Trust — Owens Auction Service. Tractors, equipment, other.. 9:30 am SEE AD **ON PAGE 4B** 

JUN 19 LIBERTY, INDIANA: Miami University — Campbell Auction Team. Surplus auction.. 10 am SEE AD ON PAGE **6B** 

JUN 19 LOOGOOTEE, INDIANA: West **Boggs Park** — Graber Auctions. Surplus and consignment. 9:30 am

JUN 19 MEMPHIS, INDIANA: Legler — Heil's Auction Service. Semi & trailers. collector cars, vehicles, forklifts, crane, misc.. 9:30 am

JUN 19 SEYMOUR, INDIANA: Jerry Otte - Jon Claycamp Auctioneer. Tractors, farm equipment, shop tools, other.. 11

JUN 26 ANDREWS, INDIANA: Scher RE/ PP 186 — Schrader Real Estate & Auction Co., Inc.. Personal property.. 9 am SEE AD ON PAGE 4B

JUN 26 PORTLAND, INDIANA: Schrock - Shawver Auctioneering. Tractors, equipment, trucks, trailers, other.. 10 am SEE AD ON PAGE 8B

JUN 26 WHEATFIELD, INDIANA: Richardson — Olson Auctions. Farm and construction equipment, other.. 9 am Central SEE AD ON PAGE 11B

JUN 26 CARLETON, MICHIGAN: Tritten - Juckette & Neuhart. Tractor, equipment, vehicles, other.. 10 am SEE AD **ON PAGE 6B** 

JUN 26 UPPER SANDUSKY, OHIO: Kuenzli — Walton Auction & Relty. Tractor collection.. 10 am SEE AD ON PAGE 6B

JUN 29 GRAYSON, KENTUCKY: John Lynch Farm — Myron Bowling Auctioneers. Farm equipment.. 10 am Eastern **SEE AD ON PAGE 5B** 

JUN 30 MARION, INDIANA: Barrett Estate & Others - Price-Leffler Auctioneers. Lots of equipment and misc.. 5:30 pm SEE AD ON PAGE 7B

JUL 10 OSTRANDER, OHIO: Marti — Wigton Real Estate & Auction. Real estate.. 10 am SEE AD ON PAGE 5B

JUL 20 LYNCHBURG, OHIO: Fender Trust - Hess Auction Co.. Real estate.. 5:30 pm SEE AD ON PAGE 6B



He also admitted to selling 88 set sentencing for Sept. 15. The crime carries a maximum of 30 years in prison, but Carter is likely to be sentenced to far less under federal sentencing guidelines. He could also face up to a \$1 million fine and up to five years of supervised release.

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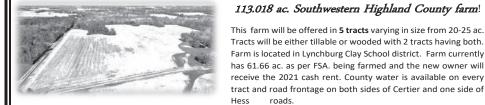
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#### Tuesday July 20, 2021 @ 5:30 P.M.

roads



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#### **THE BILL & SUSAN TRITTEN PUBLIC AUCTION** SATURDAY, JUNE 26, 2021 @ 10 AM 3950 FAY RD., CARLETON, MI 48117

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**MIELKE MARKET** 

WEEKLY

By Lee Mielke

### Hard ice cream up 7.8 percent from 2020 inventories

The Agriculture Department announced additional COVID relief now that the Food Box program has ended. StoneX Dairy's Director of Dairy Market Insight, Nate Donnay, reported details in the June 14 Dairy Radio Now broadcast.

Up to \$1 billion will allocated, including be \$500 million in American Rescue Plan funding, in the Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP), to support and expand the emergency food

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network so food banks and local organizations can serve their communities. USDA will work with state, tribal and local entities to purchase food from local producers and invest in infrastructure, says USDA.

Details on the TEFAP website indicate they are limited to Cheddar and American cheese and fluid milk, says StoneX. That may not be a hard and fast rule, but Donnay says, while the program will benefit

the dairy industry, it won't be to the degree that the Food Box program did.

