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**Above:** Harvest was in high gear last week on Nidlinger Farms as they race to beat the rainy weekend forecast. Nidlinger Farms Incorporated is a sixth-generation family farm located in Northeastern Indiana and Northwestern Ohio. Photo by Leondia Walchle

# National farm groups ask Supreme Court to review Proposition 12 challenge

By DOUG SCHMITZ lowa Correspondent

DES MOINES, Iowa – On Sept. 27, the National Pork Producers Council and the American Farm Bureau Federation petitioned the U.S. Supreme Court to review the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit's decision to uphold California's Proposition 12.

Under Proposition 12, new standards of specific farm animal confinement would be established, and the sale of eggs, veal, and pork products would be banned in California from hogs that don't meet what the two national farm groups called California's 'arbitrary' production standards.

"We're asking the Supreme Court to consider the constitutionality of one state imposing regulations that reach far outside its borders, and stifle interstate and international commerce," said Jen Sorenson, National Pork Producers Council president. "In this case, arbitrary animal housing standards that lack any scientific, technical or agricultural basis, and that will only inflict harm on U.S. hog farmers."

According to the Commerce 10 Clause of the U.S. Constitution, "the government of a state or a unit of local government within a state shall not impose a standard or condition on the production or manufacture of any agricultural products sold or offered for sale in interstate commerce if the production or manufacture occurs in another state."

"Supporters of Proposition 12 claimed it would improve animal welfare and food safety," said Zippy Duvall, American Farm Bureau Federation president. "The law fails

to address either of those issues. Farmers know the best way to care for their animals. This law takes away the flexibility to ensure hogs are raised in a safe environment, while driving up the cost of providing food for America's families.

"Small family farms well beyond California's borders will be hit hardest as they are forced to make expensive and unnecessary changes to their operations," he added. "This will lead to more consolidation in the pork industry and higher prices at the grocery store, meaning every family in America will ultimately pay the price for Prop 12."

In July, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit ruled against the National Pork Producers Council and the American Farm Bureau Federation in their challenge to Proposition 12.

In a unanimous decision, the Ninth Circuit affirmed the dismissal of the groups' challenge to the law, claiming the law "correctly regulates in-state and out-of-state actions in the same way."

As a result, beginning Jan. 1, 2022, Proposition 12 will prohibit the sale of pork from hogs whose mothers (sows) were raised – anywhere in the world – in pens that do not comply with California's 'highly prescriptive housing standards.'

To continue selling pork to the 40 million consumers who live in California, which represents about 15 percent of the U.S. pork market, the national farm groups said U.S. pork producers would need to switch to alternative sow housing systems.

In addition, the groups said industry esti-

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# KY Maple Syrup Association hoping to tap new interest

By Stan Maddux Indiana Correspondent

LEXINGTON, Ky. – The Kentucky Maple Syrup Association is teaming up with the University of Kentucky on a series of workshops to try to increase the number of taps in a state where production of bourbon is king.

The Kentucky Center for Agriculture and Rural Development is also partnering in the effort.

Jacob Muller, a professor for the Department of Forestry and Natural Resources at the University of Kentucky, said the idea is not for the state to become one of the big boys in the maple syrup industry.

It's to educate landowners about the economic and quality of life opportunities from pulling and boiling down sugar water so they become producers and care about the health of their forests.

Muller said a vast majority of forests in the state are privately owned and often passed down for generations.

Interest in maintaining the forests is sometimes lost and they get overrun by invasive species along with sick trees. "We have a lot of woodlands that are in pretty rough shape," he said.

The first Zoom workshop on Sept. 14 was to learn about the maple syrup industry in Kentucky and some of the trends nationwide regarding demand. How to tap and make syrup was also part of the instruction. The season in Kentucky runes from late December to early February.

The next Zoom workshop is Oct. 14 and will focus on things like how to select a sugar bush, tubing, reverse osmosis and marketing syrup.

Davis Family Farms in Greensburg will host a tour on Oct. 23 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. (CDT). Participants may visit a sugar bush and sugar house to experience tapping practices up close. Visitors will also hear what inspired the family to get into the industry and learn how syrup fits into their overall farming operation.

The workshop series will conclude Nov. 6 with classes on value-added products to boost profits from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Kentucky Maple School in the Letcher County Extension office.

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**Below:** Ron Felty (left) and his brother, Randy, (right) are makers of maple syrup in Kentucky, which is looking to grow the industry in the







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### 2021 had high net farm income; it is expected to drop for 2022

By Michele F. Mihaljevich **Indiana Correspondent** 

WASHINGTON, D.C. - After a strong 2021, net farm income is projected to drop next year, as higher input costs cut into earnings.

The Food & Agricultural Policy Research Institute (FAPRI) at the University of Missouri has estimated net farm income for this year to be \$122 billion, which would be the highest level since 2013. For 2022, FAPRI has projected net farm income will decline by \$23 billion. Net farm income for 2020 was \$94.6 billion.

"Relative to 2020, a sharp increase in receipts from sales of crop and livestock products (in 2021) more than offsets the impact of higher production expenses and reduced government payments," FAPRI said in a report released last month.

As for next year, the report said, "Projected market prices for several crops peak in the 2021/2022 marketing year. As a result, feed grain and oilseed market receipts decline after 2021, but remain well above the levels of 2020. In contrast, receipts for cattle, dairy and poultry all continue to increase each year. Hog receipts jump in 2021 with sharply higher barrow and gilt prices and then fall back in 2022 as prices moderate."

Under current U.S. policies, FAPRI said farm income could drop in 2022, as government payments decline and production expenses continue to rise.

Government payments to farmers are expected to drop from \$29 billion in calendar year 2021 to \$6 billion in 2022, FAPRI said. The 2021 net farm income estimate includes about \$18 billion from pandemic-related programs. The 2022 projection assumes no more pandemic-related assistance.

The USDA's Economic Research Service (ERS) has estimated 2021 net farm income at \$113 billion, 20 percent above its 2000-2020 average of \$93.9 billion when prior years are adjusted for inflation.

FAPRI and ERS estimates are similar for 2021 livestock sector receipts, government payments and production expenses, FAPRI said, but the institute estimates higher receipts for corn, sovbeans and other crops.

The USDA won't release its projection for 2022 net farm income until early next year, said Michael Langemeier, a Purdue University professor of agricultural economics.

Net farm income is influenced by yields, crop prices and input prices, with crop prices being the biggest influence, he noted. "There is a managerial aspect to pricing and to yields. Yields are heavily dependent on the weather, crop prices depend on supply and demand. With inputs, farmers don't have a lot of control.

"Farmers should certainly do everything they can to get the crop in the ground at the right time. Try to do the best management job you can. Years like 2021, you're going to hit that home run. You need that year to offset years where you don't hit the average (for net farm income) and your income is less."

Using data gathered from a case farm in west central Indiana, Langemeier said the projected net farm income for a corn/soybean rotation in 2022 is \$110 an acre. It was \$124 in 2020 and is projected to be \$218 in 2021. From 2007-2020, annual average net farm income per acre was \$125.

The case farm numbers mimic what's happening in Indiana and the Corn Belt in general, he said, noting the lack of deviation in yields in the

"In 2022, it looks like (crop) prices will be relatively strong compared to 2014-2019, but the problem is, input prices are up substantially," Langemeier explained. "The break-even price for corn and soybeans is up about 8-10 percent; that's input-price driven."

A year-to-year jump in break-even prices of 8-10 percent doesn't happen often, he said. "We certainly saw that during that 2007-2013 period. At least

"I don't know why anyone would want to live in a state where it's almost impossible to buy bacon," Grassley said. "But California wants to impose such a rule on its residents. Iowa has an abundance of agricultural products to offer, and folks from coast to coast should be able to enjoy them."

Iowa Agriculture Secretary Mike Naig said, "Not only will these unnecessary and heavy-handed regulations severely restrict access to affordable food for consumers, especially those who are food-insecure, they will also significantly increase costs and red tape for producers and small businesses."

one or two or three of those years, you shop around for the best possible pricsaw that increase. We haven't seen anything close to that since 2012-2013. It's not just one or two (input) costs, it's several costs, with fertilizer and cash rents being the biggest two contributing to that."

Indiana's average cash rents increased 3.9-4.6 percent from June 2020 to June 2021, depending on the quality of the farmland, according to the most recent Purdue University Land Value Survey.

Langemeier said farmers should

es on inputs. "Make sure you're getting a good deal," he recommended. "You are going to get sticker shock, especially with fertilizer. Fertilizer is going to be high and will stay high for awhile. Fertilizer tends to be more than just a supply chain problem. Demand is pretty high. Nitrogen, particularly, tends to follow fuel prices, which are up."

Langemeier said it's important to note that liquidity has been building in 2020 and 2021, which will help farmers get through 2022.



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### **Proposition 12**

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mates for converting sow barns or building new ones to meet the Proposition 12 standards are in the billions of dollars, with consumers bearing the ultimate cost through higher pork prices.

On July 29, U.S. Sens. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, and Joni Ernst, R-Iowa, introduced a new bill that would stop California from banning bacon and other pork products that did not meet the Proposition 12 guide-

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### Maple syrup

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Participants will also find out how the Kentucky Center for Agriculture and Rural Development can assist in achieving their goals.

Ron Felty and his brother, Randy, could be examples for other producers to

After retiring six years ago from their full-time jobs, they started with just a few taps but quickly had lines from nearly 100 trees in a 60-acre woods outside Grayson owned by the family since the 1930s.

Their forest contains primarily Red Maple trees, which don't have as much sugar content in the sap.

Ron Felty said they also didn't have a reverse osmosis machine to remove much of the water before it reached their wood fired evaporator. "The next thing you know we were cooking our butts off," he said.

The brothers added an RO and a filtering press the following year and now they're producing about 40 gallons of syrup every season from taps in more than 400 trees.

"We sell every drop of it," he said.

The brothers are also small farm owners raising livestock, hay, watermelons, tomatoes and other products.

Ron Felty said he enjoys making a little money on the side and the whole svrup making process, along with having something to do in the winter.

Felty also said his earnings from making syrup in two years equals what he would receive from planting hardwoods and selling the timber 40 years later.

Fate, perhaps, had something to do with the good cards they were dealt. Their trees are on what used to be pasture that stopped being maintained several decades ago.

Rising later from the overgrown pas-



Above: Ron Felty hauls a sap tank on his land where he makes maple syrup in eastern Kentucky.

ture were maple trees, including some sugar maples.

Muller said maples are the most common trees in the state with an estimated 100 million red and sugar maples combined. Such wealth of maple trees has not resulted in Kentucky being anywhere close to a major producer.

The craft was almost non-existent here until seeing growth in recent years.

Muller said another reason for promoting it is to create products mixing bourbon with maple syrup.

Felty said his best advice for people interested in making syrup in Kentucky is to watch someone doing it.

There's a lot of hills to climb and the ones in Kentucky are steeper than most, if not all, other maple syrup producing states. "We've had people come and wanted to do it. They watched us do it, turned around and said I don't think I can do that," he said.

To learn more about the seminars go to https://ky-maplesyrup.ca.uky.edu/

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### **Storage space appears** more abundant than in 2020

As we work into the fall harvest season, we are seeing more debate on how much storage the United States has available. At the present time it appears storage space will be more abundant than going in to last fall. Heavy country movement to start last marketing year put more grain and MARKET ANALYSIS soybeans directly into the By Karl Setzer supply line rather than being stored. This space

availability may limit basis weakness this fall as buyers will need to keep grain flow from halting.

Trade will closely monitor not only harvest activity, but how much fall tillage follows. Historically an open fall leads to more tillage and can favor corn acreage. Input costs are much higher this year than in recent ones though, and this may temper fall applied fertilizers. Given the need for large acreage of both corn and soybeans this coming year the debate over potential plantings will be a factor all winter.

It is no surprise that we are seeing a shift in commodity market focus from old to new crop. One point that is sticking out is the slow sales pace on new crop soybeans. At the present time the United States has roughly 850 million bu (mbu) of new crop sovbean sales on the books. This is a 450 mbu reduction from what was sold a year ago at this time. Lower Chinese demand and the larger Brazilian soybean crop are the leading factors for the lower sales. Unless this pace picks up soon trade will start to rethink the 2.09 billion bu projected export figure on soybeans for the marketing year.

Adding to these slow sales on soybeans is the likelihood of a narrower window for sales. Soybean planting is well underway in Brazil. This is earlier than last year when farmers in the country waited for rains before planting. It is quite likely that Brazil will have soybeans for export by January of this year, which is why their offerings at that time are currently \$1.00 per bushel under the United States. This may leave the United States with the months of October, November and December to make sizable exports.

What the United States sees for soybean exports will hinge heavily upon China. While China is the world's leading soybean importer, the volume they take may start to decline. This is mainly from reports China is going to see a 5 percent reduction to its hog herd this coming year to help stabilize domestic hog and pork values. This will lead to reduced feed grain demand as well. Pork production in China is forecast to drop 14 percent from the hog reduction, which will open the door for higher pork imports, and possibly beef as well.

This year's drought has impacted more than just crop production. Livestock producers have been culling cattle all year due to poor pastures and high feed costs. Cumulative beef cow culling is up 10 percent this year, making it the second consecutive year of liquidation. The concern with this is what it will mean for long-term U.S. beef production. While this will likely weigh on U.S. feed grain demand, it is also likely the reduction will give additional support to U.S. beef values.

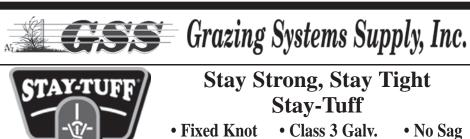
Urban sprawl is a term used to describe the expansion of cities into rural areas. Typically, this is associated with large metropolitan areas of the United States. Other countries in the world are experiencing urban sprawl as well, with China getting more attention. Chinese officials claim that between 2009 and 2019 the

> country lost 6 percent of its arable land due to urban expansion. This is more than the country had expected. We are still seeing larger crops out of China though as farming practices continue

to improve, mainly the use of highergrade inputs and advanced seed genetics.

One factor that has remained constant with this year's crops is high variability. Several regions of the United States have experienced growing than favorable conditions, especially in the Upper Plains and Pacific Northwest. While crop production has been affected in these areas, it is not a total loss. This is raising questions over how much will be zeroed out this year while other regions will only see a slight reduction to yield. There are several other regions of the United States that are reporting quite favorable (Setzer continued on page 6)





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### **Weekly National Sheep Summary** For the Week Ending Friday, October 1, 2021

100-140 lbs

Weekly Trends: Compared to last week slaughter lambs sold mostly 10.00-15.00 lower, except at New Holland, PA where they were 10.00-20.00 higher. Slaughter ewes were mostly 5.00-15.00 lower. Feeder lambs were 20.00-35.00 lower. At San Angelo, TX 6,585 head sold. No sales in Equity Cooperative Auction. In direct trading slaughter ewes and feeder lambs were not tested, 3,079 lamb carcasses traded with no trend due to confidentiality. All sheep sold per hundred weight (CWT) unless specified.

Choice and Prime 2-3: Slaughter Lambs: wooled and shorn 200.00-234.00. San Angelo:

Billings, MT:

New Holland:

Ft. Collins:

Kalona

New Holland, PA: wooled and shorn 100-140 lbs

260.00-285.00, few 290.00-305.00; 150-175 lbs 220.00-245.00. wooled and shorn 100-150 lbs Ft. Collins, CO: 200.00-235.00; 155-185 lbs 207.50-

210.00. wooled and shorn 100-150 lbs 222.50-241.00; 150-170 lbs 235.00-South Dakota:

wooled and shorn 100-150 lbs no Kalona, IA:

wooled and shorn 100-125 lbs no

Missouri: wooled and shorn 120 lbs 240.00. Equity Coop: no sales.

