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National cattle group urges ag committees to address issues

By Doug Schmitz
Iowa Correspondent

CENTENNIAL, Colo. – The National Cattlemen’s Beef Association (NCBA), in a June 1 letter, urged U.S. Senate and House agriculture committee leaders to address critical areas of concern in the cattle and beef industry, such as expanding beef processing capacity, and broadening labor policies to strengthen the beef processing workforce.

“As you are aware, cattle producers are facing significant challenges,” said Jerry Bohn, the association’s president. “Soaring input costs, devastating weather patterns, and beef processing woes have resulted in enormous barriers to producer profitability. Further, supply chain disruptions caused by COVID-19 have exacerbated these existing problems, and severely impacted America’s cattlemen and women.”

As much of the country lifts pandemic restrictions, he said consumer demand for U.S. beef remains strong, with producers also having a high supply of cattle to meet demand.

Despite this, however, U.S. producers in the cow-calf and feeder sectors of the industry are facing significant challenges, Bohn said.

“The profits yielded by high boxed beef prices are not being passed on to the producers supplying live cattle, and the supply chain is being choked by a lack of processing capacity,” he said. “Cattle producers are frustrated, and with good reason.

“In sale barns and state meetings across the country, we’re hearing the same story of sky-high input costs and intense market volatility,” he added. “Across the industry, there’s a consensus that market dynamics, which consistently squash producer profitability, are not sustainable for live cattle or beef producers.”

Signed by 37 state cattle organization affiliates supporting the association, the letter was specifically addressed to committee leaders U.S. Sen. Debbie Stabenow (D-Mich.); Sen. John Boozman (R-Ark.); Rep. David Scott (D-Ga.); and Rep. Glenn Thompson (R-Pa.)

In the letter, the association also urged committee leaders to increase transparency in cattle markets by reauthorizing Livestock Mandatory Reporting; support industry efforts to reform ‘Product of the USA’ generic labeling; and ensure proper oversight of cattle market players by concluding the ongoing U.S. Department of Justice investigation into the meatpacking sector.

“As members of Congress create policy that directly impacts business conditions for our producers, it is critical that they consider the grassroots input and firsthand experiences of folks on the ground,” Bohn said.

The letter is the latest move in the association’s longstanding efforts to secure greater processing capacity, increase transparency, fight the future viability of family farms and ranches, and increase opportunities for producer profitability.

Bohn said market transparency is an area of high concern for cattle producers. “The marketing of cattle at all stages of the animal’s life cycle is highly complex,” he said.

In an effort to aid U.S. producers in marketing their livestock, and to provide consistent real-time information, Congress enacted the Livestock Mandatory Reporting Act in 1999. Under the program, major meatpackers are required to regularly report market information to the USDA’s Agricultural Marketing Service.

“The USDA then uses this information to report cattle prices, trade volumes and other market information to the public,” Bohn said. “Livestock Mandatory Reporting must be reauthorized by Congress every five years. The most recent reauthorization occurred in 2015, though a temporary extension was granted via the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021. The current authority expires on Sept. 30, 2021.”

Bohn and the state cattle organization affiliates are urging Congress not to allow the Livestock Mandatory Reporting program to lose its congressional authority.

“The result would be a catastrophic and instant loss of market transparency, price discovery, and information designed to improve cattle producers’ negotiating leverage,” he said. “Timely reauthorization of Livestock Mandatory Reporting is imperative.”

Bohn said another major challenge currently facing U.S. cattle producers is a lack of sufficient beef processing capacity, sometimes referred to as ‘shackle space.’

“Cattle and beef are closely related, yet entirely different, commodities with independent factors of supply and demand,” he said. “Currently, cattle inventories are cyclically high and U.S. beef demand, at home and abroad, is at near-record highs.”

Unfortunately, Bohn said, while meat-

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Above: “O beautiful for spacious skies, For amber waves of grain.” Katherine Lee Bates began penning the poem that would later become the song lyrics for America the Beautiful in 1893 after a visit to Pike’s Peak in Colorado. The poem was updated several times before being paired with music written by Samuel Ward. The poem and the music were put together in 1910. All of us at Farm World wish you a safe and happy Fourth of July. Photo by Leondia Walchle

Otte elected Indiana FFA president at convention

By Doug Graves
Ohio Correspondent

INDIANAPOLIS – Dreams can and do come true. Just ask Kourtney Otte, the newly elected Indiana FFA president for 2021-2022.

“I can remember being in elementary school attending my cousin’s last banquet and seeing the FFA officers standing on stage giving one of his addresses,” Otte said. “From that moment, I looked at my mom and I told her I was going to be up there one day. I never looked back, especially when I actually

got to join FFA and got to participate.” Otte and six others were installed as officers last week at the 92nd annual state FFA convention at the Indiana State Fairgrounds.

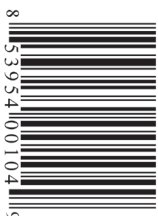
“I continue to grow that passion for FFA and, honestly, I couldn’t imagine my life without state office. I really can’t wait to see how far this team can go because we are some really strong people.

“I’m anxious to meet more members and work with this great, newly elected team,” Otte said. “They are so

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Above: Newly elected Indiana FFA president Kourtney Otte shows a swine to local fifth-graders during an Ag Day event last year at the Seymour Ag-Science and Research Farm. (Aaron Piper photo)



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packers realize massive profit margins, U.S. cattle producers are not seeing those earnings passed on to them. He said fed cattle prices have yet to meet or surpass pre-COVID-19 levels, adding that the cause of the imbalance can largely be attributed to this insufficient beef processing capacity, nationwide.

"As the domestic cattle herd enters another year of cyclical contraction, worsened by the drought, more processing capacity will strengthen producers' leverage position, increase the value of live cattle and result in firmer prices," he said.

Moreover, he said, "The association believes the government-issued generically approved 'Product of USA' label found on many beef items - which can currently be applied to any beef product that has passed through a USDA-inspected facility - does not adequately inform consumers, deliver additional value for our producers, or provide true product differentiation in the marketplace.

"That is why the NCBA is advocating for the expanded use of voluntary origin and value-added marketing opportunities that deliver value back to the producer segment, and curtail non-verified blanket origin claims that fail to adequately inform consumers," he said. "The NCBA is working with the USDA, and the entire value chain to ensure that accurate and voluntary origin labels are in place to benefit cattle producers and consumers."

Bohn said the association and the state cattle organization affiliates are also calling on committee leaders to

ensure proper oversight of cattle market participants.

"Of course, cattle producers can only be successful in a market where all participants play by the rules," he said. "That is why the NCBA was the first to request a federal investigation to examine the conduct of the largest U.S. meat-packers in the aftermath of two significant market-disrupting events: the fire at Tyson's Finney County plant, and COVID-19.

"In June of 2020, the U.S. Department of Justice's Antitrust Division launched a probe to determine if any anti-competitive or illicit activity occurred following these black swan events," he added. "It is our understanding that this investigation remains ongoing, and no details or progress reports have been provided to us in the meantime."

He said, "Cattle producers have been bombarded with adverse market conditions for many years, and they deserve to know whether packer activity worsened those hardships. We urge Congress to continue its vigilance and oversight in this important undertaking."

George Quackenbush, Michigan Cattlemen's Association (MCA) executive director, said, "This is timely as expanding processing capacity, labor and ensuring cattle producers receive a fair price for their high-quality product is at the forefront of cattle producers' minds - including the over 12,000 Michigan producers. It's critically important for lawmakers in D.C. to understand the importance of these issues, and to know where our producers stand."

"We, at MCA, look forward to working with the NCBA and members of Congress to find solutions that ensure a viable business climate for cattle producers in Michigan, and across the country."

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ambitious and wonderful and I know this year's team is going to be successful. Our first step is getting together and understanding what our passions are. I want to see a lot of growth in not only myself but the officer teams on the state, district and chapter levels. I cannot wait to see all of the members, especially with our new goal to achieve 12,700 members by the end of this year."

State Treasurer Jordyn Wickard, of Eastern Hancock FFA, is anxious to serve the state's members.

"I'm ready to see what Indiana FFA can do because I know the passion that's in this organization," Wickard said. "I know the grit and integrity that we have throughout anything and I'm so excited to serve these members, get to know them, form those connections and be authentic with them. I want to make sure members feel valued, loved and appreciated."

Nicholas Neuman was stunned to

hear his name announced as the new secretary.

"I'll be honest, even before I got on stage I couldn't feel my face and so many emotions were going through me," Neuman said. "Now that I'm off that stage I'm happy and excited for the next year and I'm ready to get started. I'm looking forward to breaking down barriers of access in terms of diversity, equity and inclusion. I want to break down barriers of vulnerability both around myself and the members in FFA."

Neuman has strong advice for others in Indiana FFA. "My advice is to not focus on the title or the award, but rather focus on the memories and experiences in this blue jacket. The memories will get you where you're at," he said.

Tyler Kilmer, of Tri-County FFA, is the state northern region vice president. Abby Stuckwisch, of Brownstown Central FFA, is the state southern region vice president. Jeremy Geise, of Rushville FFA, is the state reporter. Megan Carns, of Mt. Vernon at Fortville FFA, is sentinel.

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Trade compares growing seasons and 2014 is appearing in mix

Comparisons are being made between this year and similar ones in recent history, and one analysts are starting to refer to is 2014. Soybean carryout that year declined to a historically low 92 million bu (mbu). Soybean futures peaked in May of that year and declined from that point forward though as new crop ending stocks were forecast to rebound considerably. This year is different, in that new crop ending stocks are only expected to increase 20 mbu from old crop, and overall stocks to use is forecast to hold at 3 percent.



MARKET ANALYSIS
By Karl Setzer

Corn balance sheets are also being compared to 2014. Same as with soybeans, corn values peaked early that year and decreased through the summer months and into harvest. Corn carryout was forecast to increase by 50 percent from the 2014/15 marketing year going forward though, and this year it is only expected to increase 20 percent. Even that number is being questioned given the smaller crop out of Brazil and elevated Chinese demand.

One unknown in world corn balance sheets is Ukraine. Ukraine corn exports to date this year total 20.4 million metric tons (mmt). This puts Ukraine's corn exports on track to reach 24 mmt, 1 mmt larger than the USDA is projecting. This corn is needed in the global market though as Chinese demand is showing no signs of slowing.

An uncertainty in global soybean balance sheets is China. Crush margins in China are deeply negative as the country has imported a lot of raw soybeans and demand has not rebounded as much as thought. Chinese officials had been hoping for a rebound in feed demand as hog numbers rise, and even though they have risen, they are not as great as predicted. China now has a large volume of corn to arrive, and the question is if all soybeans can be delivered before port space is needed for corn imports.

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 million metric tons (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.

The global pork market is starting to see a shift in its outlook. For months China has faced a pork shortage following its outbreak of African swine fever. We are now seeing hog and pork volumes in China increase, which has driven their pork values to their lowest levels since June 2019. This build has also made Chinese hogs the cheapest in the world market. Conversely, hogs in the United States are now the highest priced in the world market.