He speculates that overall, about \$150 million will go toward dairy products in the package, whereas USDA spent about \$1 billion in the Food Box program, so this announcement looks to have much less ellect on markets, according to StoneX, however they add the caveat that the USDA mentioned multiple times throughout their press release that this is just the first part of the Build Back Better program. There is also financial assistance available to farmers, Donnay said, and some dairy farmers may qualify for that. Details are forthcoming.

Estimates for 2021 and 2022 U.S. milk production were raised by the USDA in the latest World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates report, due to higher cow numbers for both years.

2021 production and marketings were estimated at 228.5 and 227.4 billion pounds respectively, up 600 million pounds on both from last month's estimates. If realized, 2021 production would be up 5.3 billion pounds or 2.4% from 2020.

2022 production and marketings were estimated at 231.1 and 230.0 billion pounds respectively, up 800 million pounds. If realized, 2022 production would be up 2.6 billion pounds or 1.1% from 2021.

Price forecasts for butter, nonfat dry milk (NDM), and whey were raised from the previous month based on recent price strength and stronger anticipated demand.

The cheese price forecast was lowered due to large stocks and current prices.

The lower cheese price results in a lower Class III milk price, now expected to average \$17.45 per cwt. for 2021, down 25 cents from what was predicted a month ago, and compares to \$18.16 in 2020 and \$16.96 in 2019. The 2022 average was estimated at \$17.15, up 30 cents from last month's estimate.

The higher predicted NDM and butter prices support a higher Class IV milk price, which USDA projects at \$15.85



per cwt., up a dime from a month ago, and compares to \$13.49 in 2020 and \$16.30 in 2019. The 2022 average was pegged at \$15.95, up 25 cents from last month's estimate.

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In the week ending May 29, 53,600 dairy cows were sent to slaughter, up 100 from the previous week and 5,500 or 11.4% above a year ago. The 4-week average is above last year's levels for the first time in nine weeks, says StoneX.

You'll recall that April milk production totaled 19.3 billion pounds, up a hefty 3.3% from April 2020, according to USDA's preliminary data. The April Dairy Products report shows that a lot of that milk ended up in the cheese vat.

Cheese output totaled 1.136 billion pounds, down 3.4% from March, but a bearish 8.0% above April 2020. Year to date (YTD) cheese output hit 4.49 billion pounds, up 3.7% from the same period in 2020.

U.S. churns produced 185.2 million pounds of butter, down 13.7 million pounds or 6.9% from March, and 42 million pounds or 18.5% below a year ago. YTD butter totaled 780 million pounds, down 5.7% from 2020. April 2020 saw the highest single month butter output ever, and was up 31.8% from 2019.

Yogurt output totaled 412.1 million pounds, up 13.9% from a year ago, with YTD at 1.6 billion pounds, up 5.6%.

Dry whey totaled 74.4 million pounds, down 5.2 million pounds or 6.5% from March and 1.4 million pounds or 1.8% below a year ago. YTD dry whey was at 313.4 million pounds, down 2.6%.

Dry whey stocks slipped to 60.5 million pounds, down 5.1% from March and 16.5 million or 21.5% below those a year ago.

Nonfat dry milk output fell to 194.6 million pounds, down 4.7 million pounds or 2.4% from March and 8 million or 3.9% below a year ago. Powder production YTD is at 775.5 million pounds, up 5.5% from 2020.

Stocks dropped to 302 million pounds, down 15.1 million pounds or 4.7% from March and were a whopping 90.6 million pounds or 23.1% below a year ago.

Skim milk powder production crept to 41.6 million pounds, up 2 million pounds or 5.0% from March but were 10 million pounds or 19.4% below a year ago. YTD skim milk powder, at 148.9 million pounds, is down 20.6% from 2020.

April regular hard ice cream output amounted to 68.4 million pounds, up 7.8% from a year ago, with YTD output at 251.0 million pounds, up 5.7% from 2020.