Choice and Prime 1-2: hair 40-60 lbs 320.00-342.00; 60-70 Slaughter Lambs: San Angelo:

lbs 298.00-336.00; 70-80 lbs 260.00-292.00, few 300.00-306.00; 80-90 lbs 240.00-280.00, few 288.00; 90-105 lbs 226.00-248.00. wooled and shorn 98 lbs 220.00. wooled and shorn 50-60 lbs 290.00-

320.00, few 337.00; 60-70 lbs 315.00-320.00, few 350.00; 70-80 lbs 267.00-300.00, few 327.00; 80-90 lbs 275.00-295.00, few 300.00-310.00; 90-100 lbs 270.00-290.00, few 300.00-315.00. hair 45 lbs 265.00; 50-60 lbs 302.00-320.00; 60-70 lbs 300.00-322.00, few 332.00-360.00; 70-80 lbs 260.00-275.00, few 330.00; 80-90 lbs 260.00-290.00; 90-100 lbs 267.00-282.00.

wooled and shorn 80-90 lbs 240.00-260.00; 90-100 lbs 235.00-240.00 hair 80-90 lbs 230.00-235.00; 90-100 lbs 220.00-250.00.

South Dakota: wooled and shorn 80-90 lbs 235.00-240.00; 90-100 lbs 205.00-210.00. hair 89 lbs 210.00; 97 lbs 212.50; 103 lbs 210.00.

Billings: no test.

hair 40-50 lbs 295.00-333.00; 50-60 lbs 270.00-322.50; 60-70 lbs 260.00-310.00; 70-80 lbs 250.00-280.00; 80-90 lbs 250.00-260.00, wooled and shorn 68 lbs 270.00; 88 lbs 225.00; 98 lbs 225.00.

Slaughter Ewes: San Angelo:

Good 3-4 (very fleshy) no test; Good 2-3 (fleshy) 90.00-111.00; Utility and Good 1-3 (medium flesh) 114.00-126.00; Utility 1-2 (thin) 96.00-112.00; Cull and Utility 1-2 (very thin) 84.00-94.00; Cull 1 70.00-88.00. Good 3-4 (very fleshy) no test: Good

New Holland: 2-3 (fleshy) 110.00-170.00; Utility 1-2 (thin) no test; Cull 1 no test.

Ft. Collins:

Kalona:

Missouri:

Ft. Collins:

Good 3-4 (very fleshy) 89.00-110.00; Good 2-3 (fleshy) 73.50-130.00; Utility 1-2 (thin) 71.00-87.00; Cull 1 no

Good 3-4 (very fleshy) 88.00-97.50; Good 2-3 (fleshy) 84.00-125.00; Utility 1-2 (thin) 82.00-115.00; Cull 1 South Dakota:

Good 3-4 (very fleshy) no test; Good

2-3 (fleshy) no test; Utility and Good 1-3 (medium flesh) no test; Utility 1-2 (thin) no test. Good 3-4 (very fleshy) 82.00-86.00; Billings:

Good 2-3 (fleshy) 79.00-85.00, hair 89.00-107.00; Utility 1-2 (thin) 77.00-82.50, hair 97.00; Cull 1 73.00-79.00. Good 3-4 (very fleshy) no test; Good 2-3 (fleshy) 160.00-240.00; Utility and Good 1-3 (medium flesh)

105.00-150.00; Cull and Utility 1-2 (very thin) 75.00.

No sales. Direct Trading: Feeder Lambs: Medium and Large 1-2:

58 lbs 276.00; 60-70 lbs 248.00-276.00; 70-80 lbs 234.00-250.00; 80-90 lbs 226.00-240.00; 90-100 lbs 220.00-226.00; 102 lbs 218.00.

49 lbs 230.00; 50-60 lbs 240.00-250.00; 68 lbs 247.50; 92 lbs 230.00; 105 lbs 235.00; 111 lbs 232.50; 133

lbs 225.00. South Dakota: 40-50 lbs 305.00; 50-60 lbs 285.00-308.00; 60-70 lbs 230.00-291.00;

70-80 lbs 231.00-259.00; 80-90 lbs 221.00-251.00; 90-100 lbs 211.00-221.00; 100-110 lbs 191.00-195.00. Kalona: no test

40-50 lbs 312.50-321.00; 50-60 lbs 310.00-321.00; 60-70 lbs 291.00-300.00; 70-80 lbs 262.00-273.00; 80-90 lbs 252.00-264.50; 90-100 lbs 240.00-255.00, few 260.00; 100-110 lbs 236.50-247.00; 110-120 lbs 228.00- 237.00; 130-140 lbs 218.00-

231.00. no sales

Equity Coop: Replacement Ewes: San Angelo:

Missouri:

Ft. Collins:

Kalona:

South Dakota:

Medium and Large 1-2: yearling hair 105-120 lbs 180.00-200.00/cwt; mixed age hair 85-135 lbs 138.00-167.00/cwt.

yearling hair 180.00/head; young hair 230.00/head; middle age hair

145.00-175.00/head. 220.00-330.00/head; yearlings 220.00-330.00/head; young 170.00-315.00/head; mid-dle age 135.00-240.00/ head; aged

135.00-170.00/head. no test.

yearlings 130 lbs 157.50/cwt; young 250.00-260.00/head; middle age

195.00/head. yearling hair 285.00/head; young

Missouri: hair 220.00-320.00/head; middle age hair 185.00-220.00/head; hair ewes with lambs 270.00-450.00/family.

Sheep and lambs slaughter under federal inspection for the week to date totaled 32,000 compared with 31,000 last week and 35,000 last year.

Source: USDA AMS LPG Market News, San Angelo, Texas Rebecca Sauder, 325-450-4265 www.ams.usda.gov/lpgmn

### Daily Livestock Slaughter Under Federal Inspection

Friday, October 1, 2021 CATTLE

	CATTLE	CALVES	HOGS	SHEEP
Friday 10/01/2021	107,000	1,000	475,000	4,000
Week ago	110,000	1,000	472,000	4,000
Year ago (act)	118,000	2,000	467,000	5,000
Week to date	580,000	6,000	2,361,000	31,000
Same Period Last Week	587,000	6,000	2,341,000	30,000
Same Period Last Year (act)	594,000	8,000	2,399,000	35,000
Saturday 10/02/2021	57,000	0	163,000	1,000
Week ago	54,000	0	237,000	1,000
Year ago (act)	70,000	0	214,000	0
Week to date	637,000	6,000	2,524,000	32,000
Same Period Last Week	641,000	6,000	2,578,000	31,000
Same Period Last Year* (act)	664,000	8,000	2,612,000	35,000
2021 Year to Date	24,970,00	276,000	95,805,000	1,422,000
2020 *Year to Date	24,176,00	339,000	97,555,000	1,433,000
Percent change	3.3%	-18.7%	-1.8%	-0.8%
2021 *Totals subject to revision				

Source: USDA Livestock, Poultry, and Grain Market News Division, St Joseph, MO 816-676-7000 e-mail: stjoe.lpgmn@ams.usda.gov www.ams.usda.gov/mnreports/SJ\_LS710.txt www.ams.usda.gov/market-news/livestock-poultry-grain

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### Probe continues into songbird deaths, illnesses

By Michele F. Mihaljevich **Indiana Correspondent** 

INDIANAPOLIS - Reports of songbird deaths have declined in Indiana, Ohio and Kentucky, but the investigation continues into what caused deaths and illnesses in the birds this summer.

The Indiana Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) said it's possible the cause of the disease may never be known.

"Wildlife disease events often related to several interacting causes consisting of a pathogen, the environment and the health of the host," the agency explained. "The USGS (U.S. Geological Survey) National Wildlife Health Center and other researchers are continuing the investigation with existing samples and data, but unless the event repeats, it is unlikely they will be able to identify a cause in the short-term."

Dead and sick songbirds were reported in at least 10 states and in Washington, D.C. Songbirds such as blue jays, American robins, common grackles, starlings, northern cardinals and brown-headed cowbirds were affected, according to various state departments of natural resources. Symptoms included eye swelling, crusty discharge around the eyes and the inability to stand, IDNR said.

influenza, West Nile virus, Salmonella, Newcastle disease and several other viruses, the agency noted.

Earlier in the summer, Indiana, Ohio and Kentucky officials asked residents to remove bird feeders in an attempt to slow the undetermined illness. With fewer deaths and illnesses reported more recently, the states have said residents may again put out their bird feeders if they don't observe dead or sick birds in their yards.

Hoosiers submitted more than 4,300 reports regarding dead or sick birds, IDNR said last month. Biologists identified more than 750 possible cases in 76 counties in the state, the agency said.

If residents see sick or dead birds after putting up their bird feeders, they should remove them for a period, said Laura Kearns, wildlife biologist with Ohio DNR's Division of Wildlife. "Be vigilant. We still don't really know what caused the disease. Was is something that was transmissible to birds sharing a feeder? We're proceeding forward with caution We still don't know if it's really safe."

Annual variability in the environment could be a factor, she pointed out. "Weather is always doing something different. The amount of precipitation, overall average temperatures, the cold spring, then it got warm and kind of wet. The combination of weather may have had an overall impact (on the birds).'

The cause of the deaths and illnesses is still under investigation, Kearns said. She said she's not surprised researchers haven't determined specifically what was killing and sickening the birds. To explain, she used the example of COVID-19. "(Researchers) knew there was an issue with COVID-19 in December (2019). It took a couple of months to narrow it down. This was human health and it still took a couple of months. But this is wildlife. We don't have the same resources as we do for human health. Because there wasn't evidence it was affecting people, there haven't been

number of storms. We had kind of a additional resources allocated. The big question is, is this going to happen again next year?"

Kentucky's Department of Fish and Wildlife had received 2,300 reports of dying or sick birds since it began taking reports in mid-June, the agency said in its most recent update in August. The number of daily reports had steadily declined since the end of June, according to the update.

To report dead or sick birds in Indiana, https://www.in.gov/dnr/fishand-wildlife/wildlife-resources/ wildlife-diseases-in-indiana/songbirddeaths/. In Ohio, https://ohiodnr. gov/wps/portal/gov/odnr/home/ additional-resources/division-ofwildlife/bird-disease-reporting; Kentucky, https://www.research.net/ r/2021KYSickBirdReports.

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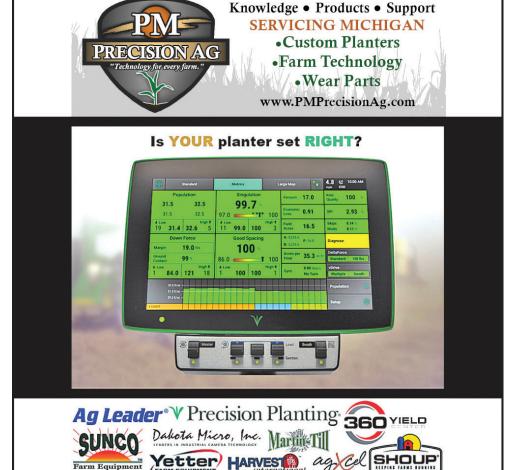
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yield potential, with several claiming they will see record production.

The most uncertainty in the global market is on wheat where countries such as Russia and Brazil claim their wheat crops have been hurt be adverse weather. Canadian officials also believe their wheat production will be slashed this year from drought. Other wheat producers are forecasting larger crops than first predicted though, including Ukraine and Australia. There is little indication these variable crops reports will end in the near future, which is going to keep futures market volatility elevated as well.

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### lapanese beetles invade Washington's Lower Yakima Valley

GRANDVIEW. Wash. (AP) Thousands of invasive Japanese beetles have been caught in the Lower Yakima Valley this summer and pose a threat to the agricultural industry.

Last year, traps across the state caught three beetles. This year, more than 23,500 have been captured since late June, the Yakima Herald-Republic reported. Most were found in the Grandview area but some have made it to Sunnyside, WSDA agricultural aide Nasario Gonzalez said.

"We have no idea where they just came from overnight," Gonzalez said.

Amber Betts, spokesperson for the Washington State Department of Agriculture, said they have tracked the beetle's activity since the 1980s

mostly near a point of entry like an airport. But there is no explanation for the exponential growth in the past

A Grandview resident gave the department a picture from last year of the beetles swarming and destroying her roses. It prompted the department to dramatically expand

and occasionally one would be found. its trapping efforts. Betts said. There are 1,900 traps statewide, most in Grandview.

> Adult beetles will eat more than 300 types of plants, including foliage, roses, grapes and hops - "all the things that make money here," Betts said. If the bugs were to gain a foothold in the area, it could be bad news for local growers, she said.

### Rumors persist about fate of Renewable

**Illinois Correspondent** 

BLOOMINGTON, Ill. — Is the end of the congressionally mandated, federal Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) near? According to farm groups such as the Illinois Farm Bureau, there is a rumor circulating on Capitol Hill regarding an apparent reversal of President Joe Biden's pledge to preserve minimum production requirements for ethanol and biofuels through recommended volume obligations (RVOs) set forth by the RFS, which was established by Congress through the Energy Policy Act in 2005.

The Illinois Farm Bureau issued a statement saying such an action would wipe out billions of gallons of ethanol demand and erode hard-fought markets for Illinois crop producers.

But as of Friday, Oct. 1, Biden's EPA had not said anything. Among those left confused by the EPA's inaction was IFB Director of Legislative Affairs Adam Nielsen.

"We're still waiting for the EPA," Nielsen said. "I think there was a lot of reaction to what had been reported. I was in Washington that week and the EPA and others were having conversations with Capitol Hill, telling them what was coming. We were all warned that it was going to be bad, so we put out (our statement) believing something was imminent. We expected to see something maybe that week."

"Maybe all of the negativity they created is causing them to have to go back to the drawing board, or they're just holding off. My personal speculation is that I am hopeful they are adjusting their intentions," Nielsen

The IFB was not alone in reacting proactively to the rumor. Reps. Cheri Bustos (D-IL), Cindy Axne (D-IA), Angie Craig (D-MN), and Sen. Amy Klobuchar (D-MN) led a letter signed by 11 other congressional Democrats calling on Biden to reject any reduction in biofuel blending requirements and increase biofuels usage.

"Biofuels production is a major piece of the rural economy in our districts, therefore, we strongly urge you to direct your EPA to reconsider the rule to ensure that your Administration makes good on these promises to 'fight for family farmers and revitalize rural economies, by ushering in a new era of biofuels," the letter read, in part.

In addition, the Renewable Fuels Association (RFA) issued a statement on Sept. 28 reading, in part: "As the U.S. EPA prepares to roll out proposed renewable volume obligations for 2021 and 2022, rumors are circulating about massive cuts that will even reach back to 2020s volumes, which were settled back in 2019 and automatically adjusted based on lower volumes during the pandemic. If true, these reduced volumes will be devastating for the ethanol industry and rural significantly reducing greenhouse gas emissions as low-carbon biofuels are replaced by more fossil fuels. In fact, the new, lower volumes, if true, would increase GHG emissions by up to 15.3 million metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalent."

Nielsen joined other state farm bureau leaders in Washington in September to be briefed on policy matters, including renewable fuels, by representatives of the American

America—and slow down the goal of Farm Bureau Federation. He wouldn't offer speculation as to what might be behind the administration's rumored reversal, other than saying it might not be exclusively wrapped around Biden's commitment to electric vehicles. "It could be that they needed to adjust the past volumes in 2020 due to reduced driving during COVID, based on a reduction in demand," he said. "But it does seem like it is unusual for them to go back and try to change 2020 RVOs."