A surprising trend has started to develop in China's hog industry. Even with record values being seen on feed grains, hog producers in the country are holding hogs off the market. Their belief is hogs are undervalued and higher values will be paid in the future. As a result, hogs in China are reaching record weights, and nearly twice the normal total at 275 pounds. This indicates that when hogs do finally move to market, China will have plenty of

pork on hand.

The commodity market may not be giving enough attention to current U.S. weather conditions. While conditions are favorable in the bulk of the Corn Belt, there remain several regions with less than ideal conditions. The most notable of these are the Pacific Northwest, the Upper Plains and the Delta. These areas are struggling with weather

and its impact on crop development to a point where some fields are already being abandoned. Even if the planted acres increase in the month end revisions, the real interest may be on harvested acres.

Gasoline demand in the United States is starting to build. Current gasoline and energy product usage is now back to 2019 levels. This will continue to increase as more COVID restrictions are lifted and summer travel starts to increase. In turn this will generate additional ethanol demand and call for elevated production. Ethanol stocks are already at record low volumes, and higher margins will hopefully entice manufacturers to boost production and start to rebuild inventories.

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IL Soy Envoy: R1 means time to scout for white mold

By Tim Alexander
Illinois Correspondent

ROANOKE, Ill. - July soybean futures plunged by as much as 84 cents per bushel last week, dragged down by pressure from a wetter forecast. In order to preserve profits, producers should double down efforts to scout fields and apply timely fungicides, particularly for white mold at the flowering R1 stage.

This is according to ILSoy Envoy and certified crop advisor (CCA) Jason Carr, who is a technology development representative for Bayer in Bloomington, Ill. He stressed that farmers should begin scouting for white mold as soon as soybean plants are flowering, especially following last week's precipitation in central Illinois and areas of the Corn Belt.

"Typically the timing for most soybean fungicides is R3, and we're just starting to ease into R1 on our earliest planted beans. We planted test plots on March 10, April 6 and every two weeks between then and now. Those planted later will be flowering in a week or two," said Carr, referring to Bayer test plots near Roanoke in Woodford County. "As pods begin to form in R3 is when we typically begin to apply fungicides, unless we are in an area such as northern Illinois or northern Indiana where there are issues with white mold. With white mold, the fungicide will need to go on right when the plant begins to flower in R1."

In areas of heavy white mold infestation, it may be necessary to apply two fungicide treatments to plants in the R1 growth stage followed by another application at R3. Caused by the fungus *Sclerotinia sclerotiorum*, white mold can substantially reduce soybean yields when climatic conditions and management practices favor high yield potential. The fungus can also pose significant problems in the northern corn-growing region.

Bayer field research has concluded that in addition to causing yield loss, white mold can affect seed quality and seed production. It is sometimes observed in harvested grain, leading to price discounts for foreign material delivered at the elevator. Soybean seed can also be infected, resulting in reduced germination and provide a source of inoculum if planted into fields with no history of white mold.

The fungus can be identified by white, fluffy, cottony growths on the outside of stems and on pods. Symptoms also include wilted leaves, stems that appear "bleached" and shredding of stem tissue. In addition, sclerotia, small black structures that resemble mouse or rat droppings, are often visible on and inside plants that have been affected by white mold.

In his role as CCA, Carr has sometimes been asked what time of day is best to apply fungicides. While some producers prefer to apply products in late morning or early evening, Bayer research has shown that applications made during times of high atmospheric humidity - rather than certain times of the day - may provide optimal protection for plants. "There can be a little bit of difference in efficacy based on the humidity level. In a higher humidity setting we are going to have less evaporation of the product, therefore it is going to stay on the leaf longer and (be absorbed) better," Carr said.

Current fungicide performance studies are providing producers with more knowledge and options than ever before. Bayer crop scientists are currently conducting research trials and collecting data at more than 85 locations in Illinois and elsewhere to gauge

just how great a yield bump properly-applied fungicides can provide.

"Last year we saw the fungicide give a yield increase in 93 percent of the instances it was sprayed compared to the untreated plants. 82 percent of the time the increase was 2 bushels or greater, which provides a positive return on investment for the spraying," said Carr, who recommends mixing a small portion of insecticide into each spray tank of fungicide, especially during R2-R4 applications.

"This is due to the relatively inexpensive cost for the insecticide, and looking back to last year when we had an unexpected issue with brown leaf beetles and had a real use for the in-

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THURSDAY, JULY 8
5:00 pm-8:00 pm Early 4-H Project Check-In

FAIR ACTIVITIES - CARNIVAL DATES: JULY 9th-17th

FRIDAY, JULY 9
5:00 pm-8:00 pm 4-H Static Project Check-In and Open Judging (Except Livestock)
5:00 pm-8:00 pm Volunteer Appreciation Donuts (Community Building)
6:00 pm-11:00 pm Carnival - James Gang Amusements
Hours Beginning at 6:00 pm
Lucas Oil Tractor Pull (Special Events Track) - Pit Passes - \$15.00; General Admission - \$10.00; Children 7-12 - \$5.00 (Kids 6 and under Free)
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SATURDAY, JULY 10
7:00 am-11:00 am Livestock Entered
7:00 am-11:00 am Volunteer Appreciation Donuts (Snack Shack)
Noon 4-H Horse Show - Trail Class (Horse Arena)
1:00 pm-3:00 pm Rabbits & Poultry Entered
2:00 pm Baby Fair Contest (Community Building)
4:00 pm 4-H Horse Show - English Class (Horse Arena)
4:00 pm 4-H Lama Show (Lama Barn)
4:00 pm **Children's Pedal Tractor Pull (Shelter House) - Sponsored by Farm Bureau INC.**
4:00 pm-9:00 pm 4-H Exhibit Buildings Open
4:00 pm Livestock Carcass Scanning (Sheep, Goats, Beef/Dairy, Swine)
6:00 pm-11:00 pm Carnival - James Gang Amusements
7:00 pm 4-H Fashion Revue (Community Building)

SUNDAY, JULY 11
Show Specials (Food Stand): BBQ Rabbit Sandwich; Lamb Sliders
10:00 am Ambassador Program Rabbit Showmanship Contest (Rabbit Barn)
12:00 pm 4-H Horse & Pony Show - Completion Show (Horse Arena)
1:00 pm 4-H Mini Rabbit Show & 4-H Rabbit Show (Rabbit Barn)
2:00 pm-9:00 pm 4-H Exhibit Buildings Open
2:00 pm-9:00 pm Commercial Booths Open
4:00 pm-6:00 pm Walk-A-Lama (Lama Barn)
4:00 pm-7:00 pm Farmers Appreciation (Food Stand)
4:30 pm Antique Tractor Parade (By Commercial Building)
6:00 pm 4-H Sheep Show (Indoor Arena)
6:00 pm Snack Shack Opens - Indoor Arena
6:00 pm-11:00 pm Carnival - James Gang Amusements
6:00 pm Leaping Lama and Lama Limbo Competition (Lama Barn)
8:00 pm "BATTLE OF THE BARNS" - 4-H Kids Fun Night (Special Events Track)

MONDAY, JULY 12
Food Stand Sponsored by: New Washington State Bank
Show Specials (Food Stand): BBQ Goat Sandwich
4:00 pm-6:00 pm Walk-A-Lama (Lama Barn)
4:00 pm-9:00 pm 4-H Exhibit Buildings Open
4:00 pm-6:00 pm Rabbit & Poultry Action Demonstration- (Rabbit & Poultry Barn)
4:00 pm Meet the Queens- Miss Clark County Meet & Greet (Indoor Arena)
4:30 pm Stick Horse Contest (Indoor Arena)
5:00 pm-9:00 pm Commercial Booths Open
6:00 pm 4-H Market & Dairy Goat Show (Dual Ring) - (Indoor Arena)
6:00 pm Snack Shack Open (Indoor Arena)
6:00 pm-11:00 pm Carnival - James Gang Amusements
7:00 pm 4-H Horse Show - Contesting (Horse Arena)
7:00 pm Clark County Sheriff's Office K-9 Demonstration
7:00 pm Lama Costume Contest (Lama Barn-Lama's will be dressed up)
8:00 pm 4-H Rabbit "Run for the Carrot" (Rabbit Barn)

TUESDAY, JULY 13
Show Specials (Food Stand): Asian Pork
9:00 am 4-H Poultry Show (Poultry Barn)
4:00 pm-9:00 pm 4-H Exhibit Buildings Open
5:00 pm-9:00 pm Commercial Booths Open
6:00 pm 4-H Swine Show (Indoor Arena)
6:00 pm Snack Shack Open (Indoor Arena)
6:00 pm 4-H Draft Horse, Donkey, Mule Show (Horse Arena)
6:00 pm-11:00 pm Carnival - James Gang Amusements

WEDNESDAY, JULY 14
Food Stand Sponsored by: Democratic Party
Show Specials (Food Stand): Grilled Cheese; Angus Meatball Sub
7:00 am-10:00 am Non-Auction Swine Leave
4:00 pm-9:00 pm 4-H Exhibit Buildings Open
4:00 pm 4-H Horse Show - Fun Show (Horse Arena)
4:00 pm 4-H Dairy Show (Indoor Arena)
5:00 pm-6:00 pm Drop Off Desserts for the Dessert Auction (Food Stand)
5:00 pm-9:00 pm Commercial Booths Open
5:30 pm Children's Costume Parade (Community Building)
6:00 pm-11:00 pm Carnival - James Gang Amusements
6:30 pm 4-H Beef Show (Indoor Arena)
6:30 pm 4-H Horse Show - Fun Show (Horse Arena)
7:00 pm Lama Jeopardy Contest (Lama Barn)
7:00 pm Dessert Auction (Food Stand)

THURSDAY, JULY 15
Food Stand Sponsored by: First Savings Bank
Noon Lil' Showman Show (Indoor Arena)
3:00 pm 4-H Rabbit & Poultry Round Robin (Rabbit Barn)
4:00 pm-9:00 pm 4-H Exhibit Buildings Open
5:00 pm Clark County Cattlemen's Assoc. Selling Ribeye Steak Sandwiches (By Food Stand)
5:00 pm Antique Tractor Games (By Commercial Building)
5:00 pm-9:00 pm Commercial Booths Open
6:00 pm-11:00 pm Carnival - James Gang Amusements
6:00 pm Snack Shack Open (Indoor Arena)
6:00 pm Ten Year Awards, Farm Bureau Tenure Awards, Clark County Sheriffs Mental Attitude Award-Sheriff Jamey Noel, Junior Leader Seniors, Pearl Bower Scholarship, 4-H Scholarship Winners, Clark County Homemaker Scholarship
7:00 pm 4-H Round Robin Showmanship Contest (Indoor Arena)

FRIDAY, JULY 16
Food Stand Sponsored by: Amedisys
6:00 am-1:00 pm 4-H Livestock Released (Except Auction Animals)
8:00 am-10:00 am Free Breakfast for All 4-H Members (Junior Leader Food Stand)
4:00 pm-9:00 pm 4-H Exhibit Buildings Open (Last Night for Exhibit Buildings to be Open)
5:00 pm-9:00 pm Commercial Booths Open
5:00 pm Snack Shack Open (Indoor Arena)
5:30 pm-6:15 pm Pre-Auction Social for Auction Buyers (Indoor Arena)
6:00 pm Herdsmanship Awards (Indoor Arena)
6:00 pm-11:00 pm Carnival - James Gang Amusements
6:30 pm 2021 4-H Livestock Auction (Indoor Arena)
7:00 pm Mud Drags/ Mud Bog (Special Events Track) - Pit Passes - \$15.00; General Admission - \$10.00; Children 7-12 - \$5.00 (Kids 6 and under Free)