Dairy prices were mixed the second week of June Dairy Month. The Cheddar blocks oscillated some but closed at \$1.50 per pound, unchanged on the week but \$1.02 below a year ago. Noteworthy; it was July 13, 2020 that block cheese hit the highest CME price ever, at \$3 per



pound, for one day.

The barrels saw a \$1.6725 per pound close Friday, up 5.75 cents on the week, 66 cents below a year ago, and an inverted 17.25 cents atop the blocks. There were 29 cars of block traded on the week at the CME and 23 of barrel.

Midwest cheesemakers remain busy, according to Dairy Market News. Retail cheese demand varies from slow to very busy. Temperatures have begun to signal summertime in the upper Midwest but milk availability suggests spring is not over yet. Spot milk prices remained at similar discounts to the previous week and cheese plant managers are turning away offers.

Retail and food service cheese demand held steady this week in the West. The lower prices have reportedly led to increased export demand, with contacts noting interest from Asian markets. Some contacts report difficulty in obtaining transportation and shipping supplies

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### Mating Milkweed Bug Moon enters its second quarter June 17

**By Bill Felker** 

The season wears on. Soon the last summer plantings, and the fall planting will be made; and the longest day is at hand. Harlan Hubbard

#### The Moon and Stars

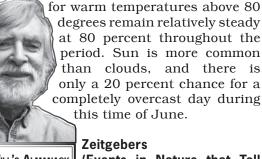
The Mating Milkweed Bug Moon entering its second quarter on June 17 at 5:11 a.m., waxes throughout **Poor Will's Almanack** the week. Rising in the afternoon and setting after midnight, this moon is overhead in

the evening, encouraging creatures to feed, especially as the cool fronts of June 15 and 23 approach.

Late in the evening, Arcturus is the brightest light directly above you. It is followed by the Corona Borealis and Hercules. Scorpius is centered in the southern sky and dominates it until early July. Orion is overhead at noon, promising the Dog Days of July.

#### Weather Trends

June 16 is the first day of a threeday period during which relatively little precipitation occurs (in weather history). After this date, chances for a high below 70 drop to less than five percent (except for three scattered days in July and August) until the first week of September. Chances



degrees remain relatively steady at 80 percent throughout the period. Sun is more common than clouds, and there is only a 20 percent chance for a completely overcast day during this time of June.

#### (Events in Nature that Tell

#### the Time of Year)

Walleye fishing on Lake Erie is at its best when yucca flowers throughout Ohio and Indiana.

It's high noon of the year, the peak of black raspberry season, goose molting season, the close of asparagus and rhubarb season, the first of sweet-corn-tassel season. Fledgling robins continue to haunt the bushes, adult robins continually guiding them with staccato peeps.

August's wingstem and tall coneflower stalks are five feet high. Milkweed beetles mate on the flowering milkweed. Clustered snakeroot dominates the woods. White sweet clover and great mullein blossom along the highways. Sow thistles bloom in the alleys.

Orange and pink Asiatic lilies and the ubiquitous ditch lilies reach full bloom. Yucca is fully open. Summer

(Poor Will continued on page 11B)

#### Mielke

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causing delays as well as increased freight costs. Cheese production is strong in the region, says DMN.

StoneX reports there's concern about the availability or lack of wooden boxes used to ship 640 pound blocks. With the price of lumber having sky-rocketed this year, shortages have developed, says StoneX, and "may result in some plants switching up their product mix in the short-term and produce more barrels."

Spot butter was trading at \$1.7925 per pound at Friday's close, up 1.75 cents on the week but 7.75 cents below a year ago, with 17 sales reported for the week.

Demand tones and estimates are similar to pre-pandemic levels, says DMN. Food service has leveled off from the pipeline replenishment earlier in the spring but sales are well above last year overall. Cream is available for Midwestern churners, but plant managers say they are finding it in other areas, primarily the West. Ice cream manufacturers have taken lighter amounts of cream than expected, therefore more is available for churning.