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### Monomoy Girl, champion filly, retires after injury at Churchill Downs

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) – Monomoy Girl, a champion who won the Breeders' Cup Distaff and Eclipse Award as a filly and mare in a stellar racing career, has been retired after sustaining an injury at Churchill Downs.

Spendthrift Farm, part of an ownership group that included My Racehorse and Madaket Stables, announced on its web site that Monomoy Girl was injured while training at the storied track. Trainer Brad Cox said the seven-time Grade 1 winner came back "a little off" on her right front leg following a routine gallop. X-rays revealed a non-displaced fracture of the ses-

Monomoy Girl will not need surgery, Cox added, though the injury ends a dominant racing career featuring 14 wins and three seconds in 17 starts. Her achievements include the 2018 Kentucky Oaks as a 3-year-old and first Distaff victory on the way to winning the Eclipse Award as top filly. She earned \$4,776,818 and just awaits her spot in the Hall of Fame.

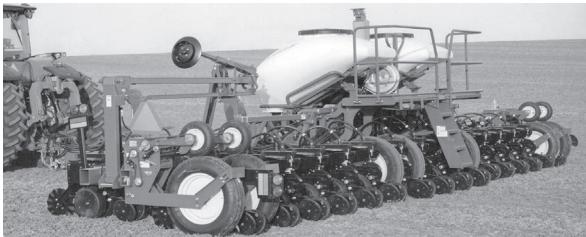
"We knew as a barn we weren't going to do anything with her if she wasn't 100 percent," Cox said in a release from Churchill Downs. "It took us awhile to get her back last year. She's rewarded us in such a big way. She owes us nothing and will always be special to us."

Monomoy Girl will return to Spendthrift Farm in Lexington to become a broodmare, though her breeding plans were not immediately known.

The Kentucky-bred chestnut finished second in her final start in April at Oaklawn Park as a 6-year-old. That ended a six-race winning going back to November 2018 at Churchill Downs, where she won the Breeders' Cup Distaff by a length over

Monomoy Girl missed the next 18 months with an injury before returning to dominate her 5-year-old season, capped last November by a 13/4-length win in the Distaff at Keeneland and second Eclipse Award as top older dirt female.

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### Farmers still have work to do to reduce runoff of field nutrients

By TIM ALEXANDER **Illinois Correspondent** 

BLOOMINGTON, Ill. — The results of the recently released Illinois Nutrient Loss Reduction Strategy (NLRS) Biennial Report, on first glance, do not bode well for Illinois farmers' fledgling efforts to keep field nutrients for the crops and out of public waterways. Since 2019 the publication date of the previous biennial NLRS report — nitrate (N) losses have increased around 13 percent, while phosphorous (P) losses increased by 35 percent above previously established baselines.

But the data released September 16 by the Illinois Department of Agriculture Protection Agency (IEPA) only tell part of the story of the challenges Illinois and Midwest farmers have endured, weather-wise, since the publication of the prior report. The report also highlights continued progress being made to reduce nutrient losses, including unprecedented usage of cover crops, while identifying areas of success upon which to build.

"We knew this report was coming and we were excited about it, but it's kind of old news in that it tells the story of the activity and the water numbers from 2019 and 2020," said Lauren Lurkins, Illinois Farm Bureau director of environmental policy. "Those were two very challenging years."

 $Lurkins\,was\,referring\,to\,2019 \'s\,historic$ rainfall and flooding, which indirectly led to farmers' employment of practices and programs that may positively influence nutrient retention efforts by farmers and ranchers.

"In 2019 farmers were presented with government programs like prevent plant, which many had never used before. Because of the fallout from that black swan-type of year many farmers had the opportunity to use cover crops for the first time, thanks to the money they received from the prevent plant program helping to offset those costs. That learning experience was used to

(IDOA) and Illinois Environmental come up with a cover crop insurance rebate program," Lurkins said.

"2020 presented the challenge of COVID and affected the way people do things in terms of outreach and group settings, with the farm bureau pivoting from doing field days with big events to virtual only. The farm bureau extends kudos to the farmers who kept growing crops and raising livestock, while thinking about the environmental concerns of cleaning up our water quality as our organizations continued to work on it within the larger framework of the NLRS," she added. "We didn't throw in the towel."

Producers can expect the farm bureau to roll out new programs in 2022 that will enhance their efforts to improve water quality in Illinois and downstream to the Gulf of Mexico, according to Lurkins. Meanwhile, the IFB environmental expert pointed to successes noted within the 2021 NLRS Biennial Report:

- IDOA's Partners for Conservation cost-share program helped farmers implement an additional 93,750 acres of cover crops after historic flooding in
- IDOA's Fall Covers for Spring Savings program supported an additional 50,000 acres of cover crops. The 1.4 million acres planted represented a 135 percent increase since 2011.
- Illinois reported a decrease of P usage on 11.2 million acres of cropland compared to 2011.
- Illinois' ag sector spent nearly \$27 million during 2019-2020 in implementing the NLRS.

Developed by the IDOA, IEPA, University of Illinois and a multistakeholder policy working group of partners including federal and state agencies, agricultural organizations, wastewater treatment agencies, nongovernmental organizations industries, the NLRS set a 2025 target for a 25 percent reduction in phosphorus and a 15 percent reduction in nitrates leaving the state via Illinois' major rivers. The ultimate target, as recommended by the U.S. EPA, is a 45 percent reduction in both phosphorus and nitrates. Failure to reach these goals could result in further government regulation of farm management practices.

According to Max Webster, Midwest policy director for American Farmland Trust, the results of the biennial NLRS report should be taken as an opportunity to further identify areas of weakness such as mitigation of field nutrient losses due to major climate events.

"Water flow increased by about 25 percent statewide over the reporting period. In some watersheds, that number grew to be higher than 30 percent. Increased precipitation and more periods of intense rainfall are aspects of climate change that we are already experiencing. Not only does increased water flow complicate nutrient loss reduction work but it also just makes farmers' jobs harder," Webster said, in a blog. "As agricultural fields continue to flood, farmers face the challenge of only having a few good days to plant, manage, and harvest their crops. This puts a big stress on individual farmers as well as the agricultural economy overall. Planning for climate changes and investing in solutions that build resilience over time need to be a key parts of nutrient loss work going forward."

Lurkins sees the report as a nudge to continue the work necessary to allow farmers to get better access to the environmental and conservation practices embraced by the Illinois NLRS, including cross-sector collaborations.

"What we know about these practices is that they can help, but we obviously need to continue the research as we learn more about the changing climate,"

The next biennial report will be published in 2023.



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### Bull captured after 2 months on the run on Long Island

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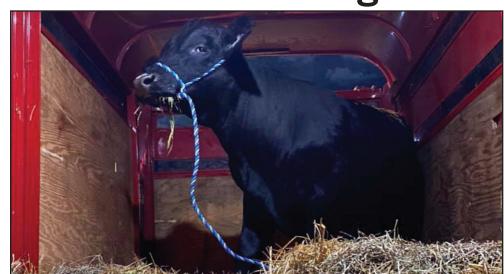
The 1,500-pound (680-kilogram) bull, nicknamed Barney or Barnie, was corralled last month by staff from Skylands Animal Sanctuary and Rescue, Suffolk County SPCA Chief Roy Gross said in a news release.

Photos posted by the animal sanctuary on Facebook showed the bull on a bed of hay inside a trailer. "Look who we found cruising around Long Island," the organization said. "He is one handsome kid."

Suffolk County police used drones and helicopters to help capture the bull, who will live out his days at the Skylands sanctuary in Wantage, N.J., Gross said.

Rescuers had been searching the animal ever since he broke through the fence at a Moriches farm on July 20, but he remained on the lam as residents of the area posted sightings on social media.

"We would like to thank everyone for their support and concern as well as rescue groups who also assisted during this ordeal," Gross said. "Great job of collaboration by all who participated."



### Minnesota governor proposes drought relief for farmers

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) – Gov. Tim Walz has proposed a \$10 million relief package for farmers who suffered losses due to drought across most of Minnesota this summer – a plan that would require a special legislative session to approve.

The Democratic governor's proposal includes \$5 million in rapid response grants for livestock producers and specialty crop growers for costs of water-related equipment such as tanks, pipelines, wells, water wagons and irrigation equipment. It also includes \$5 million for zero-interest disaster recovery loans for losses not covered by insurance.

"They need to make decisions now. They need to know this is going to be there," Walz said during a news conference at a farm near Hastings.

But Walz said he's still insisting that Senate Republicans agree not to fire Health Commissioner Jan Malcolm if he calls lawmakers back for a special session that was already in the works for a \$250 million bonus package for frontline workers in the COVID-19 pandemic. Negotiators from the House Democratic and Senate GOP majorities and the Walz administration missed a Labor Day target for agreeing to which workers are most deserving and how much money they should get.

Republicans so far have not backed off a threat to use the Senate's confirmation powers to oust Malcolm over the administration's pandemic response. Walz called on them to "put the political posturing and things aside" and get both packages done without ousting his health commissioner.

GOP Senate Majority Leader Jeremy Miller, of Winona, was supportive of the drought relief package and said the Senate would work with Agriculture Commissioner Thom Petersen and his team "to find a bipar-

tisan solution to provide support to Minnesota's farmers affected by the drought." But Miller's statement was silent about the health commissioner's fate. Miller had said in a statement that Walz should not tie the frontline worker bonuses to other issues.

Petersen told reporters that live-stock producers have been forced by the severe-to-exceptional drought to make tough decisions about keeping or selling their herds because of poor pasture conditions and high forage costs. He said the proposal won't make farmers whole, but he called it a starting point. He said it's aimed mostly at livestock and specialty crop producers because they don't have the same safety net programs as other farmers.

Petersen said the proposal calls for grants of up to \$5,000, with the first \$1 million reserved for livestock and specialty crop producers until offi-

cials get a better idea of the demand. He said they'd work to ensure that beginning farmers and those who sell at farmers markets get access. He said the \$5 million for loans would replenish an existing fund that currently holds less than \$3 million.

Dan Glessing, vice president of the Minnesota Farm Bureau and a dairy farmer from Waverly, said the challenges are just beginning for many producers. He said the silage he'll feed his cows in the coming months isn't as good as it should be, so he'll have to buy supplements to add protein and energy to their feed.

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# Protection of conserved property expanded in Tennessee

JAMESTOWN, Tenn. (AP) – A non-profit organization and two Tennessee state agencies have expanded protection of conserved property in the Cumberland Plateau by more than 11,700 acres (4,734 hectares).

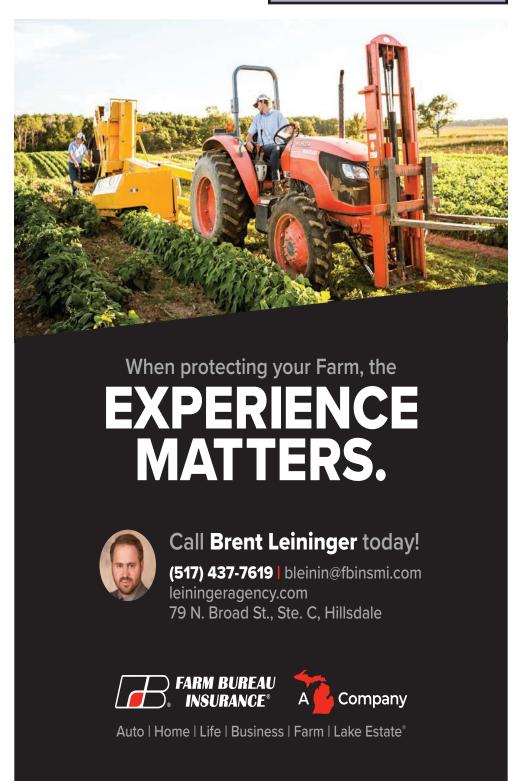
The Conservation Fund, the Tennessee Department of Agriculture Division of Forestry and the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency announced the expansion, completing an effort to conserve more than 14,700 acres (5,948 hectares) in the plateau.

The new property is adjacent to the state's Skinner Mountain Wildlife Management Area and will remain privately owned, the parties said in a news release. The addition will expand recreational access at Skinner Mountain WMA, protect vulnerable wildlife habitat and support local timber jobs, the release said.

The area contains gorges, cliffs and waterfalls near the East Fork Obey River and provides habitat for endangered and threatened species of mussels, migratory songbirds and plants, the release said.

The expansion fully conserves more than 50 caves, including the state's fifth longest. The caves provide winter habitat for Tennessee's most endangered mammal, the Indiana bat, and six additional species of concern, the release said.





# Graziers most common mistake is overgrazing

By Denice Rackley Indiana Correspondent

"Overgrazing pastures is by far the most common mistake made by graziers," said Dr. Greg Brickner, veterinarian and grazing specialist with Organic Valley. "Pasture and livestock health are both impacted by overgrazing on several levels."

While there is no hard and fast rule for pasture management and rotational grazing, making decisions based on the nutritional needs of the animals and the plants results in the greatest benefits for all – animals, soils and plants.

When pastures are overgrazed, by not moving livestock soon enough or entering pastures too soon, we rob

plants of their energy reserves and negatively impact their ability to make energy, Brickner pointed out.

It might have been a few years since you sat in biology class talking about how plants grow; here is a simplified refresher. The roots take up nutrients and water from the soil, the leaves soak up sunlight and take in CO2, then turn that into energy (sugars) within the plant (photosynthesis) and release oxygen into the air. When plants don't have adequate leaf area, they can't turn sunlight into food – for themselves or for those animals that eat plants.

The living leaf area is proportional to the root mass. This means that the larger clumps of grass have more roots. When plants are overgrazed, not only is the leaf mass decreased, their roots die also. This double whammy makes it twice as hard to survive. If the plant does survive, it requires more time to grow back than plants with adequate leaves and roots.

Soil microbiology is also negatively impacted by overgrazing. Dying roots can't contribute to soil life the same way as healthy, living roots. Fewer nutrients are made available to the soil biome. The organisms that depend on roots for their homes are displaced or die. The carbon sequestration activity in plants is also diminished. Compromised root systems can't inject as much atmospheric carbon into the soils

Overgrazing weakens plants, making them more susceptible to heat, drought, floods, insects and other stressors. Without the leaves to provide shade or root systems to hold the soil together, soil temperatures rise, and soils erode from wind and rain. The entire biological system begins to suffer from the cascading impact of overgrazing.

"Matching feed quality to animal's specific needs is where proper pasture management has a positive impact on stock health and our bottom line," Brickner said. "Nutritional needs of livestock vary significantly depending on their stage of life."

Young, growing animals and those that are raising young have the highest nutritional requirements. Animals that are mature or not bred can be maintained on fewer calories. This enables mature open stock to meet their needs by grazing more mature forage. Brickner also pointed out that dairy stock and small ruminants require a higher plane of nutrition than beef cattle.

Animal health is impacted by more than just nutrition. "Intestinal parasites are normal in the livestock biome but an overabundance of parasites can impact animal health. Parasite control comes down to pasture management," Brickner noted.

Livestock that is continually exposed to parasites and is nutritional compromised will be most vulnerable. "Not grazing pastures below 4 inches limits the exposure to parasites."