SATURDAY, JULY 17 (Last Night of Fair)
9:00 am-11:00 am 4-H Exhibits Released in Community and Exhibit Buildings
4:30 pm-6:00 pm 4-H Robotics Demonstration (Community Building)
6:00 pm-11:00 pm Carnival - James Gang Amusements
6:00 pm Cat Show (Community Building)
7:00 pm 4-H Dog Club Demonstration (Community Building)
7:00 pm **Monster Trucks (Special Events Track)** - (Gates open at 4:00 pm; Admission: Adults \$10.00, Children 7-12 \$5.00, 6 and under Free; PIT PASSES \$15.00)

The Food Center will be OPEN throughout the 4-H Fair Week (Open: 7 am-10 pm)
Questions regarding these events should be directed to the Clark County Extension Office at 812-256-4591 (8:30 am - 12:00 (Noon); 1:00 pm - 4:30 pm) Special Events and Attractions are subject to change beyond our control. Additional Activities may be added periodically during the Fair. Events are Subject to Change. Thank You

Pinkston elected to lead Kentucky FFA in 2021-2022

By Doug Graves
Ohio Correspondent

LEXINGTON, Ky. - When Jonathan Pinkston began his Supervised Agriculture Experience (SAE) four years ago, it left his FFA advisers and others scratching their heads. Jonathan took on the arduous task of tool making.

Pinkston's goal with his SAE was to forge steel into tools for other blacksmiths to use. Not your standard SAE task. He could have taken a much easier path to meet this FFA requirement. But then, Pinkston is not your ordinary student.

"I'm not from the farm. I was raised in a rural community," Jonathan admitted. "My grandparents were farmers and teachers. Agriculture and education has always been the makeup of my life. My sophomore year I wanted an SAE that would someday be a part of my life and I always wanted to start a business. My SAE idea was blacksmithing. I know it's a bit odd, but I've been blessed with a lot of drive and determination.

"I wanted to design and create tools that I could use and I wanted to be able to market these tools, whether it's tools for farriers, blacksmiths or simple cook-



Left: The newly elected Kentucky FFA State Officer Team for 2021-2022 is (front row from left): Elijah Brock, Kentucky River State Vice President (Lynn Camp); Tristann Burks, Sentinel (Barren County); Morgynne Lunsford, No. Kentucky State Vice President (Harrison County); Sarah Lyell, Purchase State Vice President (Graves County); Brady Lawson, Secretary (Morgan County); Back row: Austin Randolph, Treasurer (Muhlenburg County); Linsey Phillips, Lake Cumberland State Vice President (Lincoln County); Phillip Calbeck, Green River State Vice President (Davies County); Kelly Baird, Vice President (Spencer County); Jonathan Pinkston, President (Mercer County); Rickalyn Rayburn, Big Sandy State Vice President (West Carter). And Isaiah Pruitt, Reporter (LaRue County). (photo submitted)

ware for cooks," Jonathan said. "I realized early on that I had a passion for making tools for other blacksmiths and after taking a class in tool making I began marketing these tools for sale."

During his senior year, Jonathan diversified his SAE into teaching classes. He designed a blacksmith curriculum and began teaching blacksmith tool-making to others in Kentucky and surrounding states. His experience with his SAE and his newly found business led him to the University of Kentucky, where he'll major in Career and Technol-

ogy Education. His long term goal is to become a high school agriculture educator.

A creative individual? You bet! Then it should come as no surprise that Pinkston's drive and determination was noticed by others as he was elected Kentucky's FFA President for 2021-2022.

"Anyone who knows me knows that I'm a very analytical person, so when it was announced that I was elected president there was a flood of emotion and a sense of honor about the coming responsibility," said Pinkston, of the Bluegrass FFA Chapter in Mercer County.

It helped that his older brother and sister were in FFA. It also helped Jonathan

that he has such an outgoing personality, one that is contagious. Jonathan says he owes his accomplishment to a speech class in FFA, one he took while in middle school.

"It was my first speech class, talking in front of a lot of people," he said. "I will tell you it was probably the worst speech I ever gave and I was quite nervous, but it helped me get to where I am today."

Jonathan was a junior officer team member his freshman year at Mercer County High. He became hooked on FFA after meeting many of the FFA state officers at that time. "I was blessed to have had interactions with state officers my entire FFA in high school," he said. "I admired them and wanted to have that impact on people."

It didn't take Jonathan long to realize he wanted to serve others, lead others. Early on he always knew he wanted to be a state FFA officer of some kind, even president perhaps. Mission accomplished.

"This wasn't just something that Jonathan Pinkston accomplished," he said modestly. "Being elected FFA president is something my ag teachers, FFA advisers who invested time in me, as did my parents. I'm so blessed and thankful."

Confident, no doubt. Nervous? Calm will take over in time. "There's a little fear," he admitted. "How do I lead a group of extremely qualified individuals who are ready to serve in a similar capacity?"

Pinkston is good at forging tools. In seemingly six short years Jonathan forged his own path towards the highest state rank FFA has to offer. "I'm just so blessed," he said. "I am so dearly blessed."

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secticide," he explained.

Carr reported that soybean fungicide trials held at Bayer's Roanoke facility and elsewhere have been pleasingly consistent for the past several years, adding value to nearly every bushel of soybeans.

"Even if we look back all the way to 2019, which was a very different year with a huge portion of the crop planted in June, we sprayed fungicide very late in the year. We saw a huge yield response to that fungicide. I attribute this (versatility) to the range of outstanding new products that are now on the market that we didn't have six or eight years ago," he said. "So if you had looked at fungicides for soybean applications a few years ago and didn't have satisfactory results, it may be time to look into some of the new products and reconsider your decision, especially in the commodity price environment we have currently."

Prior to his hiring by Bayer, Carr spent a decade in soybean breeding with Monsanto as part of a team developing commercially successful varieties in RM groups 2 and 3. He holds a master's degree in molecular genetics and a bachelor's degree in natural resources and environmental sciences from the University of Illinois. Agronomic questions can be addressed to: jason.carr@bayer.com.

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Ohio dairy hosts Manure Science Review Aug. 10

By Susan Mykrantz
Ohio Correspondent

CELINA, Ohio - When you have live-stock, manure is going to happen. How farmers handle that manure can make it a valuable resource or it can send them up the proverbial creek without a paddle.

Water quality, nutrient management, potential algae blooms and regulations related to manure application continue to be hot issues and they are just a few of the topics to be covered during the 2021 Manure Science Review on Aug. 10 at MVP Dairy, 7124 US 33, Celina. The event runs 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

"In 2001, John Smith, an OSU Extension Educator in Auglaize County (now retired), suggested a field day/educational workshop to provide science-based information that addressed issues facing livestock and poultry producers," Mary Wicks said. "That year, we held a 2-day event at two different locations and both were well received. Since then it's been held annually at different locations around the state."

Wicks is the Ohio Composting and Manure Management (OCAMM) Program Coordinator with The Ohio State University. She said Manure Science Review (MSR) is a chance for farmers to learn the latest on managing manure, updates on rules and regulations, and what the research shows.

"They also have opportunities to watch field demonstrations of best practices and application methods, Wicks said. "Finally, it's a chance to interact with other farmers and manure professionals to hear what others are doing."

Learning the latest information on manure management benefits both the environment and the bottom line, according to Wicks.

"Farmers can hear and see what is new in the world of manure, including what does or does not work, and that manure has economic value", she said.

Wicks added another benefit to the MSR is that it addresses many potential issues livestock farmers should be concerned about.

"Nutrient runoff, particularly P, and its effect on water quality and potential for harmful algal blooms continues to be a concern," Wicks said. "Also, regulations that limit manure application on frozen ground coupled with changing weather patterns, especially heavy rains, have reduced the number of days that manure can be applied. Thus, there is a need to carefully manage storage and look at ways to expand the application window, which is what Glen Arnold has been doing with his on-farm research on side dressing corn and wheat with liquid manure."

An added highlight of the Manure Science Review is the fact that it is held on different farms around the state giving farmers a chance to see what other farmers are doing and what works for them. This year, the host farm is also the 2021 U.S. Dairy Sustainable Award winner.

"MVP is a totally new dairy designed to utilize the latest technology for milking and cow comfort," Wicks said. "They have an 80-cow rotary milking parlor, tunnel ventilation, misters for cooling and cow brushes for back-scratching. They focus on sustainability, practicing regenerative agriculture, and were named the 2021 U.S. Dairy Sustainable Award winner. The Learning Center features interactive displays on everything from soil to cows to yogurt."

Sessions include Updates: Saturated buffer research and Grand Lake St. Marys, by Stephan Jacquemin, Wright

State University-Lake Campus; Legacy phosphorus runoff, by Will Oberholz, USDA-ARS; and KDS/Quick wash manure nutrient recovery, Theresa Dirksen, AG Solutions.

Wicks said Oberholz's presentation on Legacy phosphorus or Legacy P explains that Legacy P refers to phosphorus that has built up in the soil due to past applications, (i.e., not recently applied). It can be mobilized and runoff into streams. USDA ARS has been researching factors that affect the risk of that happening. Wicks shared a link to an abstract article for more information on the topic: <https://www.ars.usda.gov/research/publications/publication/?seqNo115=370402>.

A presentation by Dirksen describes the KDS/Quick Wash two-step process in which manure solids are mechanically separated (KDS separator) and then the liquid is further treated (quick wash) to remove additional P. Wicks shared a second link defining the process. <https://ocj.com/2019/10/manure-separation-shows-promise-for-better-nutrient-management/>

Field demonstrations include solid manure application comparison and calibration, liquid manure application and incorporation, and side dressing growing crops with manure.

The Manure Science Review is a joint effort of Ohio State's College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences, Mercer Soil and Water Conservation Districts and AG Solutions.

The full-day MSR program qualifies for continuing education credits in four areas: Ohio Department of Agriculture (ODA) Certified Livestock Manager (CLM), Certified Crop Advisor (CCA), ODA Fertilizer Recertification and Indiana Office of State Chemist.

The cost is \$25 for registrations through Aug. 1 and \$30 after (includes program, handouts and barbeque lunch). Registrations may be mailed to Mary Wicks, OARDC/OSU, 1680 Madison Ave. Wooster, OH 44691. Make checks payable to OSU. For more information, call 330-202-3533 or email or wicks.14@osu.edu. Visit the ocam website at ocamm.osu.edu.

