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## Wet weather putting some pressure on the Illinois harvest

By **TIM ALEXANDER**  
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BLOOMINGTON, Ill. — Despite growing disease pressure and rainy and wet conditions that ground the Illinois corn and soybean harvest to a halt the week of October 11-15, most analysts are still optimistic about 2021 crop yields and quality.

“What I’m hearing from our members is that the state as a whole is at a standstill with the recent rainfall. I’m guessing things are going to continue to be slow as rain is predicted for the next few days,” said Jim Tarmann, managing director of the Illinois Corn Growers Association, on October 13.

Rainy week aside, statewide soybean yields appear to be on par with or above the 64 bushels per acre (bpa) projected by the USDA’s National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS), according to Abigail Peterson, lead agronomist for the Illinois Soybean Association (ISA).

“We got a good start on the soybean harvest this year with mild conditions early on that allowed farmers to get in the fields early. Some farmers are done with the soybean harvest. Driving around the state I see a lot of soybeans still in the field, but overall progress has been good,” said Peterson, an Oregon, Illinois, native and Iowa State University graduate who was named ISA’s first director of agronomy in September.

According to NASS’ October 12 Illinois Crop Progress and Condition report, soybeans harvested had reached 43 percent, compared to the 5-year average of 45 percent. Statewide soybean condition was rated 3 percent very poor, 6 percent poor, 20 percent fair, 49 percent good, and 22 percent excellent.

A lot of fields are yielding dry moisture soybeans of less than 13 percent, Peterson reported, though farmers in wetter areas of the state are checking in beans with moisture contents of 15-17 percent. “With the wet conditions around the state this week, the harvest has slowed down,” Peterson said on October 14. Thousands of acres of double-cropped soybeans remain to be harvested in southern Illinois, she added.

The agronomist noted that late-season sudden death syndrome (SDS) plagued some soybean fields in southern Illinois, particularly in Shelby County. “As I moved north I found more of it spread out. Since it was late season disease, hopefully it won’t be too detrimental to the harvest season,” said Peterson.

“I also found some white mold on soybeans in northern Illinois counties like Bureau, but not at such a pressure it would be detrimental. As far as insects, we are watching for the decies stem borer but I haven’t heard too many reports out in the field or too many negative effects. I am looking for armyworms and (other insect pests) and haven’t seen much.”

NASS’ estimate of 64 bpa for Illinois soybeans is perhaps too low, Peterson seemed to indicate. “I would definitely say that this is a year that farm yield averages have been coming in a little bit above average. It’s been very positive across the board, and most farmers have been

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**Above:** Farmers throughout Indiana, Illinois and Ohio are waiting for the sun to help fields to dry out so they can continue with the harvest. Photo Leondia Walchle

## FFA convention will return to Indianapolis as in-person event

By **Michele F. Mihaljevich**  
Indiana Correspondent

INDIANAPOLIS – Organizers of this year’s FFA convention will welcome members back to Indianapolis after the 2020 event was held virtually due to COVID-19.

The 94th National FFA Convention & Expo is Oct. 27-30 in Indianapolis.

“We’re excited to be back, we’re going to see the students, see their reactions as they hear their names on stage,” said Kristy Meyer, communications manager for the National FFA Organization. “The way we see their faces light up, that fills your bucket up. We see the pride they have in wearing that jacket. There’s excitement, but there’s also an air of apprehension. Are we doing everything right?”

The FFA worked with health department officials while planning the convention, she said. “In deciding to have an in-person convention, the health and safety of the students was top of our mind. We made the decision that masks would be required for health and safety. They won’t be needed when someone is participating in public speaking, singing or playing music.”

Virtual options will be available for many events during the convention, including student and teacher workshops and general and delegate sessions. The FFA Blue Room will be all virtual. The National Days of Service projects may be done on-site in Indianapolis or in a member’s local community.