Allowing rest periods between grazing enables the grass to recover from the previous grazing and can interrupt the parasite life cycle. However, Brickner cautioned, "extended rest periods can lead to mature forage which contains



**Above:** Veterinarian Dr. Greg Brickner uses smalller paddocks and moves animals frequently to avoid over grazing.



**Above:** Graziers should consider the nutrient needs of livestock and the energy needs of plants.

high amounts of fiber but seldom meets growing animals' nutritional needs due to decreased sugar content."

Brickner uses smaller paddocks and moves animals frequently on his own farm, where he lambs out 200 ewes in April. "We time lambing so that pairs hit the surge of spring grass at the end of April. Daily moves ensure fresh grass that contains the most nutrients for the lactating ewes while avoiding removing too much leaf area from grasses and parasite pressure."

Brickner prefers to keep paddocks small and utilize the forage to feed the sheep rather than the soil. "Trampling biomass does serve to mulch soils and can help maintain biodiversity." The quick rotation of livestock distributes their manure, urine, and even saliva more evenly. These moves better serve the soil community by distributing nutrients in readily useable forms.

Keeping forages in a vegetative state by grazing with quick rotations has another added benefit, "actively growing plants with healthy root systems add more carbon to the soil than trampling," Brickner noted.

Brickner said there are two additional pasture and animal health management tools that graziers often overlook: set stocking and stored forages. "Stored forages are a great management tool. Having forages on hand enables producers to adjust to conditions beyond their control." In drought, extended rain events, or unexpected snows, stored forages enable timely decisions that improve both pasture and animal health.

Set stocking can be done successfully without overgrazing, Brickner pointed out. "Set stocking works well when the stocking rate is matched to grass growth. Maintaining 6 inches of growth enables grasses to withstand consistent grazing pressure while avoiding added parasite pressure."

Proper pasture management requires catering to the specific needs of the animals that are grazing. Maturity of forage and leaving sufficient leaf surface to maintain plants' energy reserves and root mass need should be considered when grazing to avoid overgrazing and to optimize pasture health.

By graziers considering the nutritional needs of livestock while keeping in mind the energy needs of plants, a wonderful balance can be achieved where soils, plants and animals all benefit.







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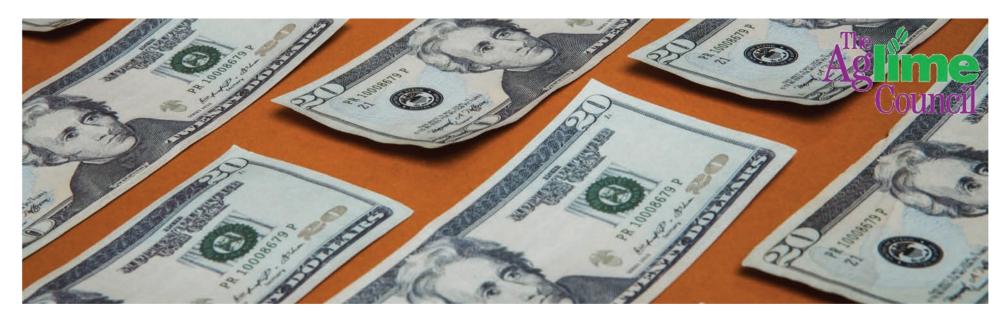
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# Midwest ag leaders encourage buying local

By Celeste Baumgartner Ohio Correspondent

REYNOLDSBURG, Ohio – Midwestern ag leaders recently put together a snappy video encouraging consumers to buy local and support their local farmers markets.

The group of leaders from Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Minnesota, Michigan, Ohio and Wisconsin joined together to share their appreciation for essential agricultural and food workers, who continued to work throughout the pandemic and are a key piece to the fabric of their neighborhoods and communities.

"Our goal is to highlight the many opportunities Ohioans and others have across the nation to buy fresh and to buy local," said Dorothy Pelanda, director of the Ohio Department of Agriculture. "I have learned in conversations with friends and in reading that people really care about fresh local produce and to know where their food is coming from."

Farmers markets provide a great opportunity to forge a connection between the purchaser and the farmer who grew or produced the product, Pelanda said.

"Farmers markets help your community by having those fresh, locally grown vegetables and fruits and flowers right there," said Gary Mc**Right:** Midwestern ag leaders recently put together a snappy video encouraging consumers to buy local and support their local farmers markets and to highlight the many opportunities across the nation to buy fresh and to buy local.

Dowell, director of the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development. "You're helping keep these businesses going and thanking them for all they do every day,"

Speaking in turns, with colorful shots of farmers markets as the background, the ag leaders encouraged people to shop local, thus keeping the money in their community and learning about how food is grown.

"This summer has been amazing because I have been traveling the state from one end to the other visiting county fairs, and in doing so, I had an opportunity to visit individual counties," Pelanda said. "There are farmers markets and vegetable stands everywhere you go. It's amazing how some people will do it. Some will use the good-faith system. Others will have a sign, 'please knock on the front door.' Talk about Americana."

To view the video on YouTube, type in Midwestern State Ag Leaders: Buy Local, Buy Fresh.



**Above:** Farmers markets provide a great opportunity to forge a connection between the purchaser and the farmer who grew or produced the product. Consumers care about fresh local produce and knowing where their food is coming from.

# Ohio's top conservation farmers honored at FSR

By Doug Graves Ohio Correspondent

REYNOLDSBURG, Ohio – They plant. They harvest. They work extremely hard. More importantly, most farm families across the country are stewards of the land.

In a ceremony held during this year's Farm Science Review, five Ohio families were named 2021 Conservation Farm Family Award winners. The award is presented to farm families that focus on improving soil for future generations. The five were the Rodabaugh family (Hardin County), Sluss family (Stark County), Miller family (Carroll County), Harrod family (Darke County) and the Linne family (Highland County).

Conservation practices have always been important on the Rodabaugh farm, starting with Chris' father, Charles, and uncle, Dr. Roy Rodabaugh, who was a veterinarian. In the 1960s, they used the Natural Resources Conservation Service and

the Hancock and Hardin County Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCDs) to put in a waterway and a pond to slow down and filter water eventually entering the Blanchard River and then Lake Erie.

"My father and uncle were willing to allow new practices on their ground," Chris Rodabaugh said. "A lot of times that generation wasn't necessarily eager to change, but they saw the value in it, and how it was helping the soil. As they began to step out of the farm operation, they let us do what we thought was best."

By far, the family's conservation strides were in exploring no-till and cover crops. Chris and Gail started farming in the late 1970s with his dad and uncle, raising hogs and row crops. Some of the land in the farm today has been with the family for more than 150 years, and their grandkids are the sixth generation. Conservation practices have always been a part of each generation.

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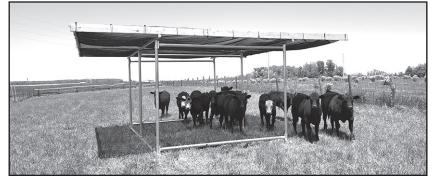


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Above: The Ohio Department of Agriculture recognized five Conservation Farm Family Award winners at Farm Science Review this year. The five were the Rodabaugh family (Hardin County), Sluss family (Stark County), Miller family (Carroll County), Harrod family (Darke County) and the Linne family (Highland County). (Gail Keck photo)

### **FSR**

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"The Hardin SWCD nominated the Rodabaugh family for this award because of their leadership over the years in promoting conservation in the county," said Denna Clem, Hardin SWCD administrator. "They were early adopters of no-till and took their experiences and shared with other producers. They've hosted field days and other events to help educate others."

The Rodabaughs farm 1,200 acres and 130 of those are enrolled in various conservation practices such as waterways, wetlands, tree plantings, filter strips, riparian tree plantings and quail buffers. They were one of the first in the area to install a mortality compost structure. The Rodabaughs were the 2020 Hardin Conservation Cooperator of the Years.

Laura Frase, who accepted the award on behalf of her parents, Clifford and Jeannine Miller, said she saw the difference her parents' efforts made on their farm. Although her father died in March, his efforts

continue to benefit the family's Carroll County farm and their community. "How we spend our energy matters," Frase said. "If we put our energy into conservation, that energy resonates in tall grass, delicate butterflies, fat calves and sparkling water."

Frase encouraged farmers to put their own efforts toward better management of their natural resources. "Everyone has a part to play," she said. "We're all in this together and we're working for a better world for our kids."

Miller Ridge Farm utilizes managedintensive grazing by dividing their pasture into 32 paddocks. They Environmental Incentives Program and Conservation Stewardship Program grants to improve water quality, preserve topsoil and manage the woodland areas of the farm. Cliff was one of the founding members of The Eastern Ohio Grazing Council, which was formed to improve and advance conservation practices.

Sam and Lauren Sluss are both fourth-generation farmers in Stark County. The Slusses worked with the local soil and water conservation district to be a stop on the cover crop field day for farmers to promote the benefits of cover crops for improving soil health. The family was chosen as the 2020 Cooperator of the Year by the Stark SWCD.

Tom and Jayne Harrod purchased weaned pigs from a neighboring farrowing unit and finish out roughly 20,000 pigs a year. They also have two contract-turkey starter barns. They tend to 1,200 acres, 300 of which are cover crops. The family was awarded the 2018 Darke County Chamber Achievement Award. Tom was the 2003 Darke County SWCD Cooperator of the Year, and Tom's dad, Harold, earned the same award in 1973

Jim and Shervl Linne own White Clover Farms in Hillsboro. Their farm is 300 acres of pasture, woodland and hay. They converted conventional farmland into a 100 percent grassfed beef operation. The operation uses holistic management to ensure improvement to the soils and uses prescribed grazing to maximize the pasture's potential. Jim partners with the Highland SWCD for grazing schools and farm tours. He was named Highland County SWCD Cooperator of the Year in 2016.

The Ohio Conservation Farm Family Award program began in 1984 and recognizes farm families for their efforts in conserving soil, water, woodland, wildlife and other natural resources. Conservation farm families also host a variety of educational programs, opening their farms to schools, scout groups, farm organizations and others. The families each receive \$400 from the Ohio Farm Bureau Federation.



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### USDA's September hog numbers up 1 percent from last quarter

**lowa Correspondent** 

DES MOINES, Iowa - September hog numbers totaled 75.4 million head, down 4 percent from Sept. 1, 2020, but up 1 percent from June 1, according to the USDA's Sept. 1 Quarterly Hogs & Pigs Report.

Steve Meyer, agricultural Partners economist with for Production Agriculture in Ames, Iowa, who went over the numbers, said the 4 percent was a "significantly larger decrease than analysts had expected; they thought it would be down 1.7 (percent)."

Meyer joined Scott Brown, University of Missouri associate extension professor of agricultural economics in Columbia, Mo.; Len Steiner, founder of and principal of Steiner Consulting Group in Manchester, N.H.; and John Nalivka, president and owner of Sterling Marketing in Vale, Ore., to analyze the report during a Sept. 24 webinar with reporters.

Sponsored by the National Pork Board and the Pork Checkoff in Des Moines, the report said U.S. breeding inventory, at 6.19 million head, was down 2 percent from last year, and down slightly from the previous quarter.

"There's some good news," Brown said, adding the number are a "bit of a mixed bag when you start looking state by state."

However, he said Illinois' breeding herd actually increased 80,000 head "so it's not the same everywhere you go. The number for me that got my attention was the June through August farrowing at 93.4 per cent of a year ago, that certainly sets us up for a more positive 2022 looking ahead."

In other states, Iowa led the nation in hog production, at 24.4 million head, up 2 percent from the previous quarter, but down 2 percent from the previous year. Minnesota had the second largest inventory at 9 million head, and North Carolina was third, with 8.3 million head, the report

In Illinois, total inventory of all hogs and pigs on Sept. 1 was 5.45 million head, up 2 percent from June 1, 2021, and up 1 percent from last year. Breeding inventory, at 660,000 head, was up 10,000 from the previous quarter and up 80,000 from last year. Market hog inventory, at 4.79 million head, was up 2 percent from last quarter, but down 1 percent from last year.

In Indiana, total hog and pig inventory was estimated at 4.3 million head, down 150,000 head from a year ago. Breeding hog inventory, at 250,000 head, was unchanged from last September. Market hog inventory, at 4.05 million head, was down 4 percent from last year.

In Michigan, total hog and pig inventory was estimated at 1.22 million head, with no change from a year ago. Breeding hog inventory, at 115,000 head, was down 5,000 from last September. Market hog inventory, at 1.11 million head, was up slightly from last year.

In Ohio, total hog and pig inventory was estimated at 2.5 million head, down 300,000 head from a year ago. Breeding hog inventory, at 190,000 head, was down 30,000 from last September. Market hog inventory, at 2.31 million head, was down 10 percent from last year. (Kentucky and Tennessee weren't included in the report.)

The report said U.S. market hog inventory, at 69.2 million head, was down 4 percent from last year, but up 1 percent from last quarter.

The June-August 2021 pig crop, at 33.9 million head, was down 6 percent from 2020. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 3.05 million head, down 7 percent from 2020. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 49 percent of the breeding herd.

The report said United States hog producers intend to have 3 million sows farrow during the September-November 2021 quarter, down 4 percent from the actual farrowings during the same period one year earlier, and down 6 percent from the same period two years earlier.

Intended farrowings for December 2021-February 2022, at 2.96 million sows, are up 1 percent from the same period one year earlier, but down 3 percent from the same period two years earlier, the report added.

Brown said hog and pig supply reductions may be due to feed costs, labor shortages and building supply

He added the average pigs saved per litter was 11.13 for the June-August period, compared to 11.06 last year, which "certainly does put it back on the long-term trend" of

"We'll have to see where markets react next week, but it certainly looks like we're going to see some pretty positives," he said.

However, Steiner said, "I think we all agree that you should expect December, February and April hog futures to be up - probably going to be a one-click deal. A lot of things influence these markets, but one of the things you want to take into consideration is that in 2021, we'll export the largest tonnage of pork in history," he said, adding, "26.28 percent of the pork produced in the U.S. will be exported.

"Thirty years ago, this report was really important because it tells us what the supply was, and then all we had to do was figure out what the American public was going to do for consumption," he added. "Now we've got to figure out what the world's going to do."

He said, "We're still reworking the numbers, but we think we've flipped that. We are now going to give the American public less pork in 2022 than they consumed in 2021. As we all know, when you give somebody less, quite often that has bullish implications.'

Nalivka said although it's been a good year for producers, it's been a challenge in regard to feed costs.

"Going forward, I've got producer margins, grow-finisher margins, hovering anywhere in that \$40-\$80 per head for the better part of next year," he said. "For the year, I think it's an average of \$45 against my input costs. That would be just about equal to where we've been in 2021.

Meyer said there were significant revisions in this report.

"I felt very strongly that the USDA was going to have to make a significant revision to the Dec-Feb pig crop because of how short slaughter had been relative to our expectations this summer," he said.

"And in fact, they did," he added. "They took 1.292 million pigs out of that Dec-Feb pig crop estimate and dropped it down to 31.978 million. That is a huge reduction. A net revision of 3.9 percent was made to the Dec-Feb pig crop. That translated to a big reduction in the June 1 inventories that were in the last report."

Nalivka said disease certainly had an impact on those numbers.

"It's pretty hard to go through a year and not have a disease issue

an impact on these numbers," he said. "To what extent might be a little difficult to tell, but it's certainly reasonable to say that would be part of the reason on some of those revisions.'

Brown said it was "nice to see June, July and August pigs per litter back above year-ago levels. I don't know if three months makes a trend and gets us beyond some of the (porcine reproductive and respiratory syndrome) of earlier this year, but maybe that doesn't continue. Maybe the help we got this year from (porcine reproductive and respiratory syndrome) pulling down pigs per litter in terms of overall supplies doesn't feed through to 2022.