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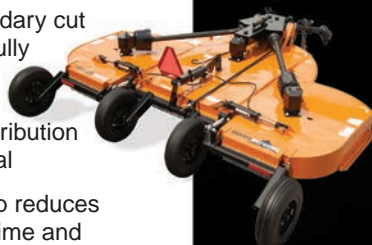
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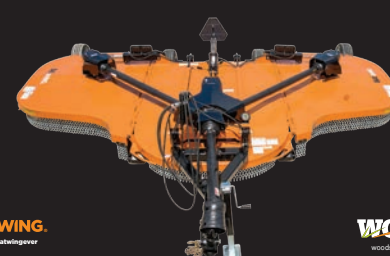
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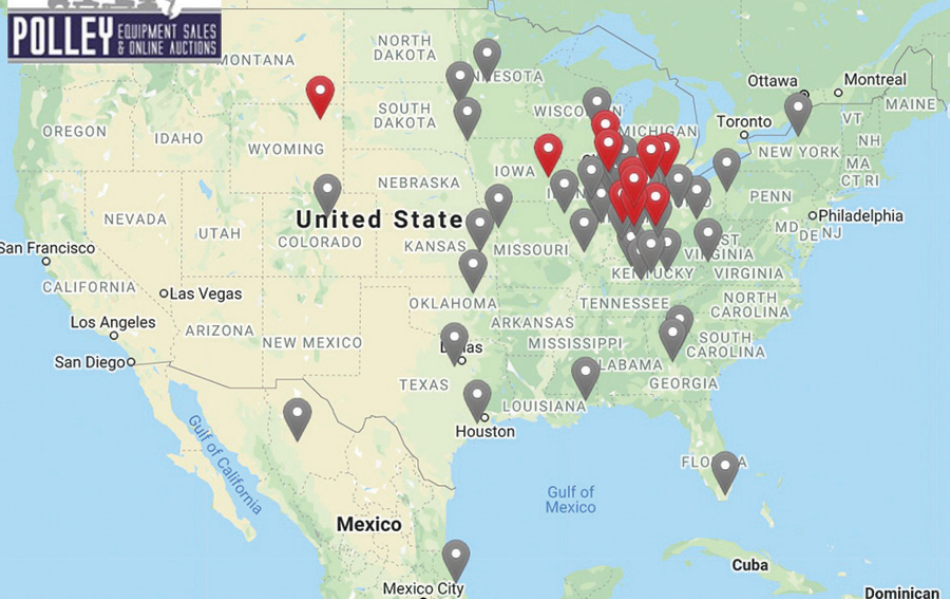
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Above: Lee Jones stands in a bay of mustard cress and arugula blooms at The Chef's Garden's indoor facility. Jones only wears one outfit: denim overalls, a pressed white shirt and a red bowtie. Inspired by a farming family in Steinbeck's *Grapes of Wrath*, it's meant to serve as a symbol of resilience and determination among small family farms. (Kevin Kopanski photo)

Evolving from Ohio hayseed to international microgreen king

**By Doug Graves
 Ohio Correspondent**

HURON, Ohio – Without question, the most well-known farm in southern Ohio is Bob Evans Farm. Evans began his sausage business in 1948, opened his first restaurant in Rio Grande, Ohio, in 1962 and his operation has flourished since.

In the northern half of Ohio, farmer Lee Jones receives similar notoriety. Jones is the face of The Chef's Garden, a sustainable, 350-acre family farm in Huron that provides chefs worldwide with seasonal specialty vegetables, microgreens, herbs and edible flowers.

Jones' farm is amidst 5,000-acre commercial farms, and he does things differently. Instead of chemicals, he uses 15 species of cover crop to replenish the soil.

"American farmers have lost their way regarding food and health," he said. "They're following the model that exists and that's to keep the costs as low as possible and the tons per acre as high as possible. My dad once said that we're going to get as good as the growers were 100 years ago. It was pre-chemical, pre-synthetic fertilizer, rotating the land and rebuilding the soil."

The Chef's Garden is located three miles north of the Ohio Turnpike, halfway between the towns of Milan and Huron, a short drive from Lake Erie.

Jones' farm grows some of the most elegant vegetables in the world. There you'll find tender pink asparagus, deep purple French beans, exquisite multi-colored microgreens, petite potatoes in eight distinct sizes and tasteful shades. More than 600 kinds of specialty plants make up the vast vegetable extravaganza known as The Chef's Garden.

And just as Evans was known for his string neck tie and Resistol-style hat, Jones is always seen in the roomy bib overalls of his profession. He always dons a ubiquitous white button-down shirt and crisp red bow tie. His wardrobe fits his folksy style and figure, folks say. He says his dress is his trademark. Literally.

"I wear this everywhere, every single day," Jones said. "At black-tie events, with Martha Stewart and Julia Child, this is what I wear."

The many photos on his farmhouse walls with celebrity and influential chefs are proof that he knows and works with celebrities of all kinds. Jones may come across as a down-home country boy, but his knowledge of farming and the fact that he turned his farming methods into a world-class success just shows he's something other than a typical farmer.

With his parents, Bob and Barbara, and brother, Bobby, the Jones family runs both this endeavor and its offshoot, The Culinary Vegetable Institute in

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Ohio fair seeks visitor participation in Livestock 101

By Doug Graves
Ohio Correspondent

LONDON, Ohio - As county fairs across Ohio open their doors after a year of COVID-19 shutdown, one county fair in the state is not only looking for higher attendance but increasing participation as well.

As a way to get youth involvement and increase enrollment in 4-H, Madison County Ag Society president Paul Gross created the fair's first-ever "Livestock 101." Any youth 17 and under who has never handled or shown livestock at a fair can get this golden opportunity. The thrust of Livestock 101 is to provide new opportunities for young people to get involved with showing livestock and offer leadership opportunities for those with experience in the show ring.

"You don't have to live on a farm, nor do you have to be in 4-H or FFA to participate," Gross said. "Even if you've never handled livestock, this is for you. The ultimate goal of this is to get more kids involved in 4-H."

Participation is free for those 17 and under to exhibit a livestock project. Each participant may select the species/project of their choice. Madison County youth exhibitors representing each species area will serve as coaches, interact with participants and provide guidance before and during the show.

"All of our junior show activities will have already taken place," Gross said. "This will be a separate show and not part of the junior show. Each species will have its own show and its own judge."

Gross' concept didn't come by accident. Several years ago when Gross was managing an assisted living facility a 90-year-old resident there spoke about the goats she once had.

"Not many enjoy being a resident in an assisted living facility, and this woman was not happy," Gross said. "I wanted to find out what her interests were so I asked her what she was good at. She said 'I'm really good at clipping goats'. That opened up the conversation line, for sure. She bragged on and on about how she showed goats at many local and state fairs, earning the champion status with her goats at 27 state fairs across the United States."

Gross was anxious to learn more. "Back in Union County (Ohio) in the 1950s the local goat association said any kid who wanted to show a goat at the fair can have one for free," the woman told Gross. "I was a city kid, but that didn't stop me, so I jumped at this chance. Me and my sister went down and picked up a goat and began showing goats ever since. That's just what I did."

That conversation led to Gross' creation of "Livestock 101."

"It dawned on me that this would be a great concept of getting kids involved," Gross said. "Maybe not like they did in the '50s, but with the same spirit," Gross said.

Other fair board members loved the idea, as did 4-H members in the county.

"There are so many kids who live in a trailer park or live in the heart of the city, who don't have such an

opportunity to work with animals," Gross said. "I've had kids keep their animals at my farm since they don't have a place to raise them."

So before schools in the county let out for the summer, Gross and his associates created leaflets with this announcement and put them in each of the elementary schools, targeting third and fourth grade students.

"This should be one incredible experience for these children," Gross said. "We'll have roughly 200 kids participate and we'll pair them with 4-H or FFA students who are showing at the fair. Those 4-H and FFA members mentor the novice individual and teach them how to show. They will actually go in and show that alpaca, horse, steer, pig, goat, lamb, poultry or rabbit. I didn't think of offering a show class for dogs, but I've had a half dozen requests for that. We'll have that for next year's

Livestock 101. We'll have ribbons, trophies, T-shirts and prizes. And, they don't have to be a resident of Madison County."

The fair runs from July 10-17. The Livestock 101 event will be July 16.

"What I love about FFA is the student leadership, and the thing about 4-H and this project is the members are proud of their work and get to introduce their trade to another kid," Gross said. "Here we have an opportunity to make it a better experience as well for our current 4-H'ers with this. Hopefully we can introduce new kids to the program who will show at the fair with their own projects in years to come."

Signups for this event go right up until the show. For more information or to register for Livestock 101, visit www.madisoncountyfairh.com/livestock-101.



Above: Each participant of Livestock 101 may select the species/project of their choice. Madison County youth exhibitors representing each species area will serve as coaches. (photo courtesy Madison County Fair)



Above: The Madison County Fair in Ohio will hold its first-ever Livestock 101 event. It's a one-night show for anyone 17 and under who has had no experience in the show ring. (photo courtesy Madison County Fair)

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nearby Milan, which attracts 600 visiting chefs a year to share their knowledge and cook together.

The idea for The Chef's Garden came about in the 1980s, when the Jones family lost their 1,500-acre commercial farm due to economic reasons. Then, in 1982 a hailstorm wiped the farm out.

The family auctioned the farm, the land and even their cars. They spent the next five years farming 50 rented acres and selling at local farmers markets.

But their fortune would soon change. They met a French-trained chef, Iris Bailin, at a farmers market who convinced them that there was a market for specialty products for chefs like him. At that point, The Chef's Garden was born.

Iris hooked the Jones' up with some amazing chefs from The Ritz-Carlton, who were heavily influenced by European chefs. The local country clubs began to order from them, and Jean Louis Palladin, who came from France to the Watergate Hotel in Washington, D.C. took them under his wing. Louis then passed the word and eventually introduced them to numerous other chefs across the country.

"We had the support of so many incredible chefs that we knew we needed to keep up the integrity of our products," Jones said. "We began to work harmoniously with nature rather than try to outsmart it. We began building healthy soil. Our saying here is 'healthy soil equals healthy plants, equals healthy people.' My father told me to find every chef I can and figure out what they want and me and your brother will figure out how to grow it."

Seeds, plants and soil are systematically studied, tested and improved at the farm's in-house lab to

induce the highest nutritional quality. They farm only a percentage of the land every year, enriching the rest with cover crops, and use composted vegetable waste exclusively to sustainably and safely enhance the soil and the flavor of their produce.

Today, the business grows more than 700 different items at any given time. The decision of what items to offer is a skillful combination of old-fashioned farming and smart business. And it's no surprise here that orders come from New York, Hong Kong and across the world. Customers included Disney as well as fine dining chefs like Thomas Keller and Daniel Boulud.

The operation has 150 employees. When COVID-19 struck, bars and restaurants across the nation closed. Jones, too, felt the impact of this pandemic. "It was like we had fallen off a cliff," Jones said. "Overnight our entire customer base was gone. We needed to adapt."

And adapt he did, transitioning his business from chefs to home cooks, though he still services many cooks across the country. He offers produce boxes on his website that ship directly from the farm to private homes.

"We thought it would be a natural way to keep our team going, to have a place for the product to go, and to provide for families something healthy and fresh," Jones said. "The pandemic has created a fork in the road and we will have two lanes: one for people at home direct from the farm and one for chefs."