Cream is widely available in the West but movement to other regions is somewhat limited by tanker availability. Some butter manufacturers have reduced output seasonally while others are building stocks for fall demand. Retail sales are lackluster and below prepandemic levels. Food service demand continues to strengthen but dine-in restrictions are still in place in some states and capacity limits and staffing shortages have restaurants running abbreviated hours and or a limited menu. Grade A nonfat dry milk finished Friday at \$1.30 per pound, 4 cents higher on the week and 29.50 cents above a year ago, on 19 trades on the week. HGD credited "competitive pricing and ample availability of dairy products" for the good report, adding that "China has been outbidding so many buyers throughout the Middle East and North Africa for Oceania-sourced product that demand has turned to the U.S. to meet

needs." Last but surely not least in this June Dairy Month, the International Dairy Foods Association (IDFA) reports that "The U.S. dairy industry continues to play a strong role in the U.S., supporting 3.3 million total jobs and \$41.6 billion in direct wages, according to the IDFA's latest economic impact report.

The study measured the combined impact of the dairy products industry and showed an economic impact totaling \$752.93 billion. The figures also indicate that the U.S. dairy industry contributes 3.5% of U.S. GDP and \$67.1 billion in federal, state and local taxes (not including sales taxes paid by consumers)

Total export values were included for the first time in the study, revealing the dairy industry is responsible for \$6.5 billion in exported goods and "reinforces the importance of fair international trade agreements for the industry," says IDFA.



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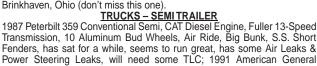
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### **Reducing line speed at pork plants** could have impact on your food

Those thick, grilled pork chops, tasty pork burgers, and savory bacon strips may soon be hard to find thanks to action by a federal judge. The action has nothing to do with how pork is raised, what pigs are fed, or even the safety or nutrition of pork. The issue involves the speed at which pork is processed but has wide-ranging, unintended consequences for those who consume pork and those who produce it.

The USDA recently implemented a regulation that allowed pork processing plants to increase the speed at which they process pigs. This is an idea that began during the Clinton administration and, after 20 years of testing, was made permanent by the Trump administration. Then on March 31, 2021, U.S. District Judge Joan Ericksen ruled that unlimited line speed was illegal because, she said, USDA broke federal law and was "arbitrary and capricious" when it ignored both worker and consumer safety in abolishing the speed limits.

This argument is bogus since a 20-year-long, pilot project of higher line speeds revealed no negative impact on worker or consumer safety. On the surface this may look like a tiff between unions and management; in reality, if allowed to stand, the ruling will result in economic hardship for pig farmers and higher prices and less pork for consumers. "My farm, Martin Family Farms, sells pigs to a processing facility that utilizes the U.S. Department of Agriculture's New Swine Inspection System (NSIS)," said Brian Martin in an OP-ED released in Indiana Pork last week. "It's not just our farm. The court



By Gary Truitt

ruling will affect Indiana's nearly 3,000 hog farms and trickle down throughout the entire economy. Even farms that don't sell directly to one of these plants could still be hit in the pocketbook once there are more pigs in the U.S. than there is production capacity. Indiana hog production generates 14,590 jobs and contributes more than \$633 million in personal income.

All of this could be in jeopardy if this damaging court ruling stands."

The USDA has stated it will comply with the court ruling and force plants to reduce speeds. This has angered meat industry groups and members of Congress who are calling on the Biden administration to fight the ruling.

This is just the latest incident where court rulings are having an impact on what you and I can buy at the grocery store and what we must pay for it. From mandating the kind of eggs we can eat to limiting the size of soft drinks we can buy; local and federal courts have played fast and loose with our food choices. Most of these rulings have little to do with science or safety. They are typically driven by special interests or activist groups.

As producers and consumers, we need to be more aware of and more resistant to efforts to limit our food choices and food supply. Hunger is a real problem in most communities, and actions that limit our food choice and food supply only exacerbate the food insecurity issue. If we don't limit the restrictions on our food, we may find it hard to fill our plates with the safe and nourishing protein we need.