"Hopefully, the lower breeding inventory numbers we've got kind of offsets some of those effects," he added.

Brown, Nalivka and Steiner shared their forecast prices for the next several quarters.

Using the National Base 51-

or something that's going to have 52 Percent Lean Live Equivalent, Brown quoted: Fourth quarter of 2021 at \$57 per cwt (central weight or hundredweight); first quarter of 2022 at \$56; second quarter of 2022 at \$64; third quarter of 2022 at \$67; and fourth quarter of 2022 at \$52.

Nalivka used the Western Corn Belt Weighted Average plus \$2 to take into account premiums to quote his prices. He forecast: Fourth quarter of 2021 at \$90 per cwt (central weight or hundredweight); first quarter of 2022 at \$89; second quarter of 2022 at \$108; third quarter of 2022 at \$96; and fourth quarter of 2022 at

Steiner used the CME (Chicago Mercantile Exchange) One-Day Lean Hog Index. He forecast: Fourth quarter of 2021 at \$84 per cwt (central weight or hundredweight); first quarter of 2022 at \$83; second quarter of 2022 at \$92; third quarter of 2022 at \$86; and fourth quarter of 2022 at \$76.

He forecast the 2022 annual average at \$84.25 per cwt (central weight or hundredweight).

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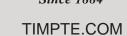
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### Farm-related deaths up in Indiana

By Stan Maddux Indiana Correspondent

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. – Commercial farming on a large scale is much safer nowadays, but the death toll from producing food doesn't necessarily reflect it.

Bill Field, a farm safety expert at Purdue University, said more professionals in the workforce at or near retirement are purchasing hobby farms but wind up in major trouble from lack of experience in farming.

"I can give you a half a dozen examples of doctors, lawyers, bankers, government workers, college professors who have decided to start a small farm and, within a year, they're dead," he said.

Field said beginners lack skills to safely operate farm-related machinery and are not fully aware of how to avoid the dangers. He said tractors and other equipment at hobby farms also tend to be older without the safety mechanisms of modern machinery usually too costly for a small producer to afford.

In 2020, there were 25 confirmed farm-related deaths in Indiana, according to the annual farm fatality report from Purdue's Agricultural Safety and Health Program. The number of deaths is four more than 2019. According to the report, documented farm-related fatalities in the state also exceeded the 10-year average of 27.2 in four of the previous six years.

Field said another concern is that deaths of older farms continue to rise. According to the report, 14 of the Indiana deaths last year involved farmers at least 60 years old. Two of the victims were more than 90 and two others were in their 80s.

Field said the rising deaths of older farmers was not surprising because the average age of a farmer at close to 60 has been going up for years. "I don't think that's going to go away with the current aging process we see among farmers," he said.

Field said farmers, as they age, tend to work alone which leaves them more susceptible to dying if they're injured without anyone nearby to help. He said medical alert devices would be good to have if working alone but cell phone signal coverage necessary for them to work is often spotty in rural areas.

Field said farmers working alone should let a loved one or friend know in advance. If they don't return for a while, someone can then go out and check on them

Nine of the Indiana deaths in 2020 involved the use of a tractor, which has long been a leading source of farm fatalities nationwide. Three of the deaths resulted from collisions with grain trucks. One of the fatalities was an 89-year-old man who was caught in a blueberry harvesting machine in Fulton County.

According to the report, the number of confirmed farm-related deaths per year since 1970 in the state has ranged from a high of 54 in 1981 to eight in 2006.

Field said farm deaths also remain higher in Amish communities where more dangerous old-fashioned machinery and practices are still widely used.

Field said he's not sure what else can be done to substantially further reduce farm related serious injury and death unless regulations like those in Europe that prohibit the use of old machinery are put into place.

Field, the owner of small farm, said he and other producers enjoy the freedom of using an antique tractor or whatever machinery they have to get the job done. "Are we going to move toward having inspectors coming on our farms telling us what we can and cannot do. I don't think we're ready for that yet," he said.





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### Mangalitas were the preferred pig of Hungarian royalty

COLUMBUS JUNCTION. (AP) — At a homestead farm tucked off a gravel road in Louisa County, Iowa, curly-haired descendants of Hungarian royalty root through soil and wallow in mud.

Acorn Bluff Farms, owned and operated by brothers Kenan and Seth Todd, has been home to the Mangalitsa pigs since 2016. The pigs are descended from Hungarian Mangalita, which were the preferred pig of the royal Habsburg family in the Austro-Hungarian Empire, a constitutional monarchy and great power in Central Europe between 1867 and 1918.

The deeply flavored meat and high fat content produced from the pigs is unmatched, known as the Kobe beef of pork.

"You can't fully understand it until you taste it," Kenan Todd said as a pair of thick-cut Mangalitsa pork chops seasoned with just a dash of cracked pepper and pink Himalayan salt cooked on a grill nearby.

The tender meat is rich in flavor with hints of acorn and marbled with fat that melts away on the tongue.

Kenan Todd offered a word of caution to those who try Mangalitsa pork, be it bacon, pork chops or other cuts: "Once you try it, it's hard to go back to regular pork."

Many of the 300 to 400 customers Acorn Bluff Farms has accrued over the years will attest to that.

"That may have been the best pork chop I've ever had. I don't know how (you) get it so tender, but it's amazing," one customer from Indianapolis wrote.

The farm began when Seth Todd bought a portion of organic farmland that had been owned by the Masonholder family since the 1830s. Their father, Michael Todd, a veterinarian, already had been renting some of that land for cattle, and the ample oak trees growing there would produce plenty of acorns to feed the

"The acorns are wonderful pig feed and give the meat a wonderful flavor," Kenan Todd said. "And we're on the bluffs, so we just sat there spitballing names for a couple hours and that is what we came up with."

Seth Todd set about researching

Iowa breeds of pigs that would produce roam a larger fenced-in high-quality meat. They considered Mulefoots and American Guinea hogs, but none compared to Mangalitsas.

Finding Mangalitsas, however, was not easy.

Though long available in European countries, it wasn't until 2007 that the first Mangalitsas were imported to the United States. There have been only three imports since, in 2010, 2014 and 2016.

The Todds located a woman who owned some in the Netherlands and was involved in the 2016 import to America.

"We actually had to find her on Facebook and call her and have her connect us with people who had ones directly related to the imports to make sure we had pure breeding stock," Kenan Todd said.

They began in earnest with three sows and one boar named Ford. Seven additional sows have followed.

"He is massive and he likes back scratches," Kenan Todd said of Ford. "He gives a little butt shake when you get him in the right spot."

Absent from the snouts of Ford and the sows are rings meant to discourage rooting.

"It's very essential that the pigs are on the dirt, because they get a lot of nutrient content from the dirt, and also a lot of nutrients just from being out in the sun," Kenan Todd said.

The farm they purchased was already equipped with a hog house. but the Todds wanted their hogs to spend their days outside on the soil in fresh air and sunlight.

"None of our pigs have ever been indoors besides the little huts that they have out there or the trees," Kenan Todd said.

Their thick, wooly fur, which often is shed in warmer months, makes the breed well-suited for Iowa winters.

The brothers cleared trees and put up fencing in preparation for the pigs. Ford and the sows now roam two acres of land with plenty of tree cover and

The pigs are kept in two separate fenced-in areas covering two acres of land. Sows are rotated out of Ford's pen as necessary, while the other sows

enclosure with striped piglets.

Electric fencing has been integrated on Ford's side to keep him from trying to climb

"The boar gets a little antsy when there's someone on the other side of the fence he wants to see," Kenan Todd said. "The electric fence keeps him in check."

grubs they root from the soil and vegetation they

graze, the pigs' diets are supplemented with acorns, especially in the fall.

The Todds also are looking into small-grain feed alternatives.

"From all the reading we've done, it's given us an understanding that it will give the meat and the fat an even higher quality than what it is, so we're not only attempting to start with genetics, but also then give them the best quality feed, and it should keep the meat and the fat just a little bit firmer," Kenan Todd said.

The feeder pigs are raised at Acorn Bluff Farms until 13 to 18 months of age, which is when they reach the hanging weight of between 260 and 280 pounds.

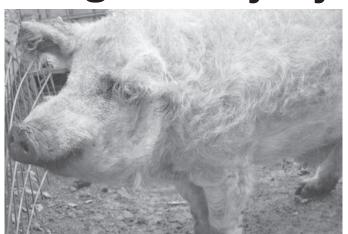
Then, they are taken six at a time to Bittner's Meat Market, a USDAcertified butcher in Eureka, Ill.

The meat produced is shipped back to the Todds and stored in a local meat locker. The Todds, in turn, ship the meat to customers.

It took some experimenting to figure out how to package the meat for national shipping. A brother in California was the happy recipient.

"We bought some shippers and put some dry ice and some ice packs in there and started shipping ... to try and figure out how much we needed to keep it cool all the way to California and how many days we could keep it in there," Kenan Todd said. "And he was not arguing with getting free meat shipped to him.'

Their brother shared the meat with



Above: Mangalitsa pigs have a wooly coat. They first were imported In addition to the United States in 2007. Image by Fotografbee from Pixabay

friends, many of whom have become customers. Acorn Bluff Farms now ships coast-to-coast.

It wasn't long before the Todds found themselves needing to expand the operation to keep up with demand. Because Mangalitsas are slowgrowers, getting them on a regular slaughter schedule proved difficult. Now, however, there are enough pigs to be shipped about once a month.

"We typically sell out on our butcher dates, but our butcher dates are moving up closer and closer, and we're getting a considerably more consistent supply, so we're having less of that problem," Kenan Todd said. "We're starting to really flow from one butcher date to the next."

Still, the Todds want to keep the operation at a manageable size.

"We enjoy raising them, and there's kind of an optimal scale where if we scale down a little, it would be tougher for us to maintain that standard just because the boar is happier with more females and the piglets are happier with more friends," Kenan Todd said. "We want to find our size where we can do what we do really well and get the meat to people so they enjoy it."

In addition to word of mouth, the Todds turned their marketing efforts to social media. Kenan Todd said there have been many instances where it has been difficult to convey the taste and superiority of Mangalitsa pork.

"You just have this creaminess that you wouldn't expect with meat," he explained.





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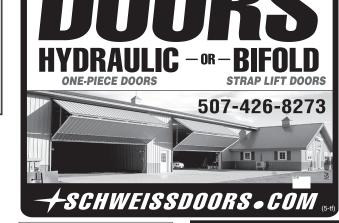
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BATON ROUGE, La. (AP) - Hurricane Ida's winds and floods did at least \$584 million in damage to agriculture in Louisiana, experts at the LSU AgCenter estimate.

More than half of that - \$315.9 million - is timber damage, with another \$207 million, or 35 percent of the total, in damage to buildings, equipment and other infrastructure, economist Kurt Guidry said.

The estimate doesn't include severe damage to the seafood industry, which will be estimated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, according to an AgCenter news release.

"This storm was a monster," said Thomas Hymel, an agent with the AgCenter and Louisiana Sea Grant. "It has just blown apart the supply chain, the infrastructure and the docks. Some of these places will take a long time to recover."

Significant damages appear limited to 21 parishes, Guidry wrote.

His total includes estimates for damages still to come, including likely increased production costs and reduced yields for crops still in the field.

Winds damaged about 168,000 acres (680 square kilometers) of timber, the state's most lucrative crop, snapping pines and damaging hardwood trees in 11 parishes That accounts for more than \$300 million in damages, about half of it in Tangipahoa Parish, Guidry said.

It's hard to salvage such trees before disease and other problems make them unusable - only 1-2 percent of timber felled by last year's hurricanes Laura and Delta could be sold, AgCenter economists have estimated. In addition, their earlier report said, so much fallen timber floods the market, hurting prices and sales.

Guidry's report was based on information from agricultural extension agents and commodity specialists around Louisiana, as well as the state Department of Agriculture and Forestry and the U.S. Forestry Service.

He estimated \$169.2 million in damage to farm buildings and equipment, with another \$37.9 million in damage to fences.

Reduced yields on about 139,000 acres (56,250 hectares) of sugarcane is likely to cost farmers about \$35.4 million, he wrote. The acreage is about one-quarter of Louisiana's total and the likely damage about 7 percent of the total annual value, he

Cane that was blown down can rise again, but that uses energy, leaving less sugar at harvest, said Renee Castro, an AgCenter area agent.

In addition, he said, "Some of the leaves are shredded, the tops are brown and because of that, the ripener that they're spraying on the cane at this time before harvest might not take."

That could make harvests longer and more difficult, increasing costs, Castro said.

Hurricane damage and interruption and operations will hurt some sugar mills, Guidry said, though he did not have an estimate for that. He estimated that Ida will cost produce and ornamental horticulture about \$9.5 million, including \$5.9 million in damage to greenhouses and other infrastructure.

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### **SECTION B**

Friday, October 8, 2021

# Maintenance key to preventing many combine fires

By Celeste Baumgartner Ohio Correspondent

COLUMBUS, Ohio – Tis the season for combines, and, sadly, combine fires. Ohio ranks fourth in the United States in numbers of combine fires, said Dee Jepsen, state leader for The Ohio State University Extension Agricultural Safety and Health Program.

Jepsen said the common causes of combine harvester fires are crop residue build-up, lubricant or fuel leaks, mechanical and electrical failures, a poor maintenance schedule and a lack of prevention plans.

Prevention includes regular maintenance and service of the machine, Jepsen said.

"Regular maintenance will help to eliminate combine fires associated with bearing failure and electrical issues," she explained. "Farmers who keep regular maintenance schedules could divert liability away from insurance claims. A review of these claims shows maintenance is an easy and effective solution to reduce the number of fires reported."

Daily cleaning of the combine during harvest is another way to prevent fires, she said. Thirty-three percent of combine harvester fires are caused by chaff accumulation on machinery. Daily cleaning with compressed or forced air could cause significant reductions in losses and liability for insurers.

Proven cleaning schedules could also help narrow down the causes of fires to other problems such as bearing failures or electrical issues.

For protection, Jepsen advised:

- Have ABC fire extinguishers on the combine: one in the operator's cab and one mounted on the combine.
- Have a water truck on stand-by during extremely dry seasons or in remote areas.
- Have an emergency plan in place. Know the direct number of the fire department for faster response in remote areas or in areas where 911 calls are dispatched to more distant stations.

Preventing combine fires became a senior capstone project for four of Jepsen's agricultural systems management students – Shay Pond, Josh Hollinger, Ben Schmitmeyer and Alex Koopmans. They selected a safety topic and worked to see if they could find a solution.

"They looked into putting sensors in combines that would help detect fires, kind of like a smoke detector

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# Almost everything – human or animal – has a pet name

We have pet names for most everything these days, not just our pets. I've met a dog named Popcorn and a cat named Speedbump (because all he did all day was lay around). I've had a barber named Curly who was bald as a cue ball, a friend named Flip Flop who always wears sandals and I know a rancher with one eye named Picasso. I don't

know what his other eye is called. I renamed the town near the ranch (Morro Bay) Moron Bay because of how terrible the tourists drive there.

My wife has one of the prettiest names in the English language, Diane, but I usually refer to her as "Di." If I call out for her in public I'm sure there are listeners who think I'm a mass murderer. She has pet names for me which I can't repeat here. My teammates on the basketball and cross-country teams in high school called me Fuzzy because I always wore my hair short and, believe me, I was glad to leave that name behind me when I left for college. Baxter Black calls me O Bing because he thinks I write like O. Henry and Bing is a reference to the "pit" in cherries. At least that's where I think he got the name but who knows with Baxter the way his brain works.

