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D.C. Court of Appeals says no more year-round E-15 sales

By **TIM ALEXANDER**
Illinois Correspondent

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Reaction to the news that the D.C. Court of Appeals had reversed a 2019 ruling that allowed for year-round sales of E15 corn-based ethanol was swift and severe from farmers and renewable fuels proponents.

The reversal, which was handed down on July 2, caught many farm organization leaders and more than a few lawmakers by surprise. The case, American Fuel & Petrochemical Manufacturers, et. al. vs. EPA, was brought by Big Oil refiners in an effort to derail the sale of 15 percent ethanol fuel blends and increase America's dependence on foreign, fossil-based transportation fuels according to the Renewable Fuels Association (RFA), Growth Energy and the National Corn Growers Association (NCGA), which issued a joint statement expressing disappointment with the court's ruling.

"We disagree with the court's decision to reject EPA's move to expand the RVP waiver to include E15, a decision that could deprive American drivers of lower-carbon options at the pump and would result in more carbon in the atmosphere," the statement reads, in part. "We are pursuing all available options and will work with the administration and our congressional champions to ensure that we have a solution in place before the 2022 driving season."

The controversy began in June 2019 when, after finding E15 to be substantially similar to E10 certification fuel, EPA extended a volatility waiver to the fuel additive, effectively allowing for the sale of E15 fuels year-round. After oil refiners filed a lawsuit challenging the move, the three-judge D.C. Court of Appeals ruled last week that EPA exceeded its authority when allowing sales all year.

The ensuing onslaught of objections to the reversal included statements from agricultural leaders in corn growing states, along with lawmakers in support of farmers and renewable fuel options for American motorists.

"The Circuit Court decision on E15 is a huge blow to Illinois farmers and continued demand growth for ethanol-blended fuels across the nation," said Richard Guebirt Jr., Illinois Farm Bureau president. "Ethanol provides tremendous value to American consumers to help offset carbon emissions through cleaner, homegrown fuel options."

"The Illinois Corn Growers Association (ICGA) is very disappointed in this Circuit Court decision because it will slow the growth and opportunity for E15 and that means reduced market opportunity for Illinois corn farmers," added Randy DeSutter, ICGA president. "This decision will also have a huge impact for everyone else in our world, farmer and non-farmer alike."

The Wall Street Journal reported that the D.C. court's ruling leaves the ethanol lobby with little to show from four years of advocacy by the Trump administration. "It fully throws out a deal that the Trump administration had framed as its compromise between refiners and farmers, two big Republican allies that have long fought over feder-

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Above: Farmers have been busy in the wheat fields between bouts of rain. Photo by Leondia Walchle

Poison hemlock, wild parsnip flourishing

By **Doug Graves**
Ohio Correspondent

CINCINNATI, Ohio – Spring rains are a blessing for any farmer. But as the moisture subsides producers are faced with a resurgence of unwanted poison hemlock and wild parsnip in and around their fields. Weeks of rain have spurred these unwanted plants to spread rampantly in Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky and throughout the Farm World readership area.

"Unfortunately, poison hemlock and wild parsnip are becoming more common throughout Ohio and many other states in the upper Midwest as well as states in the eastern U.S.," said Joe Boggs, an assistant professor for The Ohio State University Extension. Boggs is an assistant professor in extension who specializes in trees, shrubs, non-native invasive pests and urban forestry.

"Worse, owing to the lack of awareness or poor management practices, these dangerous non-native weeds are increasingly being found growing in close proximity to people, which increases their risks to human health," Boggs added.

Boggs said the trajectory over the last 15 years shows the appearance of both plants has been on a constant rise. Often the two are seen growing together.

"We all know to look for poison ivy, now we need

to look for these weeds, too," Boggs said. "Poison hemlock can kill you if you ingest the toxins, while wild parsnip may make you wish you were dead. Wild parsnip affects you on the outside, so you end up with almost a second-degree sunburn."

Poison hemlock was imported into the United States as an ornamental in the late 1800s from Europe, West Asia and North Africa. Rogue plants remained relatively rare until around 30 years ago.

Poison hemlock is a biennial, meaning it takes two years to complete its biological lifecycle. The plant is hard to identify during its first year. It flow-

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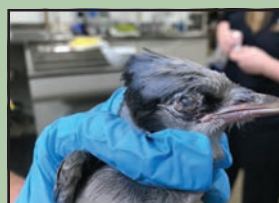


Above: Enticing to look at, but all parts of poison hemlock should be considered dangerous, including the leaves, stems and seeds," said Joe Boggs, an assistant professor for The Ohio State University OSU Extension. (Joe Boggs photo)



Above: While parsnips are not considered as bad as hemlock, handling the stems and foliage can cause a skin rash if the skin is exposed to sunlight after handling. (Joe Boggs photo)

Below: This flowering plant, resembling an upturned umbrella, produces a sap that reacts violently with skin after exposure to sunlight, causing blisters, burns and potentially blindness. (Joe Boggs photo)



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Purdue team strives to help farmers, families deal with stress

By Michele F. Mihaljevich
Indiana Correspondent

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. - Members of the Purdue Extension Farm Stress Team know it can be difficult to initiate a conversation with a farmer dealing with a significant amount of stress. Those conversations are necessary, team members said, to possibly save a life.

"As a human race, we're not prone to conflict," explained Abby Heidenreich, Orange County extension director and agriculture and natural resources extension educator. "As a neighbor, you don't want to add to the stress. But that's the risk you have to take. Even if (talking to them) does tick them off, the more they think about it, the more they may realize they have a problem. Suicide is just too high a price to pay for not saying something."

It can be stressful for farmers who are asked about their mental health and for those asking the questions, noted Elysia Rodgers, DeKalb County extension director and agriculture and natural resources extension educator. "People under stress usually don't process as well as expected. Take it slow, take it easy. Be sensitive - it is hard to have that conversation. Don't make promises you can't or won't keep. Tell them you can see the current situation is hard for them and ask what kind of changes they would like to see. Ask what you can do to help them. Tell them you recognize they are hurting."

Heidenreich and Rodgers are two of 17 active stress team members in the state. The original team of 12 was formed in early 2019 after the group attended a training workshop offered by Michigan State University. The team has extension educators in both agriculture and natural resources and health and human sciences.

Team members received training at Michigan State in two programs, Rodgers said. One - Communicating with Farmers Under Stress - is geared toward those who interact regularly with farmers, including family members, veterinarians, bankers and those in seed, feed and semen sales. The second - Weathering the Storm in Agriculture: How to Cultivate a Productive Mindset - takes an in-depth look at the signs and symptoms of chronic stress. Since it began, the Purdue team has shared the programs with about 1,550 people.

"We've come light years in even the last five years in discussing mental health," Rodgers said. "We all know about it but it's taking the

next step and talking about it with those who may need help."

The isolation of farming contributes to stress for producers, Heidenreich said. In addition, they must deal with volatile commodity markets, weather, equipment breakdowns and financial issues, she said. "So many of these things are out of their control. That can lead to a feeling of helplessness when you can't control anything."

There is also a lot of physical risk in farming, Rodgers added. "There are opportunities to be killed or injured. Working with livestock - you just never know what an animal can do. Just driving a tractor down the road can be a concern. You often hear of farmers being run off the road."

The Purdue website (<https://extension.purdue.edu/farmstress/>) offers tips and resources for farmers and those around them. Included on the page is a link to a podcast (Tools for Today's Farmer) the team started last fall. The page also has links to farm stress information from other universities across the country.

The podcasts - generally two a month posted on Mondays - were started to help those who might feel uncomfortable sharing their concerns and problems in front of others, Heidenreich said. "During our in-person programming, we saw farmers and rural community members who didn't want to volunteer their experiences with stress. No one wanted to be the first person to talk. Once someone did, others often shared they felt the same thing. The podcast allows us to have conversations with those who have dealt with stress. Farmers can listen while they're in the cab or doing chores. They may be able to glean some help and hope without sharing information."