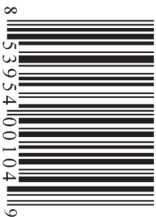
In 2019, about 68,000 attended the convention. There is no cap on attendance for 2021. “I don’t believe we’re going to reach that number this year,” Meyer noted. “We had a pretty good response when registration opened in September. Some events were sold out. Registration doesn’t close. I honestly have no idea how



**Above:** FFA members are excited to return to Indianapolis for their annual convention. The trade show offers many opportunities for students to try out different skills such as welding. Photo by Connie Swaim



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# Brakes tapped on speedy Indiana harvest

By Stan Maddux  
Indiana Correspondent

LACROSSE, Ind. - The record yields for corn and soybeans predicted in Indiana are not showing up in some parts of the state this harvest season. What's getting brought in from the fields is not living up to the high expectations of some farmers.

Matt Schafer, of LaCrosse, gave just an average grade to the yields of corn, so far, harvested from his fields 30 miles from the southern tip of Lake Michigan.

Most of his problems are with corn in pockets saturated for an extended period from as much as 10 inches or more of rain in late June and early July. He said it was especially wet in his more fertile soil, which takes longer to dry out than his sandier ground.

"The ears are smaller than what we'd like to see," he said.

He said some corn growers nearby who didn't experience quite as much rain are seeing better results but nothing close to record yields. "That's what a lot of guys in our area are saying even where it was good," he said.

Schafer gave a B+ to the amount of soybeans he's bringing in, though. He would have given a perfect score to his soybeans had it not been for yields being down in spots impacted more by the heavy early summer rain.

"The soybeans are pretty good. It's not something I would have bet on in June," Schafer said.

The results appear a bit more encouraging in Washington County at the far southern end of the state.

Danielle Walker, an educator with the Purdue Extension office in Salem, reported nothing out of the ordinary in terms of yields locally.

"I haven't heard anybody say anything negative but I haven't heard anybody say I my gosh I've have the best crop I've ever had," she said.

According to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS), the latest projection for Indiana corn is 194 bushels per acre. That's seven bushels more than last year but three bushels less than what was forecast the previous month.

Total corn production in the state is predicted to be 1.02 billion bushels, or 4 percent above last year's total. If the expectation is realized, this will be the highest Indiana corn yield on record, according to NASS.

NASS projected Indiana soybean yields unchanged from the previous month's forecast at 60 bushels per

acre. Total soybean production in the state is predicted to be 341 million bushels, which would also set a record.

Schafer said slightly more than 50 percent of his corn and about 40 percent of his soybeans are in.

His corn reached maturity a little early this year and the ground was dry enough for him to start bringing it in sooner. However, recent heavy rains have forced Schafer and other farmers in parts of the state out of their fields until things dry out a bit.

As long as there are no upcoming weather extremes, Schafer said there's still a very good chance of him being finished with harvesting

**Below:** Farmers were working between rain events in Indiana in the last week. Photo by Connie Swaim



by no later than Halloween or first week in November.

Walker said close to 50 percent of the corn and soybeans in her county have been harvested. She also said the harvest there was going well until recent precipitation drove farmers out of their fields.

"It's been pretty wet. That slowed some things down, but I think everything is still on track," Walker said.

Schafer said he's also had issues

with ears of corn being on the ground from weakened stalks breaking from things like high winds. Apparently, he said, some plants, from lack of nutrients, began drawing what they needed from their stalks to fill out the ears.

He's reluctant to issue a final grade, especially on his corn, because yields could be higher from the crop still out in his fields. "It's still largely an incomplete. So, we'll see," he said.



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## FFA Convention

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normal it will be this year, but we hope it's going to be pretty close to normal.

"One thing we learned in 2020 is we still have the ability to connect our students. The silver lining might have been Zoom."

This year, the judging process will have occurred before the convention, she said. Winners will still be announced from the stage, but with the judging already done, students will be able to experience other things during the convention, Meyer added.

Daily features during the convention include the shopping mall, musical performances and general sessions. The 2021-2022 team of national officers will be announced Oct. 30. Events are scheduled for Lucas Oil Stadium, Indiana Convention Center, Indiana State Fairgrounds, Indianapolis City Market and

Indianapolis Artsgarden. A concert by Brett Young will be Oct. 27 at Gainbridge Fieldhouse (formerly Bankers Life Fieldhouse).

Courtenay DeHoff, a cowgirl turned television personality and podcast host, will deliver the convention's keynote address Oct. 28. DeHoff started the brand Fancy Lady Cowgirl last year.