Chef's Garden doesn't pick produce until an order is placed. It's touched by few hands before it reaches the consumer or cook.

Atop it all, Jones' knowledge about vegetables and growing can be read in his book, *The Chef's Garden: A Modern Guide to Common and Unusual Vegetables - with Recipes*. The 640-page book is part vegetable reference book, family memoir and recipe collection.

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Above: Saddlebred horses will converge in Kentucky for the 118th World Championship Horseshow.

Deadline nears for entering Ky. Saddlebred Horse Show

By Stan Maddux
Indiana Correspondent

LOUISVILLE, Ky. - The American Saddlebred horse was developed to give early settlers a comfortable ride and tool for carrying out difficult jobs on the farm.

Kentucky, which played a role in breeding what equestrians have long viewed now as royalty, is preparing to showcase roughly 2,000 of the prized horses in a competition that has more than \$1 million at stake.

The 118th annual World's Championship Horse Show (WCHS) is scheduled for Aug. 21-28 at the Kentucky State Fairgrounds in Louisville. The deadline for entries is 11:59 p.m. on July 6.

"This is the Kentucky Derby for Saddlebreds," said Ian Cox, spokesperson for the WCHS. What's billed as the most prestigious competition since 1902 will be held in conjunction with the 117th annual Kentucky State Fair.

Cox said top Saddlebred horses from throughout the United States and other countries like Canada will compete in different divisions that include Five-Gaited, Three-Gaited, Fine Hand Division and Saddlebred Pleasure.

There will also be divisions for Harness/Hackney Ponies and Roadster Ponies.

"The people who want to present their horses and want to win and have the gold standard achieved for what they do, the World's Championship Horse Show is their place to do that," Cox said.

Cox said the show endorsed by the American Saddlebred Association will be inside Freedom Hall, which is the former home of the University of Louisville Cardinals men's basketball team.

The 18,000 seating capacity of the stadium connected to the fairgrounds will be reduced to 11,000 to provide adequate space for the oval show ring, he said.

"The people that come to the event are there to see the best of the best," Cox said.

Single day tickets to the show are \$8 and \$11 during the final two days of the competition. A ticket for the

entire week that also covers the daily price of admission to the fair is \$168.

Cox said the judging is based not only on how well the horses respond to commands and execute the maneuvers but their appearance while circling the ring.

Some of the horses presented with a garland of real roses adds to the prestige of the show.

Also unique is green colored wood shavings on the six different types of dirt covering the floor of the show arena. "That's one thing that really sets the tone for being in a different environment," he said.

The atmosphere is also hallowed from Kentucky being known as the birthplace of the Saddlebred line.

According to historical research, the American Saddlebred stems from breeding Galloway pacing horses brought to America from England in the 1600s with Thoroughbreds about a century later. Further breeding techniques produced a horse suitable not just for riding but pulling wagons and doing other strenuous work on farms.

The breed eliminated the need to keep one type of horse for plowing and other breeds for different or less strenuous tasks.

The Saddlebreds were also popular for use in the military not just for their speed and strength but the style in which they looked and performed. "They were a very versatile horse," Cox said.

The horse also became known later as the Kentucky Saddler because of the work in developing the modern breed occurring in the state.

Eventually, Cox said the American Saddlebred Horse Association wanted to create a show for the line of horses and Kentucky jumped at the opportunity. The state has hosted the event annually ever since. "We're proud really that it was made in Kentucky and it was something we wanted to show off," he said.

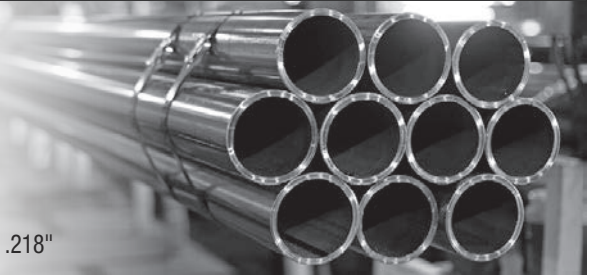
Cox said all of the horses will be housed on site in permanent and temporary stalls on the more than 340-acre fairgrounds throughout the competition.

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Sunn hemp could be newest trend in feed

By Jordan Strickler
Kentucky Correspondent

WINCHESTER, Ky. – A new forage has been showing up in summer mixtures across the nation the past couple of years. High in nitrogen, drought tolerant and a great crop for low pH soils, sunn hemp is becoming one of the most recognized new crops for livestock producers of every sort. It also provides a really good bang for its buck.

A warm-weather grass which hailed from India, the annual grass gets its name from its similar look to the traditional industrial hemp along with its bright yellow flowers (there is no tetrahydrocannabinol in sunn hemp). Despite its name, sunn hemp (*Crotalaria juncea*) is not related to the industrial hemp you might think of, but is a legume in the same family as peas and beans. According to University of Missouri research, it has one of the highest nutritional values and additional carrying capacity in pounds of live animals per acre. The crop offers 20-25 percent crude protein and is 90 percent digestible. It increased cattle gain per acre by 17 percent, according to the university's research.

One person taking full advantage of the forage is Kevin Poole, founder of Hemp Cattle Company – located in Winchester – who finishes his cattle on the crop and currently mixes it with Sudan grass.

"It's an amazing plant," Poole said. "It's higher in protein than then alfalfa and corn and soybeans. It is a legume so it puts nitrogen back in the soil similar to beans. It's very high in protein and some prefer to mix it with cow peas when they chop it for silage. Sunn hemp does not go to seed in Kentucky because of the shortened growing season leaving only the tender high protein source that the cattle love to graze."

Since it is a legume, Sunn hemp has a relationship with bacteria

which converts atmospheric nitrogen into plant-available nitrogen. It is believed that this tropical crop has been grown for hundreds of years, and it still remains popular in India, Bangladesh and Brazil. Sunn hemp can be used for forage, fiber or as a green manure to provide nitrogen to subsequently planted crops.

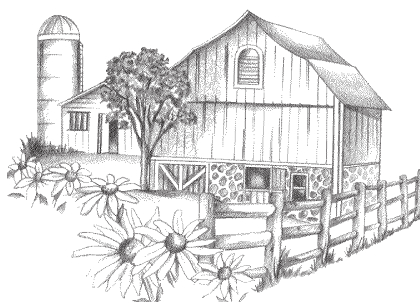
Growing up to 9 feet tall, depending on the region, its use has been limited by the availability of seed. However, newer varieties (i.e. AU Golden and AU Darbin) have been bred that have the capability to produce seed in temperate climates.

According to the Alabama Cooperative Extension System, since it has a high quality, the crop its best suited for no more than three hours of grazing per day for livestock which are going to be fed straight onto pasture.

Despite traditionally being a southern crop, it has experienced success in the north as well. An experiment by the University of Massachusetts found that the region's summers were still warm enough to grow the plant. In the 2016 drought, sunn hemp remained high performing while other crops in the area suffered.

"It's a very unique crop for sure," said Josh Tooley in 2018 about a Missouri study regarding the plant. At the time, Tooley was a graduate student in plant, insect and microbial sciences "At the producer level, there are a few who are using sunn hemp. From a research standpoint, though, we've only found one other study where grazing sunn hemp was attempted. Within the scientific community, this is a novel project."

And the end product is just better, Poole said. "When I mixed it with sudan grass and when I mixed it with alfalfa, there was great marbling. There is very little fat within the meat and the burger doesn't fall apart when on the grill...and the taste is just pretty darn good."



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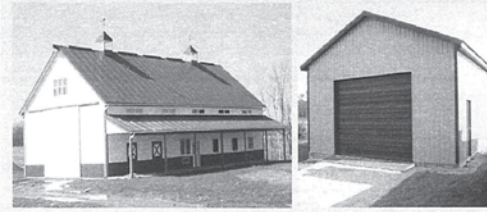


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Information sharing program aimed at improving wheat yields

By Kevin Walker Michigan Correspondent

LANSING, Mich. — The Michigan Wheat Program (MWP) and several other groups have joined forces to start an information sharing network called the Great Lakes Yield Enhancement Network, or Great Lakes YEN.

be able to see where he ranks on the list, but will not be able to identify any other farms in order to maintain privacy.

"In addition to the report, there is a yield competition that goes with it and top growers will get an award," Pennington said. "If they participate in this they will learn more about growing wheat than they ever have before."

Others involved in the program are Michigan State University (MSU), Grain Farmers of Ontario, the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs and the University of Guelph in Ontario.

MWP Executive Director Jody Pollok-Newsom said she is looking at incorporating the YEN project into the Michigan Wheat Program's yearly meeting, which is currently scheduled for Feb. 23, 2022.

"The purpose of the Great Lakes YEN is to get farmers, agronomists and others together to get more information about farms, to learn more about wheat production in order to improve yield," Pennington said.

"I think one of the neatest things about this is the multi-country participation," Pollok-Newsom said. "We have so much in common with Ontario, even just with climate. This is going to open things up and give opportunities for more discussion."

Inflation a potential threat to recovery

By Stan Maddux Indiana Correspondent

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. — Inflation could take a bigger bite out of higher profits belt-tightening farmers have started to enjoy from higher grain prices.

least some of their corn and soybeans now to take advantage of current pricing levels.

Other sources of uncertainty in the market include the condition of this year's corn crop.

That was among the messages conveyed during the monthly Purdue University Corn and Soybean Outlook on June 14.

According to USDA, the condition of more than 70 percent of corn and soybeans in the 18 major producing states like Indiana is rated as good to excellent.

Michael Langemeier, associate director of Purdue's Center for Commercial Agriculture, said higher prices collected by food producers, traditionally, lead to greater demand for farm machinery and buildings.

He said the crop conditions in those states and other areas like parts of Michigan and southern Wisconsin are suffering from drought or drier than normal conditions.

However, Langemeier said major purchases during the current rebound in corn and soybean prices might not happen to the same degree if inflation burns a larger hole in the deeper pockets of farmers.

Jim Mintert, the center's director, said there's still hope for crops now struggling. "It is a situation that certainly is going to require some pretty timely rains as we go through the course of the growing season," he said.

He said the recent increase in fuel prices and land values are among the early indications that inflation could become a major issue in the months ahead.

Mintert said ethanol production, which fell dramatically from less driving early in the pandemic, is close to being at pre-COVID-19 levels.

Langemeier said what impact skyrocketing inflation might have in areas like cost of fertilizer and renting land to farmers is not known. "That's a wild card right now," Langemeier said.

He said the amount produced is 1-4 percent behind the levels of 2019 but could equal those volumes in the coming weeks since the summer travel season is just beginning and people are eager to break free of the COVID-19 restrictions.

He said the current upward pressure on the price of land on the market is caused by farmers with more money to spend wanting to expand their acreage.

Mintert also pointed out grain prices are still being held up from much higher exports.

According to the latest USDA forecast, the harvest price for this year's corn is expected to average \$5.60 per bushel. USDA predicts the harvest price for soybeans to average \$13.55.

According to USDA, corn exports in the current marketing year stood at 2.1 billion bushels.

Langemeier said corn and soybean prices have dipped slightly recently but should be relatively strong at least through much of 2022.