Past guests have included Matt Painter, Purdue's head basketball coach; Ted McKinney, former under secretary of agriculture for trade and foreign agricultural affairs; and Zippy Duvall, president of the American Farm Bureau Federation.

"It all comes back to how they've dealt with stress," Heidenreich pointed out. "We're opening those conversations of mental health in agricultural and rural communities and pulling back that stigma of mental health. Everyone deals with it. You can spiral very quickly and things can get out of control. The driving message of our podcast is that they're not alone in dealing with stress."

Warning signs of stress include changes in behavior, such as an outgoing person normally active in the

community participating less, Rodgers said. They may seem off, sad or down. They may go from one extreme to another, she said, as they sometimes might not sleep at all and other times, sleep all the time.

Farmers under stress may not keep up their homesteads as well as they did in the past, Rodgers stated. "If you see a lot more weeds, machinery in the yard starting to rust or livestock not kept up as well as they normally are, those could be signs. If the kids, who normally do well in school, are acting out or their grades

are dropping, those could be signs."

Whether someone will readily accept help depends on the person, she said. "There are a lot of people out there with a lot of different personalities. Some will deny it, saying there's nothing wrong. Others will be grateful to have the recognition they may have a problem."

Michigan State's farm stress program was created a few years ago after the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development

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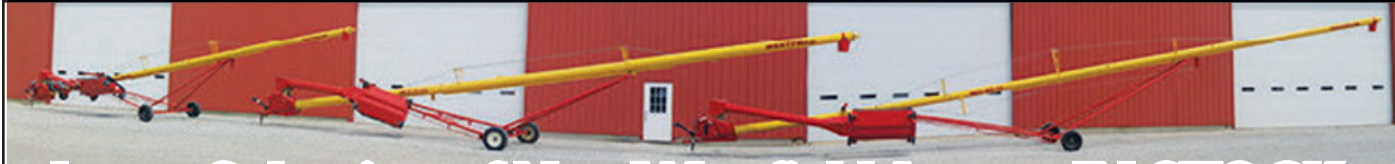
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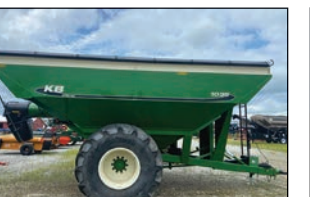
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Stress

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reached out to extension about the increase in suicides in the farming community, said Eric Karbowski, Michigan State behavioral health extension educator focusing on farm stress. Since its inception, the program has trained more than 100 extension educators nationwide.

In addition to the Communicating with Farmers Under Stress and Weathering the Storm in Agriculture programs,

MSU offers the Rural Resilience program, a three-unit, self-paced course, he said. The course offers instruction on managing stress, communicating with stressed farmers and suicide awareness.

Michigan State has also started a teletherapy pilot project which offers access to therapists via telehealth, he said. The therapists involved with the program have an agricultural connection. To view MSU's farm stress page, including a link to the teletherapy project, visit https://www.canr.msu.edu/managing_farm_stress/.

Before approaching a farmer who

appears to be stressed, people should think about why they're concerned, Karbowski explained. "Are they (farmers) having thoughts of suicide? Are they writing or talking about death? Are they feeling hopeless, trapped or like they're a burden? Are they giving away prized possessions? Are they saying goodbye to people?"

"You can ask them if they're having thoughts of suicide. Asking that doesn't increase the likelihood they will do it. Ask open-ended questions. Don't over-commit yourself. Realize what you can and can't do. Follow through is

huge."

As for initiating a conversation, he said it's important to reduce the stigma of the word suicide. "Just saying the word can be very thought-provoking. Practice saying the word. There may be a lack of comfort in talking with someone. Tell them you've noticed this, this and this and ask them what's going on. It's important that farmers know there are people who support them just as they support us."

The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline is 800-273-8255 or text HELLO to 741741 for the Crisis Text Line.

Poison Hemlock

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ers in its second year. The first year it's a small rosette 6-8 inches tall. The second year, it bolts and that's when it can get 6 feet tall.

"All parts of poison hemlock should be considered dangerous, including the leaves, stems and seeds," Boggs said. "The roots are the most toxic part. The plant's toxins can enter the human body through rubbing an eye or nose. Poison hemlock doesn't cause skin blistering on contact. People sometimes eat the roots of wild carrot, called, Queen Anne's lace, which bears a striking resemblance to poison hemlock."

Parsnips have been cultivated as a root crop in Europe for centuries, perhaps millennia. It is theorized that the wild parsnip plants in Ohio represent "escapes" from cultivated types brought to North America from Europe and a "reversion" back to a wild type.

Wild parsnip is a biennial/perennial herb. The plant typically can grow up to 4 feet tall in an average year. It is common throughout the northern United States and southern Canada.

"Don't be so quick to cut down the wild parsnip. If you do mow it, if you do

cut it off, you need to make absolutely certain that you are protected against the sap," Boggs said. "There have been reports of people using weed eaters, using clippers and things of this nature, and have gotten sap on their legs and on their arms and then ended up in the hospital."

The biggest warning, Boggs said, is there are no signs of either weed slowing their growth in the Farm World readership area. "Bottom line is they produce a lot of seed, so you can go from one plant to hundreds of plants in a very short period of time," he said.

Livestock producers should beware of poison hemlock, too.

"Of the two, poison hemlock poses a real danger to livestock," said Dr. Michelle Arnold, associate professor and ruminant veterinarian at the University of Kentucky. "Poison hemlock is toxic to a wide variety of animals, including cattle, sheep, goats, pigs, horses, birds and wildlife. Cattle will not eat wild parsnip but deer may feed on it, and birds and small mammals eat the seeds.

"Although cattle seldom eat hemlock, they will if no other forage is available, or if is incorporated in hay or silage. A common question is how much do cattle need to eat to kill them? Unfortunately, experts say, the answer is not clear-cut."

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Commodity rationing continues

Rationing has been a primary factor in price discovery all marketing year. It is quite likely we will see this continue well into the next marketing year as well. Demand on old crop inventory has faded as new crop bushels out of South America become available, but global importers are questioning how long these countries will be reliable sources given ongoing production issues. As a result, the United States is already seeing record new crop demand on corn, soybeans and wheat. If any yield loss is suspected in the United States this year, we could see demand climb even higher. We may need to see even higher new crop values to restrict demand, primarily for exports.



MARKET ANALYSIS
By Karl Setzer

Ethanol corn use for the month of May totaled 447.56 million bu (mbu). This was a 9.6 percent increase from April and well above the usage from May 2020. Yearly ethanol consumption of corn now totals 3.73 billion bu (bbu). To meet the yearly USDA projections, ethanol demand will need to average 442 mbu per month. The ability to achieve this volume depends heavily upon ethanol margins over the next few months as well as how many plants still need to shut down for annual maintenance.

Crush data for soybeans has been released with a May usage number of 173.48 mbu. This was up 3.65 mbu from April, but a 3.4 percent decrease from May 2020. Cumulative crush for the year now stands at 1.64 bbu. To reach the yearly projected total set by the USDA, crush needs to average 193.6 mbu for the next three months.

Export data for the month of May was also released. Corn exports for the month totaled a record 333.78 mbu to put yearly loadings at 2.15 bbu. Soybean loadings in May totaled 46.5 mbu to bring the yearly total to 2.23 bbu. For the remainder of the year, the United States needs to load out 44 mbu of soybeans and 700 mbu of corn to reach yearly projections. Wheat exports ended the marketing year at 991.4 mbu, 6.4 mbu above the USDA projection.