To register, or for more information and a detailed schedule, visit <https://convention.ffa.org/>. Registration is available before and at the convention. The cost for four-day access is \$90 per person through Oct. 26 and \$95 after. Single-day access is also available. There is no charge to participate virtually. There are fees for additional events, such as the Brett Young concert and the CINCH World's Toughest Rodeo.

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## IL harvest

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pretty happy," she said.

While it appears Illinois corn farmers may still be on course to harvest the 214 bpa predicted by USDA-NASS, Tarmann noted that harvest progress, yields and consistency have been spotty across the state.

"There is really no consistency on how much corn or soybeans have been harvested within a region due to varying levels of disease pressure in this year's corn crop. Resulting standability issues in the upper two-thirds of the state had producers spot harvesting fields where the corn was going down before switching to beans," Tarmann said.

"Most (southern Illinois) producers report an estimated 20-30 bushel yield loss due to this disease pressure. We

have heard soybean yields in this same area to be solid with most reporting to this point having above average yields," he added.

DTN contributing analyst Joel Karlin reported that notes from crop scouts and traders in Illinois indicate NASS' estimated 2021 corn yield of 214 bpa is "too high." At issue: parts of the state are seeing disease pressure from heavy rains, while other regions, most notably northern Illinois, are seeing yields suppressed by a dry finish to the growing season.

As of October 12, corn harvested for grain in Illinois had reached 55 percent, compared to the 5-year average of 46 percent. Corn condition was rated 2 percent very poor, 5 percent poor, 23 percent fair, 50 percent good, and 20 percent excellent, according to the latest USDA-NASS crop condition report.

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# USDA raises production estimates

The USDA unexpectedly raised the U.S. corn yield in the October supply and demand report to a national average of 176.5 bushels per acre, half a bushel above the average trade guess. This was enough to put yearly production at 15.02 billion bu (bbu), 20 million bu (mbu) higher than the September figure. Very few changes were made to corn demand, which put ending stocks at 1.5 buu, up 100 mbu from September. This is a 10.1 percent stocks-to-use and requires less rationing.

Bigger changes took place in soybean balance sheets, adding to an already negative tone in the complex. The average U.S. soybean yield is now pegged at 51.5 bushels per acre, compared to the 50.6 bushel per acre estimate last month. This brought production to 4.45 buu, a 74 mbu increase on the month. The only change to demand was a 10 mbu increase in crush which put ending stocks at a comfortable 320 mbu. This is a 7.3 percent stocks to use and not as concerning as previous levels.

A slight reduction of 51 mbu was made to the U.S. wheat crop, putting production at 1.65 buu. Feed demand on wheat was lowered 25 mbu to give us ending stocks of 580 mbu. This is a 28.5 percent stocks to use and while large, is starting to generate more market interest as it has been steadily declining.

On the global side, corn reserves are forecast to total 301.7 million metric tons (mmt) this year, a 4.1 mmt increase from last month's estimate. World soybean carryout is now estimated at 104.6 mmt, up 5.7 mmt from September. Global wheat stocks are forecast to decline 6 mmt this year to a 277.2 mmt total.

The USDA also updated its meat production estimates. For 2021, the United States is forecast to produce 27.83 billion pounds of beef, a 90-million-pound increase from the last estimate. Beef production in 2022 is projected at 27 billion pounds, a 120-million-pound increase on the month. Pork production for 2021 was lowered 70 million pounds to a 27.67-billion-pound total. Pork production in 2022 was cut a large 560 million pounds to a 27.59-billion-pound total. Average livestock prices for 2022 are now estimated at \$128.75 per hundredweight on beef and \$60.50 per hundred weight on pork.

Now that this data has been released, trade will quickly revert its attention to actual demand and harvest reports. As for harvest, we are starting to see more interest in country selling. Trade is taking this as a signal that yields are not as bad as initially thought and storage space is starting to fill. A weakening interior basis would help confirm these thoughts. Trade is paying close attention to Brazilian export bids and how much competition they are applying to U.S. sales. At the present time, Brazilian corn is being offered at a \$1 per bushel premium to the United States as sellers try to ration out their remaining bushels. Brazilian soybeans are also at a premium to the United States of nearly 60 cents per bushel. We continue to see buyers book Brazilian soybeans though as U.S. export worries continue. The most interest is on fall deliveries as Brazil is selling product well beyond their normal export window.