Mintert said exports are 75 percent higher than they were a year ago with China responsible for two-thirds of the increase.

He and other farm economists on the Purdue panel recommended farmers consider locking in prices on at

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4-H was the starting point for driver of Budweiser Clydesdales

By Stan Maddux
Indiana Correspondent

LAPORTE, Ind. – If not for 4-H, an Indiana native might not be a driver for the famous Budweiser Clydesdales.

Alec Smith, 23, has never owned a horse but was introduced to the animals when he joined 4-H in the third grade and signed up for the Horseless Horse program.

Smith is now preparing to lead the team of horses in the July 4 parade in his hometown of LaPorte about 15 miles south of Lake Michigan.

He said destiny must have been at work because the brewing industry giant long billed as the “King of Beers” chose him out of 400 applicants when a job opening developed.

He’s eager not only to hold the reins of the Clydesdales while they’re pulling a 1903 beer wagon in the downtown parade he used to attend as a child. Smith said he can’t wait for people back home to see what he does for a living. “I am beyond ecstatic, honestly,” he said.

Smith will spend quality time in LaPorte because the Clydesdales, which skyrocketed to fame in Budweiser TV commercials during the 70’s, will also be at the annual Red, Wine and Brew on July 2 and the LaPorte County Fair on July 10.

He played a critical role in getting the Clydesdales to LaPorte because of his ties at Bethany Lutheran Church and Garwood Orchards where he attended and worked as a youth.

Pastor Dennis Meyer and church member Carrie Garwood are lead organizers of the popular Red, Wine and Brew. They were looking to spice up the annual beer and wine tasting event featuring a concert this year by country music superstars Montgomery Gentry and John Michael Montgomery.

After they reached out to him, Smith began the process of having the Clydesdales dispatched to LaPorte. “They really are the superstars of horses,” Garwood said.

Ironically, perhaps, Smith has never owned a horse.

He always wanted one, though, and received the next best thing when he signed up for a program in 4-H that gives youth a chance to ride and take care of horses belonging to other people.

Youth in the 4-H program are also allowed to show the horses at the fair. Smith began taking care of another family’s horses. A few years later, Roger Grott, of Union Mills, allowed him to handle his Clydesdales for several years on his farm.

“I took care of them like they were my own,” he said.

Smith has also worked at Garwood Orchards doing things like driving horses pulling the wagons in hayrides during the fall harvest.

He’s also worked with Clydesdales at the farm of Laura Bladecki outside New Carlisle and held the reins on Clydesdales pulling wagons taking people out to get Christmas trees at Pincrest Tree Farm near Galien.

He was in college majoring in nursing and still working with horses when the earth began shaking on what appears to be his true calling in life. Smith said he started taking care of the horses of a neighbor, Shelby Zarobinski, after she was hired as a Budweiser Clydesdale driver in Colorado.

She helped him make some connections at Budweiser that might have been a factor when he applied for an opening as a Budweiser driver in New Hampshire. “That’s how I got the job,” he said.

Smith said he’s practically been to every state east of the Mississippi River and into Canada in his travels with the



Above: Alec Smith is in New York City with one of the Clydesdale horses he drives for Budweiser.



Above: One of the trips as a Budweiser Clydesdale driver for Alec Smith was baseball’s World Series at Nationals Park in Washington, D.C., in 2019.



Above: Alec Smith, Budweiser Clydesdale driver, will be driving the famous team of horses to his hometown of LaPorte next month.

Budweiser crew to show the horses the past three years. His other duties include driving one of three semi-trucks used to transport the horses and other supplies to each location.

“We travel rain, shine, snow, hot. It doesn’t matter. Wherever you want us, we’ll be there,” he said.

Smith said he can’t imagine doing anything else right now. He enjoys seeing the country and meeting all sorts of people including some wanting his autograph.

The joy he sees when the horses pull into a community for a visit is what he likes most about the job. “A lot of smiles we get to put on people’s faces is priceless. We have 40-year old men who are jumping up and down and clapping their hands. They’re so excited to see us,” he said.



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American Galloways were the perfect answer for Ohio couple

By Celeste Baumgartner
Ohio Correspondent

HAMILTON, Ohio – American Galloway cattle are docile, easy to handle and a little smaller than standard breeds, Jana Harmon said. She and her husband, Donald “Skyp” Harmon, own Caraway Farm. They raise grass-fed Galloways; they’re out with the herd almost every day. The animals know and trust them, so they’re easy to move.

They started in 2015 with four bred cows. The herd is now up to 25 with nine on the way. The Harmons market the meat at Oxford Farmers Market and by word of mouth. Like most producers, they’re having problems getting meat processed.

“We decided to get cattle because we were doing market hay, small bales,” Skyp said. “We couldn’t get enough help and we’re getting too old to do it by ourselves. We decided to convert to cattle and bale round bales to feed them in the winter. We raise our own hay and we can do it by ourselves.”

Galloways are foraging animals and do well on grass. The Harmons have kept their herd intact, bringing in newly registered bulls every second season. The calves are born on the farm and stay there until they are harvested. The cattle are on rotational grazing and are moved frequently.

“The only thing we have to do is set our fence,” Jana said. “We use an electric wire fence that we can move on a

wheel. When we open the gate to let them into the field, I holler for them and they come.”

Moving the cattle daily keeps the fly population down, Jana said. The flies stay where the manure is so there are no worries about fly control. It also helps to bring the fertilizer back to the soil more rapidly.

“Frequent moving also breaks the stems down, kind of like the buffalo coming across to graze, they would come as a mob,” Jana said. “Then they would leave and go to the next area, so the broken grass that is not eaten becomes mat which helps develop the soil microbes, and the soil comes back. It’s pretty cool.”

In the flush of spring when they move pastures, if there are still standing seed heads, they will mow them but only down to 10 to 12 inches, Skyp said. The seed heads will re-seed the pasture.

“Once we get to about July we usually don’t mow because that’s stockpiling time,” he said. “We’re letting the grass grow. In the fall and winter the cows will eat the growth. We want all of the stockpile we can get so we can get in as much winter as possible before we start feeding hay.”

When they feed hay during the winter they will take a good quality bale and spread it on the ground in an area where the pasture is not doing well, Jana said. As the cattle eat it, the seed heads fall into the ground to re-seed plus the remaining hay forms a mat



Above: Galloways are foraging animals and do well on grass. The Harmons have kept their herd intact, bringing in newly registered bulls every second season. The calves are born on the farm and stay there until they are harvested.

that, come spring, will help the pasture regenerate.

Harmons use a cafeteria mineral program from Advanced Biological Concepts. They have box feeders with different minerals. They offer 12 choices and the minerals differ according to the time of year. They also use a 25 percent grass-fed beef lick tub which has molasses and minerals.

“If they get into poor quality feed it will bring the nutritional quality up so their digestive tract is in balance,” Jana said.

To get water into all of the pastures they ran 7,000 feet of black tubing, Skyp said. There’s a tap every 100 feet so the water can be wherever the cattle are.

The couple installed electric fencing using Timeless Fenceposts, he explained. They’re plastic posts, made from recycled materials. They look like a traditional t-post but have holes every three inches so you can string the wire through them.

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Above: The Harmons, owners of Caraway Farm, started in beef production in 2015 with four bred cows. The herd is now up to 25 with nine more on the way. Like most producers, they're having problems getting meat processed.

Galloway

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"Our animals are seen by Dr. Krom, DVM, once a year to check the cows and newly bred heifers and castrate the bull calves," Jana said. "We don't give any vaccinations to the animals in the beef production program. The steers are processed anywhere from 16-24 months."

They are inspected for on-farm storage by the Ohio Department of Agriculture and have a mobile food license from the Butler County Board of Health to sell their beef at local farmers markets direct to consumers. They use the USDA National Monthly Grass Fed Beef Report to help determine pricing.

USDA offers a certification for grass-fed beef. The Harmons filled out the applications more than a year ago but, probably because of COVID-19, have yet to hear anything.

"We're trying to become grass-fed certified," Skyp said. "We've done all of the paperwork. But right now ... you have to just take our word for it."

They're also struggling to get their beef processed and packaged. They have to make appointments a year ahead of time.

"We need to go back to regenerative agriculture locally," Jana said. "To where farm products are produced within a 50-to 100-mile radius and people can count on that food being there and not having to be shipped in."



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Corn Marketing Program of Michigan is holding summer webinar series

The Corn Marketing Program of Michigan (CMPM) is holding a series of three summer webinars on topics that are important to Michigan corn growers. The series is called Coffee with Corn: Summer Edition and builds on the successful series hosted by CMPM this winter.

The first session took place June 22 and featured a presentation from Eric Snodgrass, of Nutrien Ag Solutions. He discussed the summer weather outlook and what it could mean for Michigan's corn crop. A recording of this is available on the Michigan Corn website at www.micorn.org.

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Top-notch farms are on tour

By Stan Maddux
 Indiana Correspondent

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. – A thing or two could be learned when the doors open to the public at some of the most well run farms in Indiana. The annual Purdue Farm Management Tour is scheduled for two days next month in the southwest part of the state.

The first stop is scheduled for July 8 at 12:30 p.m. at the Koester Brothers Farm, 11751 Diamond Island Road outside Wadesville. The tour will continue July 9 at Kron Farms, 17245 Owensville Road outside Evansville, at 8:30 a.m., and at 1:30 p.m. at Seib Farms, 6801 High School Road near Poseyville.

Jim Mintert, director of Purdue's Center for Commercial Agriculture, said the goal of the annual tour dating back to the 1930's is highlighting well-managed farms so producers learn what can be done to improve their operations.

Mintert said each of the farms on this year's tour have implemented new technology and started transferring the operation to the next generation of family members. He said the farms have also prepared the next generation to be successful and became more efficient in terms of cost of production.

The key to successful farm management, and how the management of each operation adapted to the ever-changing agricultural economy and evolving circumstances of their families will be shared at each location.

"That always an interest to producers to learn more about the process, the challenges they faced and how they resolved them," Mintert said.

Mintert said the tour, canceled in 2020 because of COVID-19, is held in a different part of the state each year to give as many farmers as possible a chance to attend.

He said more information can also

be learned because of how the challenges and solutions from one area to the other can vary.

"Each farm in Indiana is unique in some aspects so we highlight different farms so that people realize there are different ways to resolve the challenges that farms and farm managers face," Mintert said.

According to Purdue University officials, Ray, Duane, Dale and James Koester operate a crop and dairy farm diversified to maximize profitability and hedge against risk.

Seib Farms has long cooperated with agribusiness suppliers and other experts in the industry to conduct on-farm research. The operation also started using cover crops to capture and store carbon on the farm before the greenhouse gas escapes into the air, Purdue officials said. Mark Seib has also served in leadership positions for soybean associations at the state and national levels.

According to Purdue, Randy and Joyce Kron are first-generation farmers and their son, Ben, is now a partner in the operation. The farm features a recently built shop and various types of precision technology.

Randy Kron has also been president of Indiana Farm Bureau since 2016.

"Most of these farmers have made significant investments in their facilities in recent years so it's an opportunity to look at those investments," Mintert said.