### White pants were hard to keep clean in the show ring

IT'S THE PITTS

By Lee Pitts

The thing I miss most from my childhood is raising steers for the fair. I've never found any

activity since that provided the same competitiveness, camaraderie, financial reward, fun or friendship. And when I say friendship I'm talking about the relationship I had with those steers. They were some of the best friends I've ever had.

Abe, Able, Cherokee George and others helped get this socially awkward kid get through the difficult period most kids go through in high school. When you're spending 300 hours with your steer every year you don't have any time left to get into trouble. To this day I can remember every steer's little idiosyncrasies and quirks. I told those steers all my troubles, celebrated all our victories together and was proud of our accomplishments. I'd never been to a fair before I showed my first steer as a sophomore in high school. I was immediately smitten with the five day celebration of rodeo, horse shows, old rock and roll bands without any original members, demolition derbies, the midway, exhibitions, and every kind of unhealthy food a person could eat. I never ate a healthy meal the entire fair and my diet consisted largely of deep fried Twinkies® and Oreos®, cinnamon rolls, hot dogs on a stick, snow cones, cotton candy, corn on the cob, churros and triple cheeseburger donuts. I was much more impressed with the fair than I was with Disneyland which I didn't get to see until after I graduated high school despite living only two hours away. There was only one thing I didn't like about showing steers and that was the

white pants I had to wear to show my animals. I can get dirty taking

a shower so keeping my white pants clean while getting my steer ready to show was a major challenge. In the 1960s adults couldn't be seen grooming a kid's show animal and if they were you were immediately disqualified. If fair officials saw an army of professional fitters like you see standing behind today's champions when the

pictures are taken they'd have escorted you off the fairgrounds. That meant you had to blacken the hoofs, fluff the tail, groom the animal all the while avoiding any close encounter of the manure kind.

My mother hated the white pants even worse than I did because she had to clean them every night and attempt to get the stains out. Wednesday was show day so they had to be clean for that, ditto Friday for showmanship, Saturday for the Junior Livestock Auction and Sunday, if you were fortunate to win Grand Champion as I was for two years in a row, you had to attend a breakfast where they gave you your big check and then in the afternoon you had to parade your animal before thousands of rodeo fans. One year on the front page of our county newspaper I appeared to have a stain on the knee of my white pants and my mother was so mortified she tried to buy up every newspaper so no one would see it. I know what you're thinking... why didn't I just buy more than one pair of white pants? Because I didn't want to invest that kind of money in pants I'd never be caught dead wearing under normal circumstances. It's been over 50



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### **Use care feeding round** hay bales to small animals

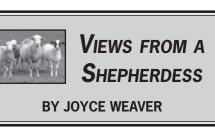
I just received my June 10, 2021, issue of Farm World, which shows on the front page a beautiful peaceful photograph of Boer goats and a cow placidly enjoying

a round bale of hay together. To the average person this looks like a very normal, nice scene from an Indiana rural farm. However, to the experienced shepherd this depicts a potential recipe for disaster – great danger - to the smaller animals, namely the goats, sharing this scene.

First of all, the metal tubular round bale feeder is designed for cattle - to keep these large animals out of the hay. As you can see, it does nothing to keep the smaller goats out. They are inside the feeder, enjoying being right under the dangerous mushroom shaped bale and of course defecating on the hay. As the animals continue to eat the lower part of the bale, it will eventually tip over on them, potentially smothering and killing them. I have lost both small lambs and adult ewes due to this happening. It is quite a sad thing to find your animals killed by a large, heavy round bale falling over on them. I have also lost sheep from getting wedged between the feeder and round bale and other greedy sheep jumping on them so they couldn't get loose, and then suffocating.

The positioning of the bale is another hazard. This bale was placed in the feeder on the round side of the bale, which causes "mushrooming" as the bale is eaten from the bottom. If the bale had been placed on the flat end of the bale down, there would not be as great a danger of the bale "mushrooming."