Trade is starting to show more interest in the new crop stocks to use projections. In the latest USDA report, new crop stocks to use was projected at 9.2 percent on corn and 3.5 percent on soybeans. Given the tighter old crop reserves than expected in the quarterly stocks and lower plantings totals, these ratios may tighten in future balance sheets. Given the fact we are already at rationing levels this will continue to give us price

support. We are also seeing more interest in how the global market reacts to these tight stocks to use forecasts. Analysts believe that if the global market is concerned with tight ending stocks, they will want to book coverage as soon as possible before values rally. The United States already has record new crop sales on the books however, so a portion of this may have already happened. The most interest in this scenario is on China who is known for basing purchases off values as much as need.

Old crop export sales have slowed in recent weeks, but cumulative bookings are still well ahead of last year for corn and soybeans. At the present time the United States has 2.73 bbu of corn sold, a 64 percent increase from last year. Soybean sales currently total 2.27 bbu, a 38 percent increase year to year. The marketing year just started on wheat with sales at 235 million bu, an 8 percent decrease on the year.

When it comes to new crop exports the most interest remains on China. China has been an active buyer of new crop corn and soybeans and leads in U.S. sales. At the present time the United States has confirmed sales of 460 mbu of corn and 150.5 mbu of soybeans for the 2021/22 marketing year to China. There are also sales in the unknown category that are believed to be to China as well. A concern with these totals is that sales to others may not be enough to reach yearly estimates if China stops buying.

These worries were amplified when the U.S. attaché in China lowered yearly corn imports to 20 million metric tons

(mmt) from the current USDA forecast of 26 mmt. The attaché is using a lower figure than the USDA as they feel the large domestic corn crop in China will reduce the need for imports. Given the fact China has already secured 12 mmt of corn from the United States and another 6 mmt from Ukraine, additional purchases may be limited.

We are seeing more debate in the market over the impact of recent weather on crop potential with a well-defined difference in opinion. Nearly one-third of the U.S. corn and soybean production region is suffering from drought conditions at this time. While this is not ideal, some crop analysts claim no yield has been lost. They feel that if rains develop by the end of June, we can still see trend yields. While this may be true, trade is closely monitoring any factor that may reduce yields and further tighten new crop balance sheets.

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al mandates for adding corn-based, or 'renewable fuel,' to gasoline," according to the Journal.

Republican and Democrat lawmakers who supported the 2019 court ruling, including Iowa's Chuck Grassley, took to Twitter and other social media outlets to post their shock and outrage at the reversal. "Trump made (the) right decision to allow E15 year round which gave consumers (a) choice at the pump if they want to use E15 or not. Higher blend ethanol is better for (the) environment. I won't stop fighting for biofuels parity against Big Oil," Grassley tweeted.

"I am deeply disappointed by the D.C. Circuit Court's ruling today to roll back the previous administration's expansion of the RVP waiver for E15," said Rep. Adrian Smith (R-NE), who in 2019 introduced legislation intended to clarify EPA's authority to provide a RVP waiver for E15 by requiring the agency to do so. "It defies logic that the EPA could not use its statutory authority to provide a waiver for E10, but not provide one for E15, which has a lower PSI than E10."

Rep. Joni Ernst (R-IA) added: "Today's decision by the DC Circuit Court is yet another disappointment to Iowa's hardworking farmers and biofuel producers."

The reversal is the second blow issued to the renewable fuels industry since June 25, when the Supreme Court ruled that small refineries should have the right to obtain exemptions from minimum blend requirements established by Congress through the Renewable Fuels Standard Act. As for the July 2 reversal, Growth Energy, the RFA and NCGA believe the action could reduce summertime E15

sales by as much as 90 percent in non-reformulated gasoline areas if those markets were to disappear.

University of Illinois agricultural economist Scott Irwin agreed the ruling would likely inflict long term impacts on the renewable fuels industry. He issued a warning regarding E15's future: "I think it is important to keep some perspective on the market impact of this ruling. It is really about the potential for future growth of E15 rather than a big hit on current demand for ethanol in the form of E15."

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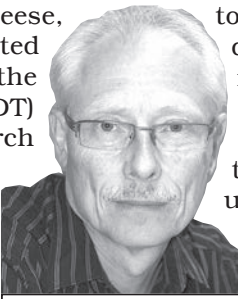


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Buttermilk powder led losses for big GDT drop seen this month

Sharp declines in cheese, powder, and butter resulted in the biggest drop in the Global Dairy Trade's (GDT) weighted average since March 16. The July 6 average fell 3.6%, following a 1.3% slip on June 15, and the sixth consecutive loss. Traders brought 53.5 million pounds of product to market, up from 47.4 million in the last event, and the largest since March 16. The average winning price was \$3,924, down from \$4,083, lowest since February 16, and HighGround Dairy points out the session had the fewest bidding rounds since March 7, 2017.



MIELKE MARKET WEEKLY
By Lee Mielke

The losses were led by buttermilk powder, down 9.8%. GDT Cheddar was down 9.2%, following a 0.2% gain on June 15. Skim milk powder and whole milk powder were down 7.0% and 3.0% respectively, after skim milk powder fell 1.7% in the last event and whole milk powder was down 1.8%. Anhydrous milkfat was off 0.9%, after it inched up 0.6% last time.

StoneX Dairy Group says the GDT 80% butterfat butter price equates to \$1.9728 per pound U.S., down 6.8 cents from the last event, and compares to CME butter which closed Friday at \$1.6750. GDT Cheddar, at \$1.7913, was down 17.2 cents, and compares to Friday's CME block Cheddar at \$1.7250. GDT skim milk powder averaged \$1.4182 per pound, down from \$1.5222, or 10.4 cents. Whole milk powder averaged \$1.7525 per pound, down from \$1.8128 or 6 cents. CME Grade A nonfat dry milk closed Friday at \$1.25 per pound.

U.S. dairy exports have been strong, which is good news considering how U.S. milk production keeps rising. The U.S., Mexico, Canada Free Trade Agreement however has resulted in some friction between the U.S. and Canada.

You'll recall May milk production totaled 19.85 billion pounds, up a hefty 4.6% from May 2020, according to USDA's preliminary data. The latest Dairy Products report shows where that milk ended up, though StoneX Dairy reminds us that milk production last May was down from the previous year, as co-ops and milk buyers put incentives into place

to limit output which led to big drops in butter and nonfat dry milk production. That was not the case this year.

May cheese production totaled 1.156 billion pounds, up 1.8% from April and a bearish 5.0% above may 2020. Year to date (YTD) cheese output hit 5.6 billion pounds, up 4.0% from the same period in 2020.

Butter churns produced 185.4 million pounds of butter, up 1.5 million pounds or 0.9% from the April volume which was revised down 1.3 million pounds, but was up 13.1 million pounds or 7.6% above a year ago. YTD butter climbed to 964.2 million pounds, still down 3.5% from 2020.

Yogurt output totaled 388.7 million pounds, up 4.2% from a year ago, with YTD at 2.0 billion, up 5.4%.

Dry whey totaled 77.7 million pounds, up 3 million pounds or 4.1% from April, but 6.4 million pounds or 7.6% below a year ago. YTD dry whey was at 391.4 million pounds, down 3.6%.

Dry whey stocks crept up to 66.5 million pounds, 6.3 million or 10.4% more than April but 19.7 million or 22.9% below those a year ago.

Nonfat dry milk output climbed to 205.3 million pounds, up 11 million pounds or 5.7% from April, and 48.1 million or 30.6% above a year ago. YTD production was at 980.5 million pounds, up 9.9% from 2020.

Skim milk powder production fell to 35.7 million pounds, down 11.3 million pounds or 24.0% from April and 21 million pounds or 37.0% below a year ago. YTD skim milk powder, at 189.9 million pounds, was down 22.2% from 2020.