As part of the tour, the annual Master Farmer Reception will be July 8 at 3:30 p.m. at the New Harmony Inn and Conference Center. Mintert said four master farmers and their families chosen for this year will be honored.

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Above: Fire quickly engulfed a hay barn on June 9 at the Minich Dairy Farm in Indiana.

Fire destroys hay barn at Indiana dairy farm

By Stan Maddux
Indiana Correspondent

LA PORTE, Ind. - Animals were safely evacuated as fire engulfed a barn full of hay at an Indiana dairy farm.

Volunteer firefighters from Scipio Township and other agencies responded on June 9 to the blaze at 4282 S. 425 West outside LaPorte in the northwest part of the state.

The roughly 4,000-square-foot metal-sided hay barn at Minich Dairy Farm was engulfed in flames when firefighters began arriving about 8 a.m., said Scipio Township firefighter Andrew McGuire.

With no hope of saving the burning structure, McGuire said the primary focus was keeping the flames from spreading to two nearby outbuildings which they were able to do successfully.

"The whole roof had collapsed already by the time we got here," McGuire said.

According to a company profile, Minich Dairy Farm owned by James Minich has been operating for over 100-years. The farm with up to 14 employees generates more than \$1 million in annual revenue, according to the company profile.

Before firefighters arrived, McGuire said family members and their workers removed an unknown amount of animals away from the burning structure and two nearby



Above: Firefighters doused water on nearby outbuildings to keep flames from a hay barn from spreading to those structures at an Indiana dairy farm.

outbuildings initially threatened by the flames to safety. "We don't have any animal fatalities as of right now," McGuire said.

Valerie Minich, one of the owners of the farm, also helped move a

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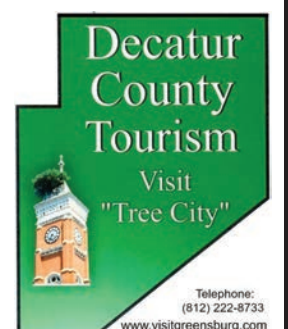
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Above: Valerie Minich (green shirt) oversees the damage while discussing the hay barn fire with workers at her Indiana dairy farm.

Fire

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couple of horses from a pasture a few hundred feet away from the intense heat and flames to the backyard of the nearby farmhouse as a precaution. Minich broke down when she started to discuss the fire then declined further comment.

McGuire said it was too early to know the cause of the fire. "There's no telling at this point," he said.

Motorists were advised to avoid the area to allow fire department tanker trucks to continuously bring in fresh supplies of water since there were no fire hydrants in the rural area between Kingsbury and Union Mills.

Firefighters were called back to the farm the next day when flames

rekindled in what was left of the hay beneath the charred remains of the roughly 100-foot-by-40-foot barn.

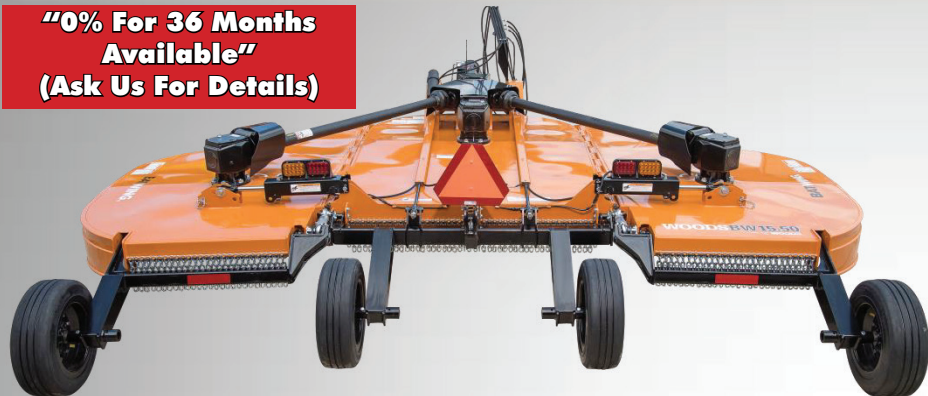
Jim Minich is a cousin of Luke Minich, who owns the nearby Triple M Dairy. About 3 million gallons of milk is produced by about 1,000 Holstein and Jersey cows at Triple M Dairy, owned by the same family since 1909.

In 2018, Luke Minich's wife, Kim, was at the Indianapolis 500 and presented the traditional cold bottle of milk to the winning driver, Will Power, in Victory Circle.

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May milk output largest month to month gain since March 2006

U.S. milk output shot sharply higher in May, hitting a record 19.85 billion pounds, according to the USDA's preliminary data, up 4.6% from May 2020, and the biggest month to month increase since March 2006, thanks to favorable weather, increased cow numbers, and increased milk per cow. It was the 12th month in a row to top year ago output and was up a hefty 4.1% from May 2019. May output in the top 24 producing states, hit 18.9 billion pounds, up 4.9%.



**MIELKE MARKET WEEKLY
By Lee Mielke**

Keep in mind a year ago the nation was coping with the COVID pandemic which had plunged dairy product prices due to shuttered restaurants and foodservice demand, created havoc throughout the entire food chain, plus many dairy farmers faced milk production restrictions mandated by their cooperatives.

Revisions added 45 million pounds to the April estimate, now put at 19.34 billion pounds, up 3.5% from a year ago, instead of the originally reported 3.3%.

May cow numbers were up for the 11th consecutive month, totaling 9.5 million head in the 50 states, up 145,000 head from May 2020. May numbers were up 5,000 from the April count, which with USDA revisions, was up an astounding 26,000 head from March.

May output per cow averaged 2,088 pounds, up 61 pounds or 3% from 2020.

Dairy cow culling dropped below the previous month and year in May. The USDA's latest Livestock Slaughter report shows an estimated 223,400 head were sent to slaughter under federal inspection, down 34,100 head from April and 9,900 or 4.2% below May 2020. Culling in the first five months of 2021 totaled 1.37 million head, down 39,700 or 2.9% from the same period a year ago.

In the week ending June 12, 52,600 dairy cows were sent to slaughter, up 6,100 from the previous week and 700 or 1.3% above that week a year ago.

The nation's dairy stocks are growing. The Agriculture Department's latest Cold Storage report showed May 31 butter totaled a whopping 401.8 million pounds, up 15.6 million pounds or 4.0% above April, and a weighty 26 million pounds or 6.9% above those on May 31, 2020. May was also the 23rd consecutive month that butter stocks topped those of a year ago but May is typically the month that stocks peak and hover there for about one or two months, according to StoneX.

American type cheese climbed to 830.7 million pounds, up 4 million or 0.5% from the April level, which was revised down 4.1 million pounds from last month's report, and were 10.7 million pounds or 1.3% above a year ago.

The "other" cheese category jumped to 612.8 million pounds, up 11.9 million pounds or 2% from April, and 2.9 million or 0.5% above a year ago.

The total cheese inventory stood at a record high for the month of May at 1.465 billion pounds, up 16.6 million pounds or 1.1% from April, 10.8 million pounds or 0.7% above a year ago, and 79 million pounds or 6% higher than 2019.

Cheese consumption was still fairly strong in May, according to StoneX Dairy broker Dave Kurzawski. Speaking in the June 28 Dairy Radio Now broadcast, Kurzawski said, considering what happened to prices, demand likely dropped off at the end of May as the Food Box program ended

and schools were closing so there were some dynamics at work there.

Butter wise, he said restaurant reopening demand in the first half of 2021 has since slowed some. The biggest users of butter and cream are the higher end, white tablecloth type restaurants, he said, and he doesn't believe that demand has come back quite as strong as the other restaurant types.

Butter demand is not as strong as a year ago when people were quarantined at home "watching baking shows and making cookies and bread, etc." That's not happening now, he said, plus business travel has not resumed to prior levels.

Dairy farm margins continued to deteriorate over the first half of June as ongoing weakness in milk prices more than offset the impact of steady to weaker feed markets, according to the latest Margin Watch (MW) from Chicago-based Commodity and Ingredient Hedging LLC.

Demand for dairy products remains quite strong on both the domestic and export markets," the MW stated, but increased milk production is pressuring prices. It points out that milk production in the first four months of 2022 was up 2.5% from last year adjusting for the Leap Day, and Midwest cheese manufacturers are running 6-7 days every week while cream supplies are ample in the West.

"Recent intense heat in the West and Northern Plains may begin to temper milk production moving through the summer though, with temperatures hitting 110 degrees in California's Central Valley," the MW warned.

"The U.S. exported 547.7 million pounds of dairy products valued at \$681.3 million in April, setting a record for the month and up 26.5% from last year," according to the MW. "Accounting for Leap Day, U.S. dairy exports are up 14.9% from 2020 through the first four months of this year. Cheese exports of 89.1 million pounds were a new record high, besting the previous high-water mark in June of last year by 4.4 million pounds. NDM exports in April of 173.1 million pounds were also a record for the month, up 15.5% from last year."

"The U.S. Census Department reported that combined spending on food at retail and foodservice establishments of \$139.2 billion in May was up 25.7% from last year and for both April and May, food spending increased 10% over 2019's pre-pandemic levels," according to the MW.

"Corn and soybean meal have come under significant pressure recently as updated forecasts are for moderate temperatures and suggest more rain for the Corn Belt," the MW concluded. Producers are encouraged to "evaluate strategic adjustments on existing positions to strengthen feed hedges while allowing for more upside flexibility on milk hedges following the recent sharp drop in prices."

China continues to drive international dairy markets. May imports were the largest, topping a year ago from New Zealand in the form of whole milk powder (WMP) and fluid milk and cream from Germany, according to HighGround Dairy.

China's WMP imports totaled 163.9 million pounds or 71.8% from a year ago and up 22.4% year to date. Imports from New Zealand were the highest May on record, says HGD, followed by Uruguay and from Turkey for the first

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JUL 10 MACY, INDIANA: Deeds — Lester Miller Auctioneer. Tractors, farm equipment, backhoe, household, collectibles.. 10 am SEE AD ON PAGE 9B

JUL 10 LEBANON, OHIO: Consignment — Gene Steiner Management. Farm equipment and machinery.. no time given SEE AD ON PAGE 11B

JUL 10 OSTRANDER, OHIO: Marti — Wigton Real Estate & Auction. Real estate.. 10 am

JUL 10 WAUSEON, OHIO: Johnston — Bonnigson & Associates. Farm machinery.. 10:07 am SEE AD ON PAGE 7B

JUL 20 LYNCHBURG, OHIO: Fender Trust — Hess Auction Co.. Real estate.. 5:30 pm

JUL 22 OSGOOD, INDIANA: Mink Farms 194 — Schrader Real Estate & Auction Co., Inc.. Real estate.. 6 pm SEE AD ON PAGE 8B

JUL 31 BLOOMFIELD, INDIANA: Land Auction — LandProz, Brian Owens. Personal property and real estate.. 10:30 am

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time ever.

Fluid milk and cream imports continue to be off-the-chart strong, says HGD, and reached a fresh record high in May with Germany becoming the top supplier and outpacing New Zealand. Skim milk power totaled 94 million pounds, up 110%, and whey imports, at 161.8 million pounds, were up 39.9%, with YTD up 56%.