A bit of trivia: did you know that

the sheriff in the Johnson County
Wars was named Red Angus?
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We lived in Australia for a year and I liked their custom of naming their houses. It was common to see a handmade sign with the name of the house on it. So naturally we named the house we've lived in for 35 years BlueView.

While in Australia we bought a used GM car which was basically a box with a motor in it, that we named "Whitey." Guess what color it was. Admittedly, it wasn't very creative and we probably should have called it Boomerang because it kept returning back to the dealer to get fixed.

Ranchers are fond of naming things. They name their ranch, their pastures, their corrals, and nearly every geographical feature. Although we usually don't name every cow on the place, we are fond of naming the ones that find a way to wiggle into our hearts or our foreboding. Our favorite cow was called Paint and the one who frustrated us the most by single handedly destroying every squeeze chute, loading ramp and fence was a bull named Root

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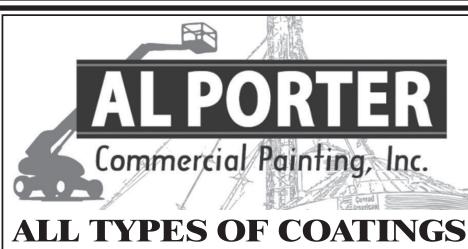
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### It's the Pitts

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Canal. I named our famous wonder horse Gentleman because there was already a Lady on the premises when we got there.

We actually don't name things, they name themselves, as the following story illustrates.

I've written hundreds of feature stories about ranches all over the country and most of them I visited in person. One of my most memorable visits was when I wrote about a Simmental breeder in Texas 40 years ago. He had a file box in his truck with a card for every cow complete with a photo. Now days with cell phones that would be easy, but can you imagine doing that with hundreds of cows and a Kodak Instamatic®?

As we were touring his pastures, I admired the beautiful ring he had on his finger. It had the Masonic symbol in gold against a black background that was flanked by two huge diamonds. He said it had only come off his finger one time since his grandfather had given it to him.

"When was that?" I asked.

"I was artificially inseminating a few cows when I ran out of plastic arm sleeves. So I wrapped my arm with Saran Wrap® and used one of those cheap plastic gloves from Harbor Freight. But when my arm came out of the cow the plastic glove and my ring had been left behind. So we put the cow in a small pen and watched her manure every day waiting for the ring to show up. We thought we'd lost it for good when a year later my wife noticed something sparkling in an old cow chip. Sure enough, with a little delicate digging we found the ring and ever since we've called that cow Lucy In The Pie With Diamonds."

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### **Combine Fires**

FROM PAGE 1B

would in your shop," Jepsen said. "What we found was that some of the sensors couldn't determine between dust or smoke. The technology is not yet at that level."

Heat detection sensors need to be able to distinguish between engine heat and heat. Optical sensors need to distinguish between smoke and dust, the students learned.

There are currently no agricultural sensors available on the market.

The students also looked at suppression systems, similar to what the NASCAR drivers have, Jepsen said. These systems would go off automatically if a fire is present or be activated by the operator on command. Currently, they would be cost-prohibitive for farmers.

While these solutions may be helpful in the future, the students "didn't really find the magic bullet," Jepsen said. For now, regular maintenance and daily cleaning during harvest are the most reliable solutions to combine fires.

A national non-mandatory reporting agency keeps track of the numbers of combine fires by state reported by fire fighters and emergency personnel. Minnesota ranked first, followed by Iowa, Illinois, Ohio, Kansas, Nebraska and South Dakota.





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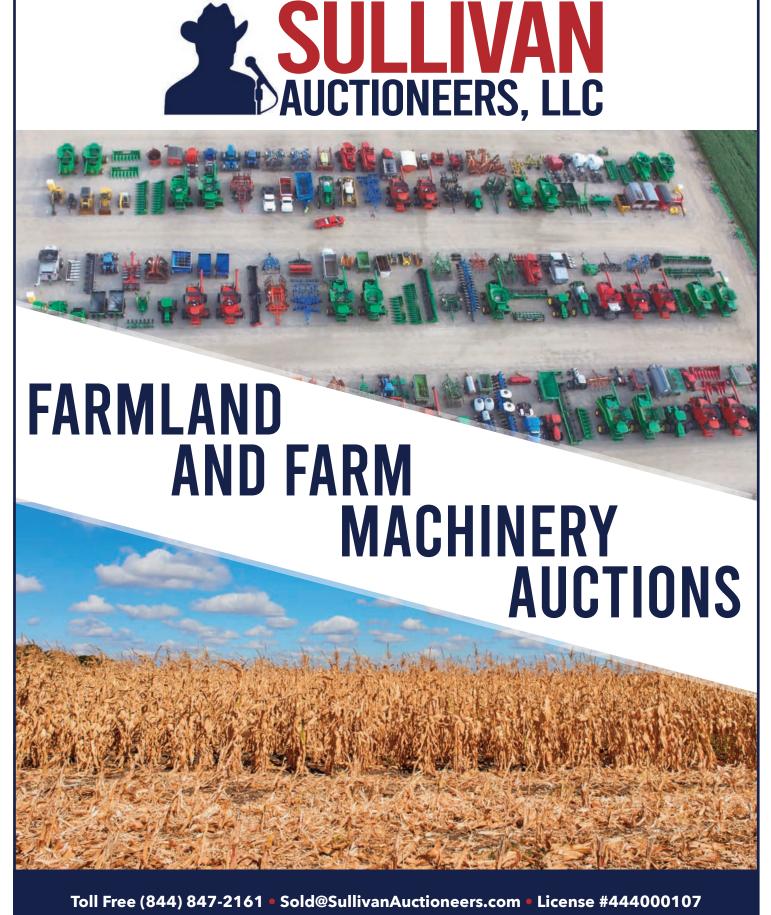


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### A delightful evening stroll

VERSES FROM MAMA

By Sandra Sheridan

Psalm 119:35 "Make me walk in the path of Your commandments, For I delight in it."

I love this time of year so much. One of my favorite activities is taking an evening walk around our fields. As the sun disappears behind the tree line I reflect on my day and unwind. It is a time to silently pray, to evaluate my emotions and to reorder my priorities.

I wonder if the Psalmist who penned the words, "Make me walk in the path of Your commandments, For I delight in it," enjoyed quiet evening walks. He deeply desired to know God's ways so he could observe them and keep them with all his heart.

But like all of us he also realized his need for God's help in doing this. In the poetic and prayerful

words of Psalm 119 the writer asks God to incline his heart to His testimonies, to turn away his eyes from vanity and to establish His word within his servant heart.

We too should daily pray for God to grow our love of His word, so we will know Him more. We must ask for a spiritual focus to see past the temporal, and often disappointing, pleasures of this world. Also, praying for

a clear understanding of His law can help us obey His commands. This is the way to experience personal revival

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"This recognition represents more than 10 years of hard work, innovation partnership to advance a sustainable solution for costly concrete joint deterioration in Indiana," said Julie Ohmen, new uses consultant for ISA. "We are thrilled to see PoreShield recognized as an environmentally friendly solution that also provides public health and economic benefits to our communities."

The Governor's Awards Environmental Excellence are Indiana's prestigious environmental most recognition awards. Only the most innovative, sustainable and exemplary programs or projects that impact Indiana's environment and demonstrate measurable environmental, economic and social benefits are recognized.

developed PoreShield partnership with the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) and Purdue University. Several years of research and field trials demonstrate that a single application of PoreShield lasts 10 or more years and extends the service life of concrete five-to-nine times longer, compared to untreated.

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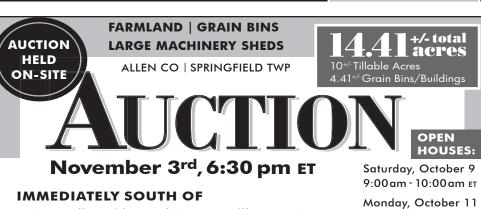
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The United Soybean Board (USB), which is the national sovbean checkoff. supports the expanded use of this product. Since the completion of the project that is the basis of the award, PoreShield has experienced similar success in states across the nation. It is a true testament to the impact that collaboration between the national sov checkoff and Indiana soy checkoff has to promote new uses for soybeans. With ISA and USB's support through the years of development, PoreShield is now commercially available for use as INDOT and other states move toward greater implementation.

"USB is always looking to invest in new products that will use more soybeans and improve the value of our crop," said USB Director Mark Seib, a farmer from Poseyville, Ind. "PoreShield" very near future." has tremendous potential, and as the State of Indiana has recognized, it is also an environmentally safe product that will enhance the durability of our roads and bridges for many years to come. USB's investment in PoreShield will pay dividends for soybean farmers in the

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### Lessons from man's best friend

At 4 years old, Otto already has already achieved a distinguished career as a caretaker that began when he came to the rescue of an unconscious girl who was approximately 10 years old; Otto was only two months old then. Otto, a German shorthaired pointer, belongs to Marilyn's and my son, Jon, his wife Amanda, and their two daughters, ages 8 and 6.

As I wrote in late July 2017, Otto, Jon and the girls were visiting a neighborhood park and playing in the water fountain when Otto suddenly bolted toward a small knoll some distance away, with his family in hot pursuit. When Jon and his daughters reached the hilltop, they found Otto standing next to an unresponsive girl and licking her face.

After the Rescue Squad arrived, and with her frantic mother already on the scene, the girl was transported to a hospital emergency center. Insofar as we know, it hasn't been determined why the girl became unconscious. Gladly for everyone, she recovered.

We also don't know how Otto detected the girl's condition despite not being able to see her some distance away on the other side of a slope. Do dogs have a sense that humans lack?

Since then, Otto has demonstrated

competence at hunting and as a caretaker of his family that includes a 12-year-old female yellow Labrador retriever named Hayden, and until recently, a diminutive 17-year-old male Maltese/Yorkshire terrier mix named Marley.

Otto is respectful of his dog-mates and human family members, including the girls. He doesn't assert dominance even though he

could because of his physical size and strength.

In hunting and retrieving trials, Otto won all the contests into which Jon entered him. One such event in 2020 entailed pointing 10 pheasants and retrieving as many birds as the dog's handler successfully dispatched after they flushed, while limited to 10 shotgun shells.

Otto was the last contestant in the trial. Nearly all the pheasants that had been "planted" in the designated hunting area by the event coordinators had already been eliminated.

Nonetheless, Otto found and pointed 10 birds. The last bird that Otto pointed was particularly noteworthy. He found this pheasant near the far end of the hunting area. Jon winged it as it flushed; nonetheless it flew over a hilltop while Otto raced after it.

A few minutes later Otto came back

(Farm & Ranch on page 8B)

### **PUBLIC AUCTION**

Real Estate, Construction Equipment, & More

### Saturday, October 23, 2021 ~ 9:00 AM

### 729 N Hwy 67, Switz City, IN

This is a LIVE ONSITE auction in Switz City for the Estate of "Donnie" Wilson. He owned and operated D.L. Wilson Construction Company for many years.

The Real Estate will be offered at 12:00 noon, and consists of a 72'x120' Industrial Building with 3 phase electric in one bay, 5 ton Crane, loading dock, office area, Living Quarters and garage on 7.69 acres. Centrally located in Southern IN only 17 min to 1-69.

### Please call to preview the property.

EQUIPMENT: Peterbilt Semi Flatbed & 5th Wheel; Semi Trailer w/ Barn Wood; Cat 450 Dozer; Cat Excavator 225; Fork Lift; Woods GT72 Tiller; Pan Scraper; Roller Pull Compactor; 2000 Cadillac Deville(parts car); 1996 Chevy Cavalier(parts car); Honda Goldwing GL1000; Massey Ferguson 165 dsl Tractor; Pull-behind Grader; Chisel Plow; 3pt. Tiller; Bush Hog; Disc; Boat & Trailer; 3pt Hay Fork; & MUCH MORE!

TOOLS & SHOP EQUIPMENT: Bandsaw; Hyd. Press; Compactor; Hyd. Unit w/ Lift System; Metal Brake; Lathes; Welders; jack Hammers; Overhead Cranes; Concrete Saws; Concrete Tools; Shop Tools; Small Dumpsters; Fuel Tanks; Drainage Pipe; Steel Pipe; Steel Roller; Welco Press; Stacks of Bricks; Limestone; Large Landscape Rocks; Copper Cupola; 5-ton Crane; Metal Storage Cabinets; Hyd. Motors; Multiple Saddles; Reddy-Pro Heater; Industrial Electric Panels; Electrical Supplies; Commercial Kitchen Fryer; & Hood; Organizer Cabinets; & MUCH MORE!

ANTIQUES & COLLECTIBLES: Old Glass-Top Gas Pump; Barber Chair; Old Wagon; Wooden Wringer Washer; Antique Organ; Rug Loom; Sled; Cabinets from Yoho's Grocery; Home Radiator; Antique Scales; Library Card Catalog Wooden Case -72 drawers; & MUCH MORE!

### **OWNER: Estate of Donald Wilson**

Note: This is a very Brief Listing, please see graberauctions.com for pictures and info! All items are sold "As-Is" and must be paid in full day of Auction. Accepting Cash or Good Check with proper ID's.

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(Note: Please see the ONLINE auction closing on Wednesday with some Antiques & Furniture for the Donnie Wilson Estate)

### - FARM MACHINERY - SHOP TOOLS - PRIMITIVES

Having sold the farm, the following will sell located at 4402 W 375 N, **DELPHI, IN.**Located 4 miles west of Camden, IN on S.R. 218 to 450 W & 1/4 mile south, or 2 miles east of the Hoosier Heartland on S.R. 218 to 450 W & 1/4 mile south. Watch for auction signs, on

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9, 10:30 A.M. EST

### - BULLDOZER - FARM MACHINERY -

Case 1150B dozer with 10' straight blade; 7' Root rake; New 5-prong brush rake, mounts on bucket; John Deere 410 backhoe with 12" & 24" buckets; 1966 Oliver 1850, gas, cab, WF, 18.4x34 tires, new, single hyd., front weights; 1952 Allis Chalmers WD, NF, gas; IHC 470 16' disc, manual fold; IHC 456 4-row planter; 1961 Ford 641 with Wagner loader, hyd. bucket, 13.6x28 tires; Oliver 16' pull-type cultivator & Kasco harrow; Oliver 543 6-bottom plow; Pull-type 5' mower; Hay rack, Case running gear; Howe 5', 3-pt. mower; 12V Fimoo sprayer.

### - MODEL A -1929 Model A Ford Store; Model A parts & accessories. - SHOP TOOLS -

Generac A 1400 generator; IMS floor drill press; Grinder on stand; Craftsman roll-around toolbox; Portable air compressor; Auto tools; Stihl 017 chain saw; 12-ton Press; Railroad jack; Screw jack; Bottle jacks; Socket sets; Hand wrenches; Pipe wrenches; Pipe vise; Disc & belt sander; Tap & die set; Right-angle grinder; Log chains; C clamps; Calipers; Electric impact; Taps; Torque wrench;

765-385-1550 - Off.

765-385-5080 - Res. AU01017404 Reamers; Threaders; Hand planes; Circular saws; Electric drills; Battery charger; Air tank; Floor jack; Bolt cutters; Come-along; HD grinder; Long-handled tools; Wheelbarrow; Briggs & Stratton kick-start motor; Other shop inventory.