Dairy product prices started July with cheese climbing and powder, whey, and butter dropping. The holiday-shortened week saw the Cheddar blocks climb to \$1.7250 per pound despite the downfall at the GDT, up 17 cents on the week and the highest since May 13, but were priced \$1.19 below a year ago.

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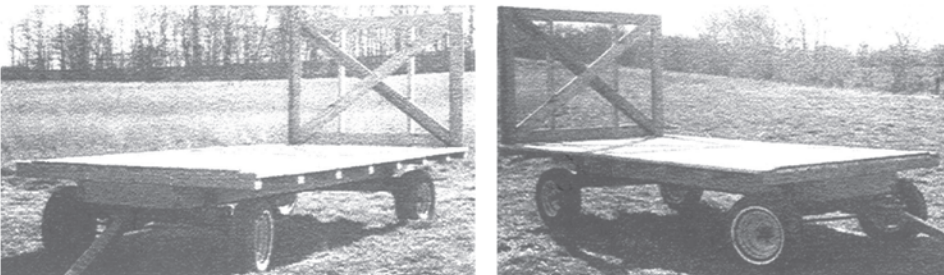
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homes on the week at the CME and 30 of barrel.

StoneX stated in its July 8 Early Morning Update; "It is possible that exports done 4-8 weeks ago and not yet accounted for in data was stronger than expected. But because of the shipping issues faced this year, it's possible that some of the cheese held in storage in second quarter was spoken for by international buyers but unable to get shipped in a timely manner. Only time will tell."

Midwest cheese producers tell Dairy Market News that milk availability is "sloppy." Discounts remain steep on spot milk, thus plants are running busy schedules. Cheese demand is "somewhat busy" and inventories are tighter. Some plants were running six or seven day schedules and still unable to fulfill extra orders. Cheddar, processed cheese, and curd demand was strong and market tones are getting a lift, as well. Labor shortages in upper Midwest plants however have become a concern and have begun to affect output, says DMN.

Butter plant managers are beginning to report a tighter cream market is upon them. Cream is still available at similar multiples to the previous week but not at the same volume. Butter demand is at seasonal expectations. Retail is unchanged but somewhat slow. Food service is much better than a year ago but varies week to week. Market tones are "quiet," says DMN.

Grade A nonfat dry milk fell to \$1.2250 per pound Thursday, lowest since April 16, but closed Friday at \$1.25, 0.75 cents lower on the week but 23.50 cents above a year ago, with 3 sales reported on the week.

Dry whey fell to 48.75 cents per pound Thursday, lowest CME price since January 6, but closed Friday at 50.75 cents per pound, 4.25 cents lower on the week but 22 cents above a year ago. There were 4 sales for the short week.

A year ago, the whey had dropped below 30 cents per pound but the July 8 Daily Dairy Report (DDR) points out that "Bargain pricing and the world's growing appetite for protein quickly lifted whey out of the doldrums."

It set a record 70.25 cents per pound on April 20 but quickly retreated and held in the mid-60 cent range. The DDR suggests domestic demand will likely perk up with the lower prices but if it doesn't, "whey values could contribute much less to second-half Class III prices than they did in the first six months of the

year."

Dairy margins deteriorated further the last half of June as continued weakness in milk prices combined with renewed strength in feed markets to pressure forward profitability, according to the latest Margin Watch (MW) from Chicago-based Commodity & Ingredient Hedging LLC.

"A combination of bearish Milk Production and Cold Storage reports weighed on milk prices," the MW explained. "USDA pegged May Milk output at a record high 19.85 billion pounds, up 4.6% from last year and 4.2% higher than 2019 given all the Covid-19 disruptions at this time a year ago. The May dairy cow herd at 9.505 million head was up 5,000 from April and 145,000 higher than last year and the largest year over-year gain since 2008. The dairy herd is also the highest it has been since 1994, with April's herd size revised up by 26,000 cows as well."

"Cold Storage stocks are growing also as increased foodservice demand is not keeping pace with the sharper rise in milk production," according to the MW. "USDA reported cheese inventories at the end of May totaled 1.465 billion pounds, up 16.6 million pounds or 1.1% from April and butter inventories of 401.8 million pounds were up 15.6 million pounds or 4.1% from the prior month and the first time that butter stocks have eclipsed 400 million pounds in May since 1993."

"On the feed side of the margin equation, USDA released the updated acreage and Quarterly Stocks reports, both which were considered bullish for the corn and soybean meal markets," the MW warned. "Corn acreage at 92.69 million was up 1.55 million from the March Intentions at 91.14 million but below the average expectation of a 2.64 million acre increase. June 1 corn stocks, of 4.112 billion bushels, were 92 million below the average expectation although both within the range of estimates. The soybean figures likewise had a bullish skew relative to industry estimates," the MW concluded.

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'My Wife's Gardens,' revisited

Yup, it happened again. A few weeks ago my wife was driving our lawn-mower tractor and pulling a cart piled high with weeds and tree branches when the tractor ran out of gas. She was getting her Japanese gardens ready for another year of exotic plants and flowers.



FARM & RANCH LIFE
By Dr. Rosmann

The tractor had sputtered to a stop in the middle of the driveway to our farmstead. Marilyn interrupted me as I was entering the back door to our house.

I was tired from planting and weeding in my vegetable gardens when she announced, "I think the tractor is out of gas. You've got to get it out of the way so people can drive up our lane."

I remembered a Farm and Ranch Life column I wrote a few years ago entitled "My Wife's Gardens." I reminded Marilyn of the article. It got worse for me after mentioning this and a few other things that husbands shouldn't say.

Our driveway from the gravel road to our farmyard is 250 ft. long and 20 ft. wide. The tractor and cart were parked in the middle of the driveway well beyond our house, for which I was thankful but didn't dare admit to Marilyn. The previous time the tractor ran out of gas, she left it and the cart in the farthest corner of our farmstead.

I harrumphed a bit to myself but I must have been loud enough for her to hear me grumbling. Sensing my mood, Marilyn demanded emphatically, "You're not writing about this, are you?"

Okay, so this column didn't pass the usual Marilyn test. I continue.

My recollection of husbandly obligations improved after Marilyn's remind-

ers about other important matters, like keeping our farm equipment in good working condition. I found a plastic container in the machine shed that had gas in it and poured as much as I could into the tractor's empty fuel tank.

I tried starting the lawn tractor. We both heard the ominous clicks of a run-down battery. Marilyn had not turned the key off af-

ter the tractor stopped earlier. "Now what?"

I got my Jeep out of the garage and drove it alongside the lawn tractor. I attached battery cables from my Jeep to the garden tractor. When Marilyn turned the key on, lo and behold, the engine started immediately.

Not so fast in drawing any conclusions! After five minutes of reviving the battery, the tractor engine stopped. Marilyn said the tractor was out of gas again. She was right when I checked the fuel tank.

I inspected the fuel container I had used and its spout that is supposed to allow fuel to flow when a release button is pressed. The release button didn't work properly; it caused me consternations several times previously.

"That stupid, (followed by a less socially acceptable expletive), fuel release is the worst invention ever created," I trumpeted. I removed the defective fuel spout and poured gasoline directly into the tank, spilling some.

Meanwhile, dark clouds and not-so-distant thunder were mounting to our northwest, signaling an approaching thunderstorm with predicted 50 mph

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Dry spring may mean smaller Lake Erie algae bloom outbreak

TOLEDO, Ohio (AP) – The toxic blob of algae that turns western Lake Erie a ghastly shade of green each summer and threatens drinking water and fish should be on the smaller side again this year following another dry spring, scientists have predicted.

Researchers expect this will be the first time in more than a decade that the shallowest of the Great Lakes will see back-to-back years of relatively mild algae blooms. But they caution that it's not a sign the lake is turning the corner just yet.