Demand for finished goods was also strong. Cheese imports totaled 36.1 million pounds, up 180.2%, with YTD up 66.4%. New Zealand's market share jumped to 51% and cheese from the EU reached a record high, up 206%, most coming from Denmark, according to HGD.

Butter imports amounted to 22.9 million pounds, up 129.1%, with YTD up 15%.

The Agriculture Department announced the July Federal order Class I base milk price at \$17.42 per hundredweight, down 87 cents from June, 86 cents above July 2020, and the highest July Class I since 2014. It equates to about \$1.50 per gallon, down 7 cents from June. The seven month Class I average stands at \$16.31, up from \$15.94 a year ago and \$16.12 in 2019.

Any expectations of lighter milk supplies in the Midwest due to the heat are yet to be met, says Dairy Market News. Cheesemakers reported even steeper discounts on spot milk this week. Cheese output is active but demand is mixed. Cheese inventories are growing as buyers "see the near-term writing on the wall, as market prices continue to struggle," says DMN, but the restoration of the block-over-barrel price is viewed as an indicator of stability.

Cream is available in the West. Ice cream production is flat to strong but butter plants are receiving steady

supplies of cream. Butter output is seasonally active. Some report that supply chain issues are driving up prices of packaging items, like boxes and bags. Butter makers are not happy absorbing the extra costs but the supply chain snags are not reported to be disrupting production. Inventories are growing and ready for fall demand. Retail sales are soft but steady and food service demand remains strong, says DMN.

Grade A Nonfat dry milk closed Friday at \$1.2650 per pound, unchanged on the week but 24.50 cents above a year ago. 19 sales were reported for the week.

Dry whey saw a Friday finish at 57.75 cents per pound, down 3.25 cents on the week but 26.50 cents above a year ago, with 2 sales reported for the week.

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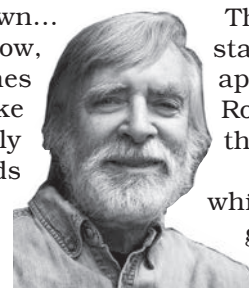
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POOR WILL'S ALMANACK
 By Bill Felker

The first black walnuts start to fall and stag beetles appear on your porch. Roadside grasses turn like the winter wheat.

Purple coneflowers, white vervain, horseweed, germander, teasel and wild lettuce blossom in the fields; tall bellflowers and great Indian plantain open in the woods. The first

white-flowered thimbleweeds set thimbles.

June's berries are disappearing: black raspberries and strawberries decline quickly in warmer years; the best mulberries have fallen. July's wild cherries ripen and elderberries set fruit. Some green-hulled walnuts are already on the ground. The earliest annual cicadas chant. (The great throng of periodic cicadas has ended their season; now it's time for the annuals.) Trumpet vine flowers fall in the midsummer rains.

In the Field and Garden

A third to a half of the winter wheat is often ripe. It is time to harvest May apples in the woods. The oats mature and the first tier of soybeans blooms in average summers.

Corn borer infestations are more common now. Cabbage gathering ends in the north. Blueberry pickers pick the summer blueberries. Twelve leaves have emerged on most field corn. The first cut of alfalfa is almost complete throughout the Midwest. Cottony maple scale eggs hatch on the silver maples. The winter wheat harvest begins by today along the 40th Parallel.

The oats crop heads on eight out of ten fields. Chinch bugs do the most lawn damage in the next 30 days; watering frequently allows normal growth to keep pace with the insects.

Under the waning moon, do your pruning of shrubs and trees that flowered earlier in the year. Mulch the garden in preparation of Dog Day heat and peak weed season.

Renovate strawberry beds between thunderstorms (cutting off the tops above the crown, then fertilize). The summer apple harvest gets underway. Standing water from the Corn Tassel Rains can encourage parasite infestation in pastures. Rain often lodges wheat.

Almanack Classics

One True Love (A Romantic Sheep Story)

By Leah McAllister,
 Oldhome Farm - Arkansas

My husband of 30 years and I attended high school together. He

(Poor Will continued on page 10B)

The Moon, the Stars and the Sun

The Mating Milkweed Bug Moon enters its last quarter at 4:11 p.m. on July 1, weakening as it reaches apogee (its position farthest from Earth) on July 5. Rising after midnight and setting in the afternoon, this moon passes overhead in the morning, encouraging fish and dieters to bite, especially as the cool front of July 6 approaches.

Also on July 5 at 5 p.m., the Earth reaches aphelion, the point at which it is farthest from the Sun. Aphelion occurs almost exactly six months from perihelion, Earth's position closest to the Sun.

In the late evenings, the teapot-shaped star formation of Libra lies in the south, followed by Scorpius. Sagittarius comes behind Scorpius in the southeast. Above both of those constellations, the Milky Way sweeps up to Cassiopeia in the north.

Weather Trends

The cool fronts of Deep Summer normally cross the Mississippi River around July 6, 14, 21 and 28. Although clouds are relatively rare through the end of June, they become more frequent on July 1 and 2. Then, starting on the 3rd, the sun returns (in between showers), and remains through the 11th. Chances of rain are considerably higher in the first two weeks of July than in the last two.

The Dog Days officially begin on July 3 as the chances of highs in the 90s rise from late June's 20 percent up to 35-40 percent. Although the July 6 cool front brings some relief on that day and the day after (with lows in the 50s one night out of two on the 7th), chances of mild 70s on the 8th and 9th fall to less than 10 percent. The rainiest days in the first third of July are the 2nd, 3rd, 8th, and 9th.

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Poor Will

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arrived during our sophomore year. I had never dated anyone, even though I was asked out lots of times. But I was very picky, and had an ideal in my head that none of the boys I knew could measure up to.

Not long after meeting Greg, I realized I had met my one true love. It took him until our senior year to ask me out, but once he did, there was never anyone else for either of us. A little over a year after our first date, we were married.

Thirteen years ago, we got into the sheep business on a small scale. Our good friends and neighbors were the original owners of our first flock of mixed breeds comprised of Romney, Marino, and Suffolk.

In that first flock we had a Romney ewe named Hilza, who was the lead sheep. She had a very stately air about her, and she refused to breed with any of our rams. Greg wanted to get rid of her, saying she was just a "dud" and a drain on the grain. But I loved Hilza and told him she was just like I used to be: she had yet met her ideal mate.

Eight years later, we were building our Suffolk flock and culling our other breeds. I still refused to sell my Hilza. Then one day a friend of ours asked if we could keep her Jacob ram for a while. We agreed, and Jeffery the ram came to live with our boys for a while.

One evening, as we were putting the girls into the barn lot for the night, Hilza refused to come. She stood by the gate to the boy's paddock and pawed at the fence. She would look at us, bleated, and pawed at the fence.

I told Greg "I think Hilza wants in there."

Laughing, Greg opened the gate for her, and she charged in and ran right up to Jeffery. They became constant companions, and she mourned his leaving when he went back to his home. That spring Hilza gave birth to her first lambs, one an exact duplicate of Jeffery.

Some of us girls just know what they want, and refuse to settle for anything less.

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- 1948 Case "LA", New Rear Tires, Ser. No.: 5222276
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- HAY EQUIPMENT**
- 2007 New Holland 575 Square Baler, Twine Kuhns Model AE15, Hay Accumulator 15 Bale

- 2015 New Holland H7230 Disc-Bine (Disc Mower/Conditioner), 11ft. Swath, Ser. No.: YEN252732
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- Tonutti GT540 Hay Tedder, 4 Basket, Ser. No.: 668959
- Kuhns KN615 Bale Grapple w/Stringer, 15 Bale
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- 1995 Jamar 16ft. Open Car Hauler
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- Skid Loader Trailer, 10ft., Tandem Axle,

- Homemade
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- Trucks:**
- 1986 GMC 7000, V-8 Engine, 5x2 Trans., 12ft. Steel Flatbed, Auto-Crane Boom, 10:00R 20 Tires & Rear Duals, 150,500 Miles
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Maybe more urban kids need a pet to keep them out of trouble

I think there wouldn't be near as many gangs, kids killing kids or troubled teenagers today if more urban kids had pets.

My best friend in high school didn't speak a word of French, knew no calculus and didn't play on the football team. (Neither did I). I think I had the potential to be a rebellious bad boy but I had a wonderful dog who loved me unconditionally and got me through my difficult teenage years.

I had other pets too: steers, lambs, pigs, cows, ducks, rabbits, chickens and heaven forbid, even a cat. Our house was filled with pets too as we always had a canary or a parakeet and the goldfish bowl always had one or two residents, even though we had a hard time keeping the goldfish because we lived in earthquake country and they kept sloshing out of the bowl. We also had several of those very small turtles that lived in a plastic dish with a palm tree sticking out of it. The tiny turtles didn't last very long but they were way more social than the big turtle we had that I saw twice in 10 years.

I was inspired to write about turtles because a dear friend recently "adopted" a pet turtle for her cute 2-year-old daughter. They went to a "Turtle Rescue Preserve" where there were more than 300 turtles in all sizes and ages that people had dropped off or were discovered in places they shouldn't be... like sitting atop a fence post where they were placed as a sick practical joke.

My friends paid \$85 for their turtle which they optimistically named Buddy, not really knowing if it was a he or a she. (How does one tell?) My friends were immediately drawn to Buddy because of its handicap: someone had painted Buddy's shell a bright white, probably so it was easier to find than our turtle was. When my friends go to the lake for the weekend, the mother-in-law visits Buddy twice a day to feed it at home a chilled Romaine/Iceberg lettuce mix.

I was curious about the pet turtle market so the next time I was in town I visited a pet store and asked the aggressive salesman if he had anything that would make



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a nice housewarming gift for Buddy. He showed me several turtle padded beds, leashes that looked exactly like the ones they sold for dogs and turtle houses, which seems redundant. He also suggested "enrichment toys" to foster Buddy's mental acuity, a pet sounds music CD, and a loofah brush and chamomile and lavender body wash with which my friends should massage Buddy religiously twice a day to remove the paint. I understand some of the white on Buddy's shell has now faded to a dull grey, probably the primer coat.

Have you seen these purses in which women haul around their small dogs? The salesman showed me a turtle purse for Buddy and also a backpack to haul him because he walks at a slower pace than most humans. The "bio-accessory" backpack could also be turned around so Buddy could see where's he's going instead of where he's been.

No doubt you've seen "service dogs" and even "service pot-bellied pigs" in the grocery store and I feel confident in saying you'll someday soon see "service turtles."

When you think about it, turtles have many advantages as pets compared to dogs. They don't bark, a turtle can breathe through its butt (really), they don't have to sit next to you in the truck and stick their head out the window, and when they get wet and "shake" they don't drench you in water. You don't have to constantly throw them slobbery tennis balls because no matter how many times you try, the turtle will not retrieve the ball. They can't be taught hard tricks like rolling over or sitting, but they are unrivaled at playing dead. Veterinary bills are less too because they won't pull a muscle trying to jump in and out of the truck and they don't drink out of the toilet like my dog did who suffered several concussions from being hit on the head by falling toilet seats.

Turtles also live a long time and there's not near the emotional loss when one does die because you probably had no idea where it was anyway.

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