I have used round bale feeders



especially signed for sheep and have still problems had with sheep getting caught, the feeder flipping over on them and lambs being

#### smothered. These situations all occurred using the large round bales -5x5, 4x5 and even 4x4 size. So now I use no round bale feeders at all nothing to be a hazard to the sheep. I just place the bale on the ground, flat side on the ground, and be sure to completely remove any netwrap or baler twine. There was an episode on the Dr. Pol's veterinarian TV program where a client had brought in a goat that was continually getting thinner and thinner and eventually died. He did a biopsy at death and found the goat was full of baler twine which blocked its gut and it could no longer process food and died. So be sure to remove the baler twine and pick up any you see on the ground.

Since it is June as I write this and the pastures are abundant with grass, I feed no round bales at this time of year. However, during winter I do feed 3x3 round bales of hay to my flock. I bought a Japanese-made 3x3 round baler from a dealer in Texas and it is perfect for feeding small farm animals like sheep and goats without danger of injuring them. I place the bales flat on the ground, remove the strings and let them at it. They do a good job cleaning up the bales completely leaving very little waste.

I hope this information will help other sheep and goat owners avoid the tragedy of loosing animals when feeding round bales of hay.

For more questions about sheep and goats contact Joyce Weaver at lambjoyw@gmail.com.



**Above:** Small animals such as sheep and goats can be injured or killed by round bales if they are not placed properly.



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#### **Pitts**

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years since my show days and I haven't worn a pair of white pants since. By the time I was a senior that one pair of white pants was showing some wear and I'd experienced a small growth spurt so the pants ended at the top of my socks.

When I left for college I left those white pants behind and later in life I asked my mom what she did with them. She tried

to donate them to the church rummage sale but they were rejected. At this point the pants were like canvas and could stand up in the corner by themselves, so my mom burned them in the burn barrel. There was so much organic material embedded in the pants they literally exploded. The flame shot so high the fire department came and Apollo astronauts reported seeing the blast from outer space.

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### **Poor Will**

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primroses, roses, heliopsis, foxglove, pink and yellow achillea, gooseneck loosestrife, late daisies, purple and white spiderwort, Russian sage, black-eyed Susans and large-leafed hostas open in the garden.

#### Mind and Body

The S.A.D. Index, which measures seasonal stress on a scale from 1 to 100, rises into the 30s by June 23, because of lunar perigee and the approach of full moon. The typical arrival of Dog Day heat near the end of June also contributes to elevated chances of S.A.D. Nevertheless, those who can be outside for work or play should not suffer from seasonal issues.

#### In the Field and Garden

One third of the oats crop is headed in an average year. The first generation of sod webworms is usually born near this date.

The wheat is almost all headed, and a third of the crop in the lower Midwest is usually turning by now. The first cut of alfalfa hay is typically three-fourths complete.

Japanese beetles are on the move. Head scab and glume blotch develop on wheat as mildew declines. Six to eight leaves have usually emerged on field corn. Tobacco is at least threefourths transplanted. Strawberries are half harvested.

This week is an early time for starting the second cut of alfalfa. Commercial broccoli and squash harvests are often underway. Cherry picking is in full swing. The soybeans and sunflowers are in the ground, and most have sprouted.

#### **ALMANACK LITERATURE Blacksnake Foiled!**

#### By Rick Taylor, Norwich, Ohio

'Twas four years ago when I traipsed to our henhouse at 3:00 p.m. to gather hen berries (eggs). When I checked one of the boxes, I was surprised to discover a huge blacksnake with only one fourth of an egg sticking out of its mouth.

I decided to save that egg, so I grabbed a switch stick and began to poke the snake to scare it so it would spit out the egg. It finally did and high-tailed it out of the chicken coop.

Since the egg was still intact, dry and not cracked, I put it in the fridge with the other eggs.

My wife was never the wiser, and we consumed that egg! Later, I told her we had eaten a half-swallowed egg! Since she belongs to a prominent women's club, I thought I might get initiated. Naw: the rolling pin just stayed still!

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