That's because they say the rosy outlook this year is mainly due to the lack of heavy rains that typically wash phosphorus-laden livestock manure and chemical fertilizers off farm fields and into the lake where it feeds the algae.

"While this is good news, the concentration of phosphorus still remains the same as recent years," said Rick Stumpf, an oceanographer with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). "Until we begin to see reductions in the concentration of phosphorus, the next year with above-average rainfall will have a more severe bloom."

Ohio's leaders have been under pressure to combat the blooms since algae toxins in 2014 left more than 400,000 people around Toledo unable to drink their tap water. Up until now, little progress has been made.

Republican Gov. Mike DeWine is betting on cleaning the lake through an ambitious 10-year plan offering farmers financial incentives to adopt new agriculture practices and creating a network of wetlands to capture and filter runoff from fields.

But those efforts are just getting started. The approach is being watched closely by states struggling with an increasing number of algae outbreaks. Some environmental groups are skeptical, but others that have been at odds with the farming industry are hopeful.

The forecast for this summer released by NOAA predicts the bloom will come in at 3 on its severity index – a mild reading

on par with last year. Anything above 5 indicates a severe bloom.

The algae outbreaks have become more frequent and severe since 2008. But if this summer's forecast holds true, three of the last four years will be below a 5 on the ratings scale.

During that time, farmers have been planting more cover crops and using new methods to reduce fertilizer runoff, said Jordan Hoewischer, director of water quality and research for Ohio Farm Bureau. "It doesn't make sense to give all the credit to the weather on years when there is a smaller bloom and put all the blame on the farmers if there is a big bloom" he said.

The blooms contain blue-green algae or cyanobacteria, which can produce a liver toxin called microcystin that is harmful to people and can be fatal to animals, including dogs. Even in years when there are smaller blooms, they can still produce dangerous toxins.

NOAA and other U.S. and Canadian agencies have set a goal of reducing the Lake Erie bloom to a 3 on the index. Ohio, Michigan and the Canadian province of Ontario also have pledged to reduce runoff of phosphorus by 40 percent by 2025 from the 2015 amount.

Measurements this year in the Maumee River, which carries much of the farm runoff from Ohio and Indiana into the lake, show that there are still high concentrations of phosphorus, said Laura Johnson, director of the National Center for Water Quality Research at Heidelberg University in Ohio.

The big difference, she said, is it has been very dry, which has greatly reduced the amount of water flowing in the river.

Until significant and consistent reductions in phosphorus amounts are made in the agricultural heavy Maumee River watershed, the blooms will continue to be a problem, said Don Scavia, a professor emeritus at the University of Michigan and a member of the forecast team. "We cannot just cross our fingers and hope that drier weather will keep us safe," he said.

Clafin hired as assistant professor of agriscience education at Ohio State

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Dr. Kellie Clafin has joined the Department of Agricultural Communication, Education, and Leadership (ACEL) at The Ohio State University. She is an assistant professor in agriscience education.

"We are thrilled to welcome Dr.

Clafin to our agriscience education faculty at Ohio State," said Dr. Shannon Washburn, professor and chair of ACEL. "Her experiences as an educator will be beneficial to the continual growth of our undergraduate and graduate programming and development of future

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Scherer honored with Golden Owl Award as top ag educator

By Doug Graves
Ohio Correspondent

INDIANAPOLIS - Tri-County High School agriculture teacher Travis Scherer has given his heart and soul to his students the past 19 years. And his dedication hasn't gone unnoticed.

Last month, Scherer was presented with Nationwide's Golden Owl Award as the top ag educator in Indiana for 2021. Scherer was honored at the Indiana FFA State Convention in Indianapolis.

Nationwide established the Golden Owl Award in 2018 to honor teachers and support them with additional resources to assist their continued educational efforts in preparing the next generation for successful agricultural careers. This marks the first time the award was given in Indiana.

"It marks the first time that Indiana conducted the Golden Owl Award and it's just awesome that myself and Haley Verhaeghe were among the top eight," Scherer said. "That just says something about our great FFA program here at our school. When it was announced that I had made the top eight I was extremely overwhelmed and very honored."

From Sept. 1-Dec. 31, 2020, students, parents, fellow teachers, community leaders or other supporters nominated their favorite agriculture teacher for the recognition. An established selection committee evaluated each nomination and makes its selection in April.

In March, there were 51 candidates for the honor and by June the number was reduced to just eight. Scherer and Verhaeghe were among the elite eight.

"My teachers in high school were my motivators," Scherer said. "Just seeing their work in and outside the classroom made an impression on me."

Scherer studied ag education at Purdue University and earned his Master's degree in youth development in ag education. "At Purdue, I was a teacher's as-

sistant for the biology department and that re-affirmed my thought of becoming an ag teacher," Scherer said.

Scherer has been teaching 20 years, 19 of those ag-related. There were 150 students at Tri-County High engaged in ag classroom studies this past school year.

"I am as enthused about teaching agriculture today as I was when I started 19 years ago," Scherer said. "The National Association of Agriculture Educators (NAAE) has a creed statement that claims we're an ag teacher by choice and not by chance. I think I choose everyday to be an ag teacher."

Other Hoosier ag educators in the top eight were Amy Beer (Northwood High School, Nappanee), Dale Griffin (Rossville High School, Rossville), Mike A. Jones (Adams Central High School, Monroe), Tori McCreary (Mooreville High School, Mooreville), Gave Nobbe (Connersville High School, Connersville) and Erin Padgett (South Ripley High School, Versailles).

Each of the eight nominees received \$500 and an engraved plaque. Grand prize winners like Scherer receive the coveted Golden Owl trophy and \$3,000 is awarded to the school's FFA ag program.

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Above: Travis Scherer arline: Tri-County High School ag educator Travis Scherer was presented the Golden Owl Award last month at the Indiana FFA Convention in Indianapolis. (photo submitted)

York and Pennsylvania, Nationwide collected nearly 1,700 nominations from students, parents, community leaders and fellow teachers to identify educators who go above-and-beyond in helping their students pursue their passions.

"Our agriculture teachers are inno-

ating every day to help students build important leadership and life skills for their future," said Dr. Katie Jenner, Indiana secretary of education. "It's critical that we continue to support these important career-centered programs, their educators and their students."

Clafin

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educators and leaders."

In this new role within the department, Clafin will hold a 65% teaching, 25% research and 10% extension position. She will be responsible for teaching face-to-face and online courses that support agriscience education students and graduate courses that serve students across the ACEL M.S. and Ph.D. curricula and represent the department in creating, with Ohio Team Ag Ed, a focused statewide plan for professional development opportunities targeting school-based agriscience education teachers.

"It's a great honor to join the faculty in the Department of Agricultural Communication, Education, and Leadership at The Ohio State University," said Clafin. "I can't wait to connect with the students at Ohio State, agriscience educators across the state of Ohio, and faculty and staff both in Columbus and Wooster."

Clafin received a bachelor of science in agricultural education from the University of Wisconsin-River Falls and master of science and doctorate degrees in agricultural education from Oregon State University. She taught middle and high school agriscience for five years in Wisconsin and most recently served as an assistant professor at Virginia Tech in the Department of Agricultural, Leadership, and Community Education.

The agriscience education program at Ohio State prepares its students to acquire a license to teach agricultural science in middle and high schools in Ohio and across the country, with extensive training in agricultural science, educational psychology, instructional methods, and youth development.

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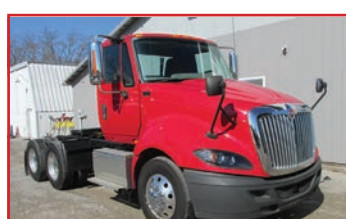
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Force feeding plant-based food to school children?