Brazil is forecast to produce a considerably larger corn crop this year than last. Even so, there are questions on the country's potential exports. Brazil corn forecast to expected to increase 34 percent this year to a 116 mmt crop according to the official CONAB estimate. CONAB is forecasting Brazilian corn exports of 39 mmt for the 2021/22 marketing year compared to 35 mmt for last year. This is not much



MARKET ANALYSIS  
By Karl Setzer

of an increase given the elevated crop size, which may be even larger than the CONAB projection. Domestic corn usage is on the rise in Brazil which may limit exports, and support U.S. sales.

Inflation remains a primary factor in today's markets, including the commodities. Inflation is driving up the cost of raw products used in manufacturing. This includes vegetable oils and cotton, but also the cost of grains needed to produce livestock. This inflation is also bringing managed money investors to commodities and causing volatility to build. While this has been welcomed by commodity sellers, it is causing consumer spending to decline.

One of the greatest impacts of inflation has been on world food values. Global food costs rose 1.2 percent in September and are now the highest level in a decade. Yearly food costs have risen a large 33 percent over last year. Given the current state of the commodity market these costs are likely to continue.

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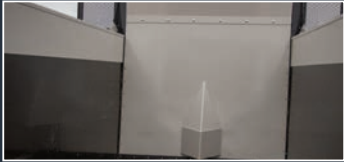


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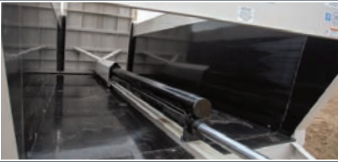
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Feeder Cattle:	821(87.3%)	542(82.4%)	1,394(88.2%)
Slaughter Cattle:	104(11.1%)	95(14.4%)	178(11.3%)
Replacement Cattle:	15(1.6%)	21(3.2%)	8(0.5%)

Compared to last Monday feeder steers under 600 lbs sold 2.00 to 5.00 higher with most advance on weaned 500-600 lb packages. Yearling steers sold 2.00 higher in a limited comparison. Feeder heifers sold 2.00 to 4.00 lower with fleshy new-crop calves facing discounts. Yearling heifers lightly tested. Slaughter cows sold 5.00 to 10.00 lower with light demand. Slaughter bulls steady with good demand. Supply included: 87% Feeder Cattle (46% Steers, 1% Dairy Steers, 34% Heifers, 19% Bulls); 11% Slaughter Cattle (82% Cows, 18% Bulls); 2% Replacement Cattle (20% Stock Cows, 73% Bred Cows, 7% Bred Heifers). Feeder cattle supply over 600 lbs was 42%.

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2	442	442	152.00	152.00
10	400-435	418	160.00-165.00	162.70 Value Added
2	455	455	155.00	155.00
36	450-497	485	157.00-173.50	168.61 Value Added
12	505-540	535	140.00-153.00	145.11
10	507-530	521	158.00-162.00	159.82 Value Added
9	565-582	573	145.00-153.00	147.65
48	557-597	578	154.00-165.00	160.00 Value Added
11	600-645	624	142.00-151.00	144.60 Value Added
2	690	690	134.00	134.00 Fleshy
4	665-697	687	139.00-140.00	139.49 Value Added
2	735	735	135.00-137.00	136.00
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60	834	834	155.00	155.00 Thin Fleshed
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STEERS - Medium and Large 2-3 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	470	470	136.00	136.00
2	522	522	133.00	133.00
1	620	620	120.00	120.00
2	850-875	863	120.00-133.00	126.59

STEERS - Large 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	655	655	133.00	133.00

DAIRY STEERS - Large 3 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
4	801	801	106.00	106.00

HEIFERS - Medium and Large 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
3	220	220	140.00	140.00
2	262	262	132.50	132.50
2	300-340	320	124.00-125.00	124.47
5	350-395	376	125.00-134.00	128.05
4	362	362	140.00	140.00 Value Added
6	405-445	428	122.00-125.00	123.32
11	442	442	135.00	135.00 Value Added