### - FARM PRIMITIVES -

Pair early water pumps; Hog oiler; Milk can; Walking plow; Slip scoop; Horse-drawn furrow plow; Camel-back trunk; Lard press; Augers; Hames; Double tree; Single tree; Steelyard scales; Dinner bell; Wash tub; Hand air pumps; Barn lanterns; Candle molds; Meat saws; Hatchets; Carpet beaters; Ice tongs; Chicken catcher; Box sheller; Fuel cans; Old medicine bottles; Corn planter; Hay hooks; Hay knives; Pair ankle balls & chains; Old Dutch Beer crate; And other items.

### - GATES - MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS -

Three 16' pipe gates; Four 10' pipe gates; 4 Cattle panels; Two 12' wire gates; Pair 24' street light poles from Delphi, IN; Hog feeder; A few cattle & hog panels; WD 3-pt. arms; PTO seeder; Wood extension ladders; 30' Aluminum extension ladder; Concrete mixer.

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### Farm & Ranch

FROM PAGE 7B

to Jon with the pheasant securely in his mouth. The bird must have been a "runner" after it landed and Otto had to chase it down, for he was breathing hard when he delivered the dead bird to Jon.

Despite the lengthy chase, Otto and Jon registered the shortest time to acquire their pheasants successfully. No other team captured 10 birds before expending their 10 allotted shotgun shells.

Several weeks ago, Marley died of old age, which saddened everyone in the household and particularly aggrieved Amanda and Hayden.

Amanda had acquired Marley as a canine companion two years before she and Jon met. She purchased Hayden as a gift to her husband in 2009. Hayden spent her entire life around Marley, as well as around Amanda and Jon. So has Otto thus far.

All three dogs slept upstairs in the bedroom with Amanda and Jon. Hayden and Otto slumbered on their dog beds while Marley snoozed at the foot of Amanda and Jon's bed. All three dogs also had daytime doggy mattresses to use on the main level of the house when their human companions were away at work or in school.

After Marley's passing, Hayden, now stiff from age and years of hunting, appeared forlorn as she meandered around the house for

two days looking for signs of Marley. When Amanda and Jon went to bed that second night and after Hayden and Otto arranged themselves on their nighttime beds, suddenly Otto jumped up and ran downstairs.

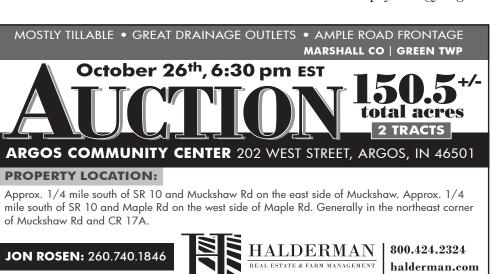
Otto reappeared with Marley's daytime doggy bed in his mouth, which he placed next to Hayden. Hayden relaxed immediately. Amanda and Jon also found comfort as they processed what had just happened. How did Otto figure out how to console Hayden, as well as his human family? Everyone slept better after this profoundly emotional experience.

When Marilyn and I visited the family two weeks afterward it appeared that life in the household had returned to normal. We canned 14 quarts of tomatoes together and exchanged other garden produce.

Eight-year-old Layla washed all the tomatoes. We all pitched in to cut up tomatoes, peppers, onions, basil and garlic to add to the jars. Hayden and Otto snarfed up anything we dropped onto the floor.

We had fun. All of us who had formed our own bonds with Marley had moved on. Otto deserves much of the credit. He taught us a lesson about caring.

The author's email address is: mike@ agbehavioralhealth.com. Two Iowa psychologists involved in agriculture, and Dr. Rosmann, are conducting a 2.5-hour workshop about the behavioral health of farmers on Nov. 18. For more information, contact: ipa@iowapsychology.org, or visit the website: www.iowapsychology.org.



### ANNUAL FALL ANTIQUE TRACTOR & **FARM MACHINERY AUCTION MONDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2021 AT 9:00 A.M.**

Auctioneer: Russell D. Harmeyer IN Auct. Lic. #AU10000277, HRES IN Auct. Lic #AC69200019, OWNER: Kenneth Smith & Carla Smith Rev Liv Trust, HLS# JRR-12658

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FARM MACHINERY

Clipper Fanning Mill. Platform so cyl's, Rotating Nail bin, Packer Wheels, H-M IH Fenders, 3pt Slip Scoop, steel wheel wheelbarrow, small ground drive spreader, McCormick ground Drive spreader, wheel & front weights, 1 row horse drawn cultivator, IH 10' wheel disk, Ford 3x Mtd 3pt plow, Ford 9' 3pt disk, IH 2x plow on steel wheels, 3pt Ferguson weeder, Endless belts, 100 BU Gravity Wagon, IH 330 running gear, JD 3x Mtd 3pt plow, Windmill, Coop 13x Drill on steel wheels w/seeder. IH 843 Corn head, AC 4x Rear Mtd cultivator, Oliver 565 Plow 4x semi mtd, IH 1 pt 4' Disk, Dearborn 2x plow 3pt, Oliver sickle Mower on steel wheels w/seat, very nice, IH 2pt 7' rear blade, JD Corn Sheller belt drive, MF 12 Riding lawn mower, 1pt 2x mtd plow, Garden Tractor 1x plow, 3 section 3pt Spring tooth, Dearborn Mtd sickle mower, Gehl Stationary Belt Pulley Hammer Mill, AC 2x Rear Mtd Cultivator, 5' 3pt Disk, Dunham 8' Double Packer, Dunham 9' double Packer, 3pt buzz saw. Oliver 3x Mtd 3pt Plow. Cast Iron Bath Tub, 200 gal Pull field Sprayer JD 2 Pull Plow, 2 Section Spring tooth, Wood wheel Horse Drawn Saulky, 4' Pull rotary chopper, JD 963 running gear, 2 Section spike drag, Brillion 12' Packer, Tractor dolley tow trailer, Dunham 8' Packer, New Idea 323 1 row Picker very nice! IH 550 Manure Spreader, Lawn Rollers, Oliver 3242 Mtd 3pt 3x plow, JD Auger Feed Cart pto, JD 24T square baler, 3pt 3x Cultivator, 2pt 1x subsoiler, AC silo blower w/

conveyor, 3pt Carry All, Mortor/Concrete mixer,

small gravity boxes, New Idea 19 Pto Manure Spreader, AC 10' Wheel Disk, Kewanee 45' Elevator, New tires, IH 56 2x planter dry fertilizer.

**ANTIQUE TRACTORS** JD 350 Dozer Dsl, JD 3020 Gas WF 6554 hrs. AC D15 Ser II 3pt. Cockshutt 550 3pt NF. MH Pony HI Arch, Ford 8N w/clock, 2 Farmall Super H's, JD H, JD 720 WF 3pt - original, Farmall 400 NF, Farmall H w/Live hyds & pwr steering, Case VAI, IH 826 Dsl Fenders 3pt, AC 180 Dsl 3pt, IH 806 Dsl WF 3pt, 1971 JD 3020 Dsl WF Side console, MH French Pony dsl, JD G WF fenders new tires, Case 500 Restored, Oliver Super 77 Dsl (brake stuck) IH 544 3pt, Ford 5000 dsl platform, JD 630 gas WF 3pt pwr

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TRACT 2: 73 ± acres TRACT 3: 45 ± acres

TRACT 4: 8± acres

TRACT 5: 48± acres

TRACT 6: 17.173 ± acres

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TRACT 9: 176' x 159' city lot

TRACT 10: 130' x 160' city lot TRACT 11: 130' x 155' city lot

TRACT 12: Swing Tract 10± acres

OWNERS: Bowen Acres (Nancy & Don Longwith, Nancy Ann Hageman, Beth Ann Hageman,

TRACT 13: 2.96± acres

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- Tillable Land Quality Soils City Lots
- City Water & Sewer U1 Urban Zoning

The property has frontage on CR 200N, Prince William Rd and Riley Rd. Tract 13 is located east of US 421, SR 18 & SR 39 at intersection on Main St.

**NOTE:** Tracts 6 & 13 – the acres estimated are based on Carroll County Tax Assessment Records.

NOTE: The Sellers have been in contact with Wabash Valley Electrical Co. and Wabash Valley may be interested in installing power lines along the Hoosier Heartland Highway in the future.

AUCTION MGRS: Jim Hayworth 765.427.1913 #AC63001504, #AU08700434, Todd Freeman 765.414.1863

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- Picturesque farmstead with house, barns, & bins
- (2) Rural homes
- 7,500± feet of Frontage on (2)
- Large level fields for ease of Farming Operation

### INSPECTION TIMES: 10 - 11 AM Monday(s), October 4, 11 & 18

**OWNER: Hoberty Farms LLC AUCTION MANAGERS:** Andy Walther, 765-969-0401 & Travis Kelley, 740-572-1525

PROPERTY LOCATION: 8715 & 8772 Detrick Jordan Pike, NEW CARLISLE, OH 45344. From New Carlisle, OH, travel north on OH 235 4 miles to OH 41, then east 2 miles to Detrick Jordan Pike. Turn south (right) and travel 2 miles, the farm will start on your left. AUCTION SITE: SHRINE CLUB (Springfield), 471 Shrine Rd., Spring-

**TRACT 1: 59± ACRES** with 57± FSA cropland acres. This features a nice mix of Crosby and Kokomo soils with road frontage on two sides. There is a small 1½ acre wooded area at the northeast corner of the tract. Add this to your current operation or consider this as a stand-alone investment

TRACT 2: 5+ ACRES with a 2-story country home featuring 3 bedrooms, 1 bath, attached 2-car garage and partial basement, on the north side of Detrick Jordan Pike. Come see all the possibilities this home has to offer. TRACT 3: 80± ACRES nearly all tillable. This is a nice rectangular field for ease of operation featuring a mix of Crosby and Kokomo soils with road frontage on Detrick Jordan Pike and Ulery Rd. Excellent investment opportunity.

TRACT 4: 5+ ACRES with a 2-story country home and farmstead. Features include (2) 10,000 bushel grain bins, 2-story livestock barn, metal-sided machinery shed, multiple garages, an open-sided livestock barn and picturesque silo.

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PROPERTY LOCATION: Adjacent to 9000 SR 138 CLARKSBURG, OH 43115.

**DIRECTIONS:** From Circleville: Travel west on SR 22 for 5 miles to SR 138. Turn left on SR 138. Follow SR 138 for 7 ½ miles and farm location will be on your right. **From Williamsport:** Travel south on Chillicothe Pike 2 ½ miles. Turn right onto SR 138, travel 5 miles and farm will be on your right.

**AUCTION SITE: AMVETS located at 818 Tarlton Road, Circleville, OH 43113.** From the intersection of SR 22 and SR 56, continue on SR 56 (E. Main St) 1/2 mile to Kingston Pike, Turn right and travel 2 miles to Tarlton Rd. Then Right 1/2 mile to auction site.

TRACT DESCRIPTIONS:

TRACT 1: 70± ACRES nearly all tillable with frontage on Ater Rd. This is a highly productive farm with a nice mix of Crosby and Kokomo soils. Excellent drainage as farm has been systematically tiled. TRACT 2: 100± ACRES nearly all tillable and systematically tiled. Lots of frontage along SR 138. This is a great investment opportunity. Consider combining with Tracts 3 and Tract 4 for a large tillable tract with quality frontage and accessiblity.

TRACT 3: 80± ACRES all cropland with quality soils and frontage. Great options to combine with Tract 1, 2 or 4.

TRACT 4: 126± ACRES nearly all tillable. Frontage along SR 138. Nice mix of Crosby and Kokomo soils being pattern drained. Nice large tract with considerable options to add the additional tracts being offered. 1.6± acres of CRP waterways enrolled through 2031

**INSPECTION DATES: 10 - 11am** Tues., Oct. 5 • Tues., Oct. 12 • Tues., Oct. 19

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### 212.896 ACRE HIGHLAND COUNTY FARM ABSOLUTE AUCTION

Farm located: 3 miles south of Lynchburg, Ohio, at 1811 Crampton Rd., Lynchburg, Ohio. 45142. Follow Crampton Rd. off St. Rt. 134 ( just north of Dodsonville) turn left on Crampton Rd. to farm. AUCTION SITE: LYNCHBURG FIRE HOUSE, 8123 ST. RT. 135 LYNCHBURG, OHIO, 45142.

### THUR., NOV. 4, 2021, at 6:00 pm



<u> 212.896 ACRES W/ HOME & BUILDINGS - SELLING ABSOLUTE IN ONE TRACT</u> This high percentage of tillable farm is well located just off US 50 in Lynchburg Clay School Dist. Land is level w/ adequate drainage w/189.44 acres tillable, remainder wooded & land w/ buildings. Improvements include an older 2 story frame home setting high on a hill having 2890 sq. ft. of living area with partial basement & crawl space, attached 1 car garage & summer kitchen. Barns include 58'x40' bank barn, 30'x28' shed, 28'x20' bank barn, 20'x10' shed, 28'x35' garage & other outbuildings. Included is a mobile home pad now being rented for \$150.00 per month. Home is in fair

condition needing updated but worthy of restoration having a lot of character and possibilities. AUCTIONEER'S NOTE: This farm formerly owned by Mr. & Mrs. John Pulse who passed it on to CRA from their estate. The Christian Restoration Assoc. would like to thank the Pulse family for this very generous gift as it is very much appreciated. What an opportunity this is to purchase 212 ac. in 1 tract, well located in a good farming area of northern Highland Co. to be sold to the highest bidder. Thank you to CRA for entrusting us to help them in the selling of this farm to help their organization benefit for years to come through the proceeds. TERMS: \$75,000.00 to be paid down on day of auction with remainder due at closing which will be on or before January



5, 2022. Possession on land immediate after 2021 crop harvested and possession within 45 days of closing on home & mobile home pad. Farmland & house are now rented, and buyer will have right to farm in 2022. Property sells absolute to the highest bidder. Any announcements made by auctioneer on day of sale will take



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PREVIEW DATES: Oct. 6 & 13, 4-5:30 PM or by Appointment OWNER: CHRISTIAN RESTORATION ASSOCIATION

1939 Crampton Rd. home sold immediately after

farm.





### Cold weather poison iv

Spaulding Outdoors

By Jack Spaulding

During the warm months, gardeners and outdoor lovers are usually aware of the dreaded poison ivy's "Leaves of three." And, like the adage says, "Leave them be." Brush killer and carefully grubbing out the plants wearing gloves usually takes care of the problem.

As leaves fall and the weather cools, it is easy to drop our guard of poison ivy. But, the threat is still there. A mother and father

laughed at their toddler's clumsy attempts wearing daddy's work boots and gloves. They were soon to find out, it was no laughing matter.

The next morning the parents awoke to the cries of an inconsolable child covered with burning, itching blisters. Poison ivy... but how in the world did it happen?

It goes back to the toxic irritant in poison ivy, urishiol oil. The blistering agent is found in the leaves, vines and stalks of poison ivy and is the cause of the burning, itching blisters.

The child had become contaminated by the urishiol on her father's work boots and gloves. Dad had been clearing a patch of poison ivy several weeks before; the contaminating effect of urishiol can last for months. Only a thorough washing in a strong bleach solution will neutralize the contaminating effect of the urishiol.

Another family contaminating culprit may be good old "Fido," the family dog. Dogs have no allergic

reaction to poison ivy and can carry urishiol on their skin. After the

dog has romped through a patch of poison ivy, petting Fido can be the same as running your hands and arms through the ivy patch. The

dog rubbing up against a bare leg can result in burning blisters there as well. If the dog stretches out on the couch or your favorite chair, they too can become a source of urishiol

contamination.