Schools have long been a battleground for special interests, such as animal rights and radical environmental groups, to attempt to influence young minds. Now plant-based foods interests are working to make their products mainstream in schools, and some lawmakers want to use tax dollars to help. While there is nothing wrong with offering plant-based foods in schools as an option, to have the government mandate change and back it up with taxpayer dollars is bad policy. Plant-based foods are the hottest thing in the food sector today; and billions of dollars are being invested into the companies that produce plant-based products. These products are very popular with younger consumers already, so a federal program to force feed students is not needed.

Reps. Nydia M. Velázquez (D-N.Y.) and Jamaal Bowman, Ed.D (D-N.Y.) have introduced the Healthy Future Students and Earth Pilot Program Act. "This bill would create a voluntary grant program for school districts to help schools provide healthier, climate friendly, and culturally appropriate plant-based entrée options to students." The measure "will invest in the health of our children and help combat climate change by funding plant-based entrées in schools across the country. I'm proud to champion legislation that would deliver food justice for all and build a greener, healthier future for our kids," Velázquez said. According to the authors of the bill, plant-based foods are better for kids and better for the environment than animal-based foods are. "This bill will not only improve the health of our children, but also help in the fight against climate change. Research has shown animal-based foods tend to be more carbon-intensive than plant-based foods. The bill would



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foster the development and accessibility to climate friendly food options in schools." While the release that announced the legislation did not document any of the research it referenced, it was also full of quotes degrading the food produced by our agricultural industry.

If this is how plant-based foods are going to be presented to school children, then this program seems to be nothing more than taxpayer funded propaganda. The facts are that agriculture and, in particular, the livestock sector are a very small contributor to greenhouse gases. Electricity production pumps seven times more GHG into the atmosphere than cows do. Row crop agriculture sequesters far more carbon than almost any other industry. Students should not be made to feel guilty by consuming animal-based food products. While plant based foods have some nutritional benefits, they are also highly processed and contain very high levels of sodium.

This is not the first time social do-gooders have attempted to wrest control of the school lunch menu. Remember several years ago, when the Secretary of Agriculture imposed new mandates removing many meat and dairy options in favor of "healthier" choices? Parents and nutritionists pushed back and the mandates were removed by Congress. This time, climate change and social justice are being added to the specious health claims as justification for the program.

American agriculture needs to push back against this kind of culinary dictatorship. The assertion that plant-based foods are better for people and better for the planet is a myth which should be exposed. We should not let critics denigrate the food we produce, and the scientifically safe and sustainable methods we use.

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winds and possible hail, but also prospects for much needed precipitation.

We got the tractor started just in time and Marilyn drove it to our machine shed for shelter while I parked my Jeep in our garage. Together, we shut the machine shed doors securely. "Whew!"

Laboriously, I galumphed to our house and hunkered down in my upstairs office. A quarter inch of rain fell gently and refreshed gardens and crops, but not me sufficiently.

Still mad, I professed a half hour later that I had acted nobly to help Marilyn. She reminded me that I was responsible for purchasing fuel for our garden tractor and tools.

"Oops."

I remembered the comments of a University of Iowa colleague, who said that she loved the original story of "My Wife's Gardens." She liked my use of the word "galumph" to describe my ponderous walking style and surly mood after I started the lawn tractor when it ran out of gas while Marilyn was driving it.

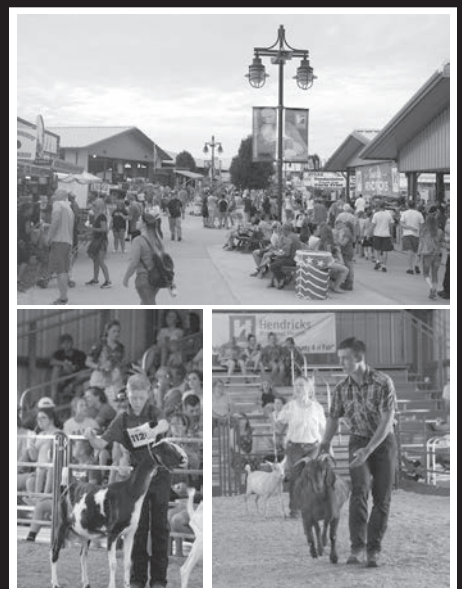
As I considered these matters I figured, "I'm an even pithier curmudgeon now. I galumph mostly because I have worn-out knees and hips. Perhaps I'm also a little bit grumpier. I'm definitely more seasoned."

My out-of-sorts mood shifted to recognition that our household needs electrically-powered implements. This idea has become a life-saver for me because Marilyn totally agrees. Perhaps it's a solution to many of America's environmental concerns about energy use and climate change, but I'm not celebrating yet.

The relationship between Marilyn and me goes on, and happily so. This is our 49th year of marriage. I wouldn't have it any other way; I know she agrees.

I hope Marilyn also agrees that I deserve a passing grade on "the Marilyn test" that I rely on before publishing this column. I need approval, and sometimes a few corrections, especially when I galumph.

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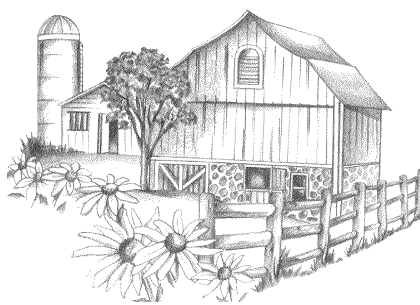
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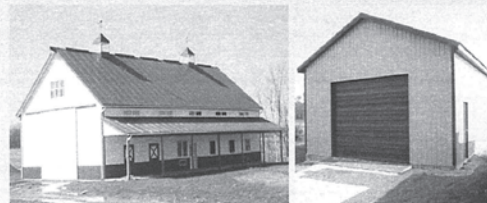


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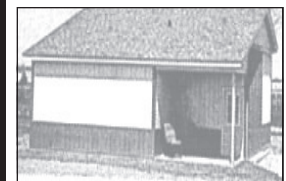
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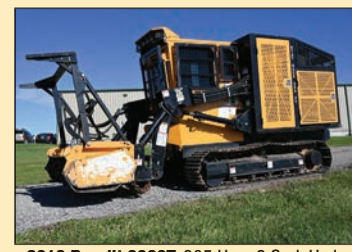
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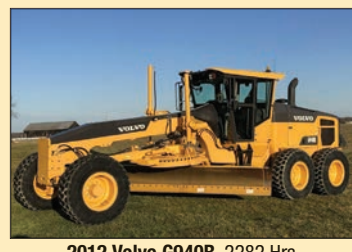
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Songbird deaths have not affected chickens; but biosecurity is needed

By Michele F. Mihaljevich
Indiana Correspondent

COLUMBUS, Ohio – Songbird deaths have been reported in at least 10 states and the District of Columbia, and officials are trying to determine what's killing them.

Dead and sick songbirds had been found in Kentucky, Indiana and Ohio as of press time. Other states reporting dead and sick birds were Delaware, Florida, Maryland, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Virginia and West Virginia.

Songbirds such as blue jays, American robins, common grackles, starlings, northern cardinals and brown-headed cowbirds have been affected, according to various state departments of natural resources. Symptoms include eye swelling, crusty discharge around the eyes, the inability to stand, ataxia (falling to the side) and other neurological signs.

Testing has ruled out avian influenza, West Nile Virus, Salmonella and several other viruses, the Indiana Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) said. Other diagnostic tests are ongoing, the agency added.

In Ohio, dead or sick songbirds had been found in about a dozen counties, said Laura Kearns, wildlife biologist with the Ohio DNR's Division of Wildlife. Kearns said she first heard about the situation in the state in late May or early June.