29	456-495	472	119.00-130.00	125.28
34	500-545	525	115.00-127.50	120.33
6	506	506	136.00	136.00 Value Added
18	555-595	574	115.00-124.00	120.06
21	600-635	617	114.00-118.00	118.71
8	655-696	680	115.00-124.00	122.02
6	710-746	729	101.00-117.00	113.90
5	712	712	128.00	128.00 Value Added
6	773-792	779	100.00-117.00	105.76
1	805	805	97.00	97.00
2	905-925	915	98.00-104.00	100.97
1	970	970	96.00	96.00

HEIFERS - Medium and Large 2-3 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
4	262-275	269	109.00-110.00	109.51
4	310-335	326	115.00-117.50	115.64
8	355-390	370	100.00-120.00	114.10
4	410-440	426	102.00-118.00	112.85
9	481-495	485	116.00-118.00	117.11
9	525-542	535	106.00-114.00	110.54
10	550-595	572	107.00-114.00	110.79
5	600-632	620	105.00-112.00	110.23
3	650-680	660	101.00-104.00	102.03
1	890	890	82.00	82.00
1	930	930	82.00	82.00

HEIFERS - Large 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	505	505	118.00	118.00
2	602	602	102.00	102.00

HEIFERS - Small and Medium 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
2	412	412	101.00	101.00

BULLS - Medium and Large 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
3	210-227	221	145.00-150.00	148.42
3	260	260	173.00	173.00 Fancy
6	300-335	320	157.00-162.00	160.01
1	345	345	166.00	166.00 Fancy
2	350-385	368	158.00-160.00	158.95
6	412-445	432	143.00-154.00	150.33
8	465-482	474	145.00-151.00	148.54
9	500-530	514	134.00-152.00	143.88
4	500-503	501	153.00-154.00	153.25 Fancy
9	555-595	580	130.00-143.00	137.09
5	565-578	574	144.00-150.00	145.39 Fancy
2	605-640	623	126.00-133.00	129.40
2	635	635	135.00	135.00 Fancy
5	650-680	664	119.00-129.00	125.95
13	708-748	726	101.00-120.00	108.53
2	705	705	125.00	125.00 Fancy
9	757-775	766	98.00-110.00	105.10
6	800	800	111.00	111.00 Fancy
1	870	870	99.00	99.00
1	935	935	105.00	105.00
3	960	960	100.00	100.00

BULLS - Medium and Large 2-3 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
3	220-230	225	130.00-137.50	133.28
3	250-280	262	129.00-142.00	136.71
3	360-367	365	130.00	130.00
3	425-437	433	127.00-133.00	128.96
4	460-490	478	120.00-132.00	125.65
4	500-540	529	118.50-124.00	120.25
4	556-560	557	115.00-125.00	117.51
5	610-635	623	107.00-115.00	110.43
1	965	965	80.00	80.00

BULLS - Small and Medium 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	295	295	122.50	122.50
1	425	425	110.00	110.00

2	475	475	103.00	103.00
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### SLAUGHTER CATTLE

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing
18	1110-1810	1419	52.50-56.00	54.33	Average
9	1370-1985	1653	57.00-62.50	59.47	High
1	1660	1660	44.00	44.00	Low

COWS - Boner 80-85% (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)					
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing
14	990-1400	1232	52.00-56.00	54.05	Average
12	1000-1470	1207	56.50-62.00	58.35	High
8	1060-1340	1234	44.00-54.50	49.95	Low

COWS - Lean 85-90% (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)					
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing
2	1195-1200	1198	52.00-54.50	53.25	Average
1	1210	1210	56.50	56.50	High
4	905-1170	1018	43.00-52.00	47.02	Low

BULLS - 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)					
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing
8	1235-2035	1509	82.00-92.50	87.28	Average
7	1580-2280	1887	93.00-103.00	98.65	High

REPLACEMENT CATTLE						
STOCK COWS - Medium and Large 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)						
Age	Stage	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
2-8	O	3	965-1250	1095	69.00-76.00	71.87