If the dog has been romping in the poison ivy patch, a good bath with Dawn liquid soap should decontaminate "Fido."

If firewood is burned in the home, it too can be a source of poison ivy contamination. All firewood when cut should be stripped of vines in the woods. Never burn poison ivy in brush fires as the smoke carries the urishiol and can result in a horrible contamination.

After a possible contamination, start by rinsing your hands and arms and any contaminated areas thoroughly in cold water. Urishiol is slightly soluble. Once you have rinsed, wash your hands in cold water with Dawn or a strong laundry detergent. Do not use hot water as it breaks down the natural oils in the skin and allows the urishiol to penetrate.

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Real estate: Tract # 1 home & 5.662 ac. located at 1939 Crampton Rd. Lynchburg, Ohio, consisting of an 1824 sq. ft. brick home w/ full basement, 2 car garage, 30x40 Morton pole building, 2 car detached 32x24 garage,10x20 pole building w/ kitchen and outer deck overlooking the large pond on the property & blacktop drive. This home is in good condition structurally and just needs some updating of carpet and paint to your liking. Property offers an abundance of

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### **Spaulding**

FROM PAGE 9B

The Mayo Clinic has some pointers on home treatment of poison ivy. A poison ivy rash will eventually go away on its own. But the itching can be hard to deal with and make it difficult to sleep. If you scratch your blisters, they may become infected.

Here are some steps you can take to help control the itching;

- Apply an over-the-counter cortisone cream or ointment (Cortizone 10) for the first few days. Apply calamine lotion or creams containing menthol.
- Take oral antihistamines, such as diphenhydramine (Benadryl), which may also help you sleep better. An over-the-counter antihistamine that won't make you so drowsy is loratadine (Alavert, Claritin, others).
- Soak the affected area in a coolwater bath that has about a half cup (100 grams) of baking soda or an oatmeal-based bath product (Aveeno)
- Place cool, wet compresses on the affected area for 15 to 30 minutes several times a day.

Just because the leaves are falling doesn't mean we should ignore the presence of poison ivy. If we do, those itchy, burning blisters can appear when we least expect it.

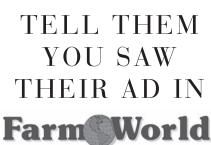
### DNR stocking 67,000 channel catfish

Indiana's DNR will stock more than 130 public fishing sites across the state with approximately 67,000 channel catfish. State fish hatcheries began harvesting channel catfish Sept. 27 and plan to stock them by Nov. 15. The lake and reservoir stockings occur annually or every other year, depending on the number of catfish produced at the state hatcheries and the requests from DNR fisheries management staff.

The catfish stocked will be 8-10 inches in length with some in the 12-14-inch size range. With careful handling and transport, most newly stocked catfish quickly acclimate to their new environment and offer immediate opportunities to interested anglers. The bag limit for channel catfish is 10 per day, and there is no minimum size limit. Review channel catfish regulations at https://bit.ly/3hALk96.

Readers can contact the author by writing to this publication, or e-mail to jackspaulding@hughes.net.

Spaulding's books, "The Best of Spaulding Outdoors," and his latest, "The Coon Hunter And The Kid," are available from Amazon.com.







November 4th, 6:30 pm ET

total acres TRACT 1: 44.55+/- Acres

TRACT 2: 10.84+/- Acres TRACT 3: 23.27+/- Acres TRACT 4: 31+/- Acres

### Contact: **Jon Rosen:** 260.740.1846

1101 Manchester Avenue, Wabash, IN 46992

WABASH COUNTY REMC

PROPERTY LOCATION:



Auctioneer: Russell D. Harmeyer IN Auct. Lic. #AU10000277, HRES IN Auct. Lic. #AC69200019, FARM: Bill Urschel & John Baer, HLS# JRR-12690

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Tract 2: 40± acres that includes tillable acres, 130,000 +/- Bu. Grain Handling Unit with a 105' leg and MC 980 grain dryer, 70' x 410' free stall barn with a 34' x 47' manure storage area, 72' x 320' free stall barn with a 40' x 72' manure storage, 41' x 248' calf shed, 8' x 12' pump house. **Tract 3:** 40± acre that includes a 1,837 square foot home with 4 bedrooms and 1 full bath, 64' x 80' 3-sided cattle shed, 48' x 120' hay shed, 50' x 74' commodity shed, 24' x 48' shop, 40' x 96' 3-sided calf shed, 46' x 117' implement shed, several cement silage concrete bunkers Tract 4: 40± of majority tillable farmland, 3 mobile homes, and 22' x 50' Quonset hut Tract 5: 11 +/- acres of majority tillable acres. A great option to purchase with the dairy for future

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### Class III milk price up in September

WEEKLY

U.S. milk prices are heading in the right direction but have a way to go to reach needed profitability on the farm. The USDA announced the September Federal order Class III benchmark at \$16.53 per hundredweight, up 58 cents from August and only a dime above September 2020. The nine-month average stands at \$16.75, down from \$17.48 at this time a year ago and compares to \$16.11 in 2019.

Late Friday morning Class III futures portended an October price at \$18.09; November, \$18.10; and December at \$17.80. The September Class IV price is \$16.36 per cwt., up 44 cents from August and \$3.61 above a year ago. The 2021 average stands at \$15.26, up from \$13.53 a year ago, but compares to \$16.21 in 2019.

Will milk prices keep U.S. dairy farmers in business? Speaking in the Oct, 4 'Dairy Radio Now' broadcast, StoneX dairy broker, Dave Kurzawski answered, "In business, probably yes. Happily in business, probably no."

He cited the rising costs farmers are facing - gas and energy, labor costs and issues - as well as feed costs, but the good news is that we're seeing a little milk tightness in the United States, as well as globally, and prices are beginning to respond to that. And, we are entering a period of good demand as the holidays approach.

When asked about the helpfulness of government programs like the one announced this week, he responded, "Any little bit can help I suppose, but the flip side of that, from a brokerage perspective and a trading perspective, you have to say, the more money the government hands out the more milk we have in 2022."

The 2022 milk price average is in the high \$17 area, he said, but he believes that could climb over \$18 as we push into fall. He said there'll be opportunities for producers to set some floor prices, either through the Dairy Revenue Protection program (DRP) or using futures or options,

"The real question is, what is

it going to cost to produce milk next year? Producers have to take a hard look at grain costs, which have moderated some but are at a high price level with corn over \$5 per bushel. We have to look at profit margin before doing anything," he concluded. "The DRP is probably the easiest way to MIELKE MARKET get some risk management and give yourself a safety By Lee Mielke net."

> CME block Cheddar climbed to \$1.8725 per pound Thursday, highest since Jan. 14, but closed Friday at \$1.85, up 14.25 cents on the week and 76 cents below a year ago. The barrels got to \$1.7550 Thursday, highest since May 13, but finished the week at \$1.7450, 14.50 cents higher and 21 cents below a year ago when they pole vaulted 29.50 cents.

> The spread narrowed to 9 cents Monday but grew back to 10.50 cents at Friday's close. Sales included five cars of block on the week and 18 for the month of September, down from 23 in August. There were 17 cars of barrel traded on the week and 69 for the month, down from 72 in August.

> Midwestern cheesemakers told Dairy Market News that spot milk was generally available at around the Class III price or just above the last week of September. Cheese demand is strengthening seasonally with retail customers particularly active as gift box cheese orders are growing. Cheese plant managers relayed mixed tones regarding continued staffing shortages.

> Cheese demand in the West remains steady in retail and food service as well as internationally, largely driven by purchasers in Asia. Traders continue to deal with delays due to a shortage of truck drivers and limited shipping supplies. Port congestion also remains a huge issue but not everywhere, as the director of communications for the port in Oakland, Calif., informed us. As loads continue to get delayed, available warehouse space has also become limited.

> Spot butter climbed to \$1.77 per pound Tuesday, but ended Friday at \$1.7475, up 2 cents on the week and 23.75 cents above a year ago. There were 33 sales for the week and 121 for the month, up from 106 in

(Mielke continued on page 12B)



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### Mielke

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Midwest cream availability is mixed but end users say it remains available, albeit pricier. Some procurers say they were not expecting it to be as accessible as it was the last week of the month but others said the higher price was pushing the limits for a return on investment. Staffing shortages also have plants concerned. Butter inventories are still meshing well with demand, according to DMN.

Butter production varies Cream throughout the West. hauling issues persist, but plant managers said cream availability is generally meeting needs. Retail sales are steady, and some grocers are reportedly placing larger orders in advance of fall baking and holiday demand. Food service orders are mixed. Some describe strong regional sales but others indicate pockets of faltering demand, particularly in the restaurant sector, amidst rising COVID case counts, dine-in restrictions, and reduced staffing and hours.

America's love for dairy remains, according to the USDA's annual percapita consumption data, and that despite the COVID-19 pandemic. The Economic Research Service added 2020 data to an accounting of per capita dairy consumption dating back to 1975 when the average American consumed just 539 pounds of dairy foods per year. Last year's consumption was at 655 pounds in milk, cheese, yogurt, ice cream, butter and other products.

The 2020 figure represents an increase of 3 pounds per person over the previous year, according to the International Dairy Foods Association (IDFA). "Ice cream continued to rebound and grew by 6 percent year-over-year in 2020," the IDFA stated. "Yogurt consumption jumped 3 percent and butter notched a 2 percent increase. Milk and cheese remained resilient throughout 2020 despite the closure of restaurants, cafes, schools and other institutions that drive demand."

The IDFA said per capita consumption has grown 22 percent since USDA began tracking dairy consumption in 1975.

"How we consume our dairy is different than a generation ago," said IDFA president and CEO Michael Dykes. "Americans eat more dairy than we drink and include dairy in all meals and occasions as well as for fitness and recovery, to live a healthy life, and to celebrate those special moments. With a greater focus on producing sustainable foods, dairy will continue to grow as a category well into the future," Dykes said.

In politics, Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced a set of investments to address challenges facing America's agricultural producers this week. Included



is \$500 million to support drought recovery and encourage the adoption water-smart management practices.

Up to \$500 million will go toward preventing the spread of African swine fever via expansion and coordination of monitoring, surveillance, prevention, quarantine and eradication activities through USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

There will be \$500 million to provide relief from agricultural disruption, market such increased transportation challenges, availability and cost of certain materials, and other obstacles related to the marketing and distribution.

Up to \$1.5 billion will provide assistance to help schools respond to supply chain disruptions. USDA said, "Throughout the pandemic, school food professionals extraordinary challenges to ensure students got the food they need to learn, grow and thrive. The funds will support procurement of agricultural commodities."





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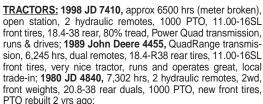


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header cart; International 844, 4 row corn head; IH 1064, 6

row corn head, stalk stompers, PTO hookup; Oliver 546, 4

VEHICLES: Chevy S10, ext cab, 190,000 miles, long bed; 1984 Chevrolet Impala, 55,169 miles, light blue, 4 door, excellent condition; HAY&STRAW: (50) 4X4 alfalfa grass mixed; (80) bales 4X4 grass alfalfa mix, net wrapped; (25) bales wheat straw, 4X4, net wrapped.









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# **Autumn's Northern Cross** visible in midnight sky

Poor Will's Almanack

By Bill Felker

By the sixth of October the leaves generally begin to fall, in successive showers, after frost or rain; but the principal leaf-harvest, the acme of the Fall, is commonly about the sixteenth. – Henry David Thoreau, Excursions

### **The Moon and Stars**

The Travelling Toad and Frog Moon was new at 6:05 a.m. on Oct. 6, and it reaches perigee, its position closest to Earth, on Oct. 8. As the dark moon waxes

through the period, lunar conditions become ideal for seeding spring spinach, for planting winter wheat after the Hessian-fly free date, and for putting in a green manure cover crop in the garden.

When the barometer falls before the Oct. 7 cold front, scout for game and do some fishing, especially in the afternoon when the moon will be overhead. After that front comes through, take a few days off to prepare for the barometric low that precedes the Oct. 13 cold front.

When you go outside at midnight, you will see autumn's Northern Cross, accompanied by Aquila and Lyra, setting in the west. Above you, the Great Square lies below the Milky Way. In the east, winter's Orion has risen behind the Pleiades. In the northern sky, the Dig Dipper hugs the horizon. Deep in the southwest, Fomalhaut hovers above the tree line.

### **Weather Trends**

Cool and pleasant most years, the second week of October brings in Middle Autumn, a period during which highs are mostly in the 60s, with lows in the 40s and 30s. Frost, however, is twice as likely to strike as it was last week.

The likelihood of colder weather almost always increases after the 4th - when the chances of highs only in the 50s swells from 15 percent to 30 percent. This is the earliest week for snow in the East and Midwest.

### Zeitgebers

### (Events in Nature that Tell the Time of Year)

Juncos return to feeders across the region. In the swamps, next year's skunk cabbage starts to come up, barely visible among the browning grasses.

The foliage of the burning bush shrub is full scarlet. Ginkgo fruits, which will be on the ground by late November, are turning pink. Brown beggarticks stick to your stockings, and the winged seeds of Japanese knotweed fall.

Throughout the fields, asters and goldenrods show steep declines. In garden ponds, water lilies stop blooming. By the roadsides, only the pink smartweed seems impervious to the shortening days.

### Mind and Body

Forces related to Seasonal Affective Disorder become more apparent in October as the length of the night increases and chances of mild weather decrease.

The frequency of cloudy conditions is typically low in the first half of the month, but after Oct. 15, the odds for overcast days rapidly doubles. October's weather readings follow those of cloud cover, increase to reflect the growing chance of frost and snow. The day reaches a wintry span by the end of the month, and when the moon is new near perigee (Oct. 6-8) and full (Oct. 20), the Index rises to levels that hover close to severe SAD

As the forces that tend to increase S.A.D. gather momentum, however, other forces may help to decrease the effect of October's changes. The landscape, so suddenly transformed, can create exhilaration as well as shock

and dismay. Often a resurgence in the undergrowth creates the impression of a Second Spring and a promise of new life in the new year.

The migration of birds may cause a restlessness in humans, a desire to move on in space

and time; and while such feelings can be discouraging to those who feel trapped in their situations, they can also reawaken old dreams and strategies for achieving

them or for finding compensation for not achieving them.

### In the Field and Garden

Winter wheat is usually a fourth planted by today. Soybeans are often mature on half of the region's farms. In the garden, new, red knuckles of rhubarb sometimes push to the surface beside the wilting stalks of summer.

Test soil after harvest is complete in field and garden. Cut back annuals as the frost takes them, removing weeds from around their roots. A clean fall and winter garden saves time in the spring.

Plant a grain or grass cover crop in your garden as the moon waxes; the waxing moon is thought to encourage sprouting and speed growth. Complete autumn vaccinations for all livestock and pets.

### **ALMANACK CLASSICS**On the Roof

By Sam J. Eicher, Berne, Ind.

This couple went on a trip and had the neighbor's children feed their cat and keep an eye on Grandmother while they were gone.

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(Poor Will continued on page 15B)

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### **Poor Will**

FROM PAGE 14B

The couple told the children that they should've said that on the first day the cat was on the roof, and then the next day, she fell off, and the third day she'd

Then it wouldn't have been so much of a shock.

And then they asked, "So, how is Grandmother?"

And the kids said, "She's on the roof."

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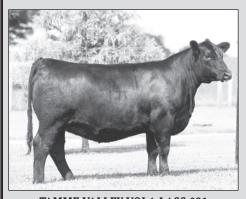
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