"The most frustrating part is not knowing what is causing it," she

noted. "We want to do what's in the best interest of the birds. Some people are frustrated by the recommendation to take down bird feeders. That's the best thing we have right now. It's frustrating not being able to say, 'just do this.' We're just guessing right now."

Departments of natural resources in several states have recommended removing bird feeders, including those for hummingbirds, until the situation is over. They've also suggested removing birdbaths. Feeders and baths should be cleaned with a 10 percent bleach solution and put away after allowed to air dry. Pets should be kept away from sick or dead birds. Disposable gloves are recommended when handling the birds.

"Asking people to remove bird feeders was more of a precaution," Kearns explained. "If you don't know (what it is), you assume it could be some kind of infectious disease. Keeping birds from congregating is one way to slow it down if it is transmissible."

Birds will find other sources of food if feeders are removed, said Allisyn Gillet, IDNR state ornithologist.

"There are abundant food resources available to birds at this time of the year, including insects, berries, nectar and seeds," she stated. "Birds will shift to those available food sources when feeding is stopped."

The Ohio Department of Agriculture has reached out to the poultry industry in the state to increase awareness, biosecurity and preparedness for potential impacts, said Dr. Dennis



Above: Songbirds such as this blue jay have become sick or died in several states in recent months. Photo by Stormy Gibson, Ohio Wildlife Center.

Summers, the state veterinarian and interim chief of animal health.

"The state veterinarian's office is aware of this issue in wild birds," Summers said in an email. "At this time, there is no conclusive diagnosis being reported and we are communicating with ODNR on their testing efforts and findings. As these are wild birds, we have been communicating with concerned citizens and directing them to ODNR."

The Indiana State Board of Animal Health (BOAH) has recommended that hobby flock owners take steps to protect their poultry. Without specific information on the cause of the deaths and sicknesses, the agency

said, poultry owners are encouraged to protect their domestic flocks from potential exposure to wild birds.

"We always recommend good biosecurity for small flocks," Dr. Bret D. Marsh, Indiana state veterinarian, said in a press release. "When something unknown and unforeseen like this happens is when keeping flocks secure really pays off."

BOAH recommended keeping poultry in a fenced space and contained to the coop or barn at night. Chickens shouldn't be fed outdoors where wild birds may also feed. Feed pans and waterers should be cleaned and sanitized.

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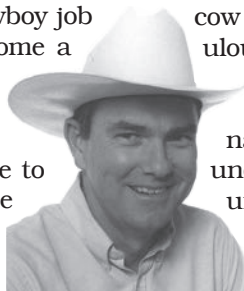
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My photographic memory

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It's THE PITTS
By Lee Pitts

You could say that I have a photographic memory... and the memories are all bad. My least favorite part of the job was going to stock shows, watching the judging and taking photos of the winners hoping to sell ads afterwards featuring the photos I took. Invariably I ended up having to borrow decent photos from fellow road agents because my pictures never turned out. I eventually quit because I couldn't see spending my life waiting for some bull to get his back straight, his ears forward and his back legs positioned so you could see his gearbox, so to speak.

When I started in the business in 1973, the favorite flavor was long and tall, so when I'd go to a breeder's place to take photos I'd lay on the ground looking up at the bull to make him appear taller. It was an extremely dangerous job because I could lay in a red ant hole or fresh cow pie and if a bull got snuffy after I'd chased him around for 45 minutes waiting for him to set his feet right, I was in an especially vulnerable position laying there on the ground. I finally decided that if I was going to get run over by bulls for a living I might as well become a rancher, or a rodeo clown and become semi-famous for something.

I still have nightmares of my worst photographic memory. Now, you must understand that the dream of all good

cow photographers is to take a fabulous shot of a really popular bull.

You may have noticed that the great photographers put their names in their photos directly under, how should I say this, right under the bull's sheath. (I never put my name on any photos because with my luck the bull would appear to be peeing all over my good name.) Because I lived in the same proximity I frequently had the honor to take photos of perhaps the greatest Hereford bull in America at the time. If I ever did get a good shot my name would be in every livestock newspaper in the land. The bull was affectionately called "Lerch" by his owner, I suppose because he looked like he was put together by a committee. Lerch may have been ugly but he produced fabulous offspring including Denver Grand Champions.

Lerch used to enjoy toying with me for hours on end. It takes two and sometimes three people to get a good bovine photo. Besides the photographer there's the hazer who walks behind the bull trying to get him to set his legs right, and the third specialist shakes a can of rocks so the bull will put both ears forward. (There's nothing as ugly as a bull or horse with one ear back.) On the rare occasions when Lerch would get his feet set properly he'd put an ear back, or vice versa. I was excited once after a photo session with Lerch thinking I got THE PHOTO, so I rushed home and waited for the photos to come back from the drugstore. The photo was a crime against photography. The feet were just right, the ears were forward but there was a big power pole shooting right up the middle of him from the ground up that made him look like a bull popsicle, or Lerchsicle, as the case may be.

Lerch never did get tired of the game or attempt to run me over. In fact, we became the best of friends. Perhaps it was fitting then that to the best of my knowledge no one ever took a decent photo of Lerch... or of myself for that matter.

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Songbirds

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The suggestions for hobby flock owners have been made out of an abundance of caution, said Denise Derrer, BOAH communications director. There have been no reports of any cases in poultry species, she noted.

As for commercial flock owners, "keeping wild birds out of contact with poultry is a normal course of business for those operations," Derrer explained in an email. "Deterring wildlife is an important part of biosecurity. Birds in commercial flocks are not typically exposed to outdoor conditions like small, hobby flock birds are. So, at this point, we don't have particular concerns about the mysterious issue with songbirds affecting our commercial poultry sector."

In Indiana, more than 280 cases of dead or sick songbirds have been reported in more than 50 counties, Gillet said earlier this month. She said the number of reported cases is likely low and the actual number could be in the hundreds or near 1,000.

A July 2 update from the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources said the agency had received about 250 reports of dead or sick songbirds it believed are related to the unexplained illness.

Testing is being done at several locations, including the Indiana Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory and the U.S. Geological Survey's National Wildlife Health Center, Gillet said.

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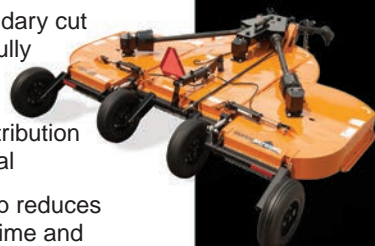
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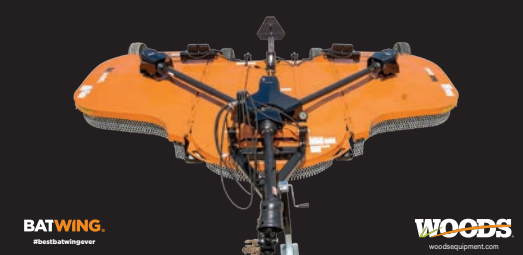
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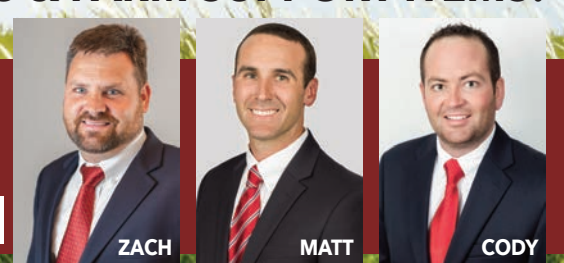
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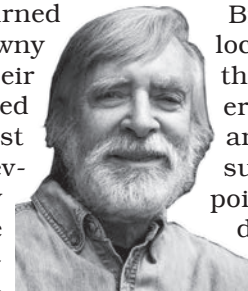
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The Canada thistles turned brown in the heat. The downy seeds blew loose from their flower heads and drifted across the old fields, a first emblem of the summer's inevitable passing. Small, warty seed pods appeared on some milkweed plants, while others were still in flower. - David Rains Wallace



POOR WILL'S ALMANACK
By Bill Felker

Big red seedpods hang from locust branches. Throughout the whole country, more flowers are in bloom now than at any other time of year. Late summer's white snakeroot, poisonous to livestock, is budding in the woods. Blueberries darken and sweeten.

Milkweed beetles look for milkweed flowers; giant cecropia moths emerge. The first monarch butterfly caterpillars eat the carrot tops.

The Moon and Stars

The Buzzing Cicada Moon waxes throughout the period, entering its second quarter on July 17 at 5:11 a.m. Rising in the afternoon and setting after midnight, this moon passes overhead in the evening (its most favorable position for angling when the barometer is dropping before the July 21 cool front).

The Corona Borealis, the horse-shoe-shaped configuration that moves above this region in early summer, finally shifts to the west, signaling a shift toward autumn. Lanky Hercules replaces it; Cygnus, Aquila and Lyra approach from the east.

Weather Trends

The period between July 13-15 brought cooler conditions in the 70s 25 percent of the years, with the 13th sometimes brings a high just in the 60s. Nighttime lows typically remain in the 60s, but chilly 50s occur an average of 15 percent of the time. On the other hand, highs above 100 are more likely to occur on July 15 and 16 than any other days of the Midwestern year.

Zeitgebers

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Leaf miners may be turning the locust leaves brown by this date.

A slight turning of the leaves is visible in some of the redbuds, Virginia creepers, box elders and buckeyes. Foliage of Japanese honeysuckle and the multiflora roses is yellowing.

Summer Countdown

Just another week until blackberry season. Two weeks until ragweed starts to flower, three weeks until fireflies stop flickering, a month until the first Judas maples turn and goldenrod comes in, five weeks to corn silage cutting and the end of the oats harvest, six weeks to tobacco cutting time and puffball mushroom time, seven weeks to grape harvest, eight weeks until acorns, buckeyes, and Osage fruits fall, nine weeks until the corn and soybean harvest and the sowing of winter wheat, 10 weeks until the beginning of Middle Fall.

Mind and Body

The S.A.D. Index, which measures seasonal stress on a scale from 1 to 100, falls into the relatively gentle 20s this week, but Dog Day weather continues to challenge those who stay indoors too much and become susceptible to summer cabin fever.

In the Field and Garden

The peak period of heat stress has usually begun now for summer crops, and high temperatures turn some pasture grasses dormant.

Although this is typically the driest time of July, sometimes rains can cause soybean root rot and leaf yellowing. San Jose scale and flathead

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Poor Will

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borers are active on flowering fruit trees. In woodlots and towns, walnut caterpillars assault walnut trees.

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Half of the second crop of alfalfa has usually been cut by now - along with almost half the wheat. The first of the oats is typically ripe. One in twenty soybeans could be flowering. The summer potato harvest brings up the potatoes. Cucumber pickle and green pepper picking and packing peaks. Japanese beetles reach major levels in the soybeans.

Almanack Classics A Lesson Learned from Mules By Lois Newman, Seaman, Ohio

Mules had never been a part of my life until the summer a tractor-trailer rolled into our Ohio barnyard to bring cattle from a Montana ranch. That truck was one of a fleet that wove back and forth across the country to pick up and deliver livestock. At stops, the animals were fed, watered and rested.

A group of mules was on board one of the trucks. Although they frisked about and kicked up their heels, the driver told us they had grown old at the Grand Canyon and were on their way to be wagon mules in Georgia. It seemed unfair that those skilled, reliable animals were going to a menial job instead of being allowed to rest in a pasture their last days.

My husband and I had grown old together caring for the family, the farm and each other. Then he became sick and died. My job was gone. Family and friends checked on me and met all my needs, but I felt useless. Finally I realized that life comes in a series of stages, each with its own role to play, and although my role had changed, I could still do something.

I planted seeds in the yard and had goodies to give away. I had always read a lot but now I had time to study. My grandson helped me enroll in a college class and took me with him. I began writing items and stories and had some published.

I was asked to speak at church functions and to school groups. I

wrote long letters to cousins and friends and became closer to them.

Then I made my first trip to the Grand Canyon and saw those famous mules so aptly designed with sinewy strength and tiny feet and the intelligence to trek into that great abyss and safely bring their cargo back to the rim.

I began to question. Is one task more noble than another? I'm still lonely. I miss my husband and the old busy life, but I can touch lives and perhaps make some of them better. The mules and I have grown old, but happiness seems to come from usefulness. I hope those creatures in Georgia are still sending out their raucous hee-haws and kicking up their heels. We are all in this together.

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Dotterer Dairy opens farm for tour and recipe box for baking

For more than 30 years, our local dairy service unit has hosted an annual dairy twilight tour. Well, it didn't happen last year, for obvious reasons, so this year, it is happening and people are excited. I jokingly tell people that everyone should be on some type of a tour about every five years because you get stuff picked up, cleaned up, spruced up and painted up. Landscaping gets done, driveways get graveled, and walls get washed and whitewashed.

This year the tour is scheduled for July 20 from 5 to 9 p.m. and is hosted by RMD Dairy Ltd located at 10052 Easton Road, Rittman, Ohio. RMD Dairy is owned and operated by Richard, Mark and Matthew Dotterer and families. The Dotterers have 600 cows and 550 replacements. They farm 2,000 acres with other family members working as Dotterer Brothers. In 1995, the current milking parlor was constructed and the free stall barn was built in 2000. But in 2015, the farm took a different direction as they began construction on a facility to house six robotic milking units. The first milking in the completed robot barn was in January 2018 and in June of this year, two more robots went online.

During the twilight tour visitors will have a chance to tour the farm, meet the Dotterer family, visit with more than 30 vendors and thanks to the generous support from the sponsors, meal tickets will be available for a variety of food trucks. Milk, cheese, and ice cream will also be available. The event is free and open to the public.

As the Dotterers are opening up their farm, Mrs. Dotterer opened her recipe box to share a few family favorites. Breakfast burritos are a favorite of the milkers, as they make a quick and hearty snack. The monster cookies and chocolate chip cookies are family favorites and also earned praise from Mark Dotterer's teammates when he took them to football practice. Mark added the cookies are particularly good with a cold glass of milk. So until next time, simply cook.



Breakfast Burritos

1 pound of sausage, browned and drained
Mix together
12 eggs
6 tablespoons milk
½ cup salsa (optional)
2 cups cheddar cheese
20-24 flour tortillas
Scramble eggs, stir in sausage and cheese. Warm tortillas in microwave to soften until flexible. Place ½ cup egg mixture into the tortillas. Roll up the tortillas and place on a greased cookie sheet. Bake at 350 degrees for 10 minutes.

You can also wrap them in foil and freeze for a quick snack during busy times. If you are using frozen burritos, remove them from the freezer and wrap them in a paper towel and microwave for 1 minute. (Mrs. Dotterer says she keeps a supply of breakfast burritos in the farm freezer for a quick snack for their farm employees.)

Breakfast Sandwiches

12 Bagels
18 eggs
¾ cup milk
1 teaspoon salt
Pepper to taste
18 slices of bacon, fried, drained and cut in half
12 slices of American cheese

Butter spread
1 stick butter, melted
1 tablespoon spicy mustard
1 teaspoon poppy seeds
1 teaspoon onion powder
1 ½ teaspoon Worcestershire sauce

Mix eggs, milk, salt and pepper, thoroughly. In a large (10 x 15 inch)

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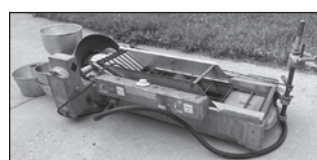
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