BRED COWS - Medium and Large 1-2 (Per Head / Actual Wt)						
Age	Stage	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
2-8	T1	1	1470	1470	935.00	935.00
2-8	T2	4	1325-1675	1505	885.00-1085.00	969.53

BRED COWS - Medium and Large 2-3 (Per Head / Actual Wt)						
Age	Stage	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
2-8	T2	1	1045	1045	800.00	800.00
2-8	T3	2	1235-1275	1255	675.00-700.00	687.30

BRED COWS - Small and Medium 2-3 (Per Head / Actual Wt)						
<u>Age</u>	<u>Stage</u>	<u>Head</u>	<u>Wt Range</u>	<u>Avg Wt</u>	<u>Price Range</u>	<u>Avg Price</u>
2-8	T3	2	1140-1200	1170	500.00-575.00	536.54
>8	T2	1	1070	1070	575.00	575.00

BRED HEIFERS - Medium and Large 1-2 (Per Head / Actual Wt)						
<u>Age</u>	<u>Stage</u>	<u>Head</u>	<u>Wt Range</u>	<u>Avg Wt</u>	<u>Price Range</u>	<u>Avg Price</u>
2-4	T2	1	920	920	875.00	875.00

Please Note:

The above USDA LPGMN price report is reflective of the majority of classes and grades of livestock offered for sale. There may be instances where some sales do not fit within reporting guidelines and therefore will not be included in the report. Prices are reported on an FOB basis, unless otherwise noted.

Explanatory Notes:

Stage (Cattle) - Represents pregnancy stage (O = open; T1 = 1st Trimester, 1 to 3 months; T1-2 = 1st/2nd trimester, 1 to 6 months; T2 = 2nd Trimester, 4 to 6 months; T2-3 = 2nd/3rd Trimester, 4 to 9 months; T3 = 3rd Trimester, 7 to 9 months; T1-3 = all trimesters, 1 to 9 months; E = Exposed; B = Bred)

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# Hominy recipes for meals, side dishes

When I was growing up, my mom would sometimes cook hominy as a side dish instead of potatoes, especially if we were having a meat dish that we didn't particularly enjoy, such as liver and onions. She used store-bought hominy but you can make your own and keep it on hand for a quick, easy side dish. While we used it as a conventional side dish, hominy is a favorite ingredient in Mexican cuisine.

Hominy is made from kernels of dried field corn that have been nixtamalized, an ancient process that started with cooks in the Mesoamerica region of Central and South America. The corn kernels are soaked in cooking lye or lime solutions and then rinsed several times, which removes the hulls and turns the inner kernels tender and plump. Some recipes also use baking soda. This process helps improve the corn's nutritional content, and also helps keep the corn from sprouting during long storage, when cooks needed ways to make the corn harvest last through the winter.

Hominy has a complex flavor and aroma, more like stoneground grits or freshly made tortillas than fresh corn. Hominy can also come in a ground form. Coarsely ground hominy is the key ingredient in grits, while finely ground hominy is known as masa. Some cooks use masa to make tortillas, arepas, tamales and other favorites. Seasoned whole hominy is an easy vegetable side dish. But it can also be used as an ingredient in other dishes, such as salsas, soups, and stews such as pozole, a fragrant, flavorful stew.

Hominy is a healthy food, packed with nutrients, low fat and rich in carbohydrates. It is also a good source of fiber and polyphenols, a plant compound with anti-inflammatory properties.

This week Cook Simply includes instructions on making your own hominy as well as a simple side dish of hominy, a skillet hominy meal and two hearty stew type recipes known as pozole and featuring chicken or pork. Enjoy and until next time, simply cook.

## Making Hominy Pioneer Style, outside in a cast iron kettle over a fire:

Start with good quality, organic, shelled corn. Winnow the corn by pouring it back and forth in buckets to sort out the chaff. It works best if it is done outside in front of a fan or with a good breeze. Soak the corn overnight in a soda/water solution (Mix 1 table-



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BY SUSAN MYKRANTZ

spoon baking soda per quart of water. Mix well before adding corn.) For a batch, use two gallons of water per gallon of corn for soaking and boiling.

In a large kettle, bring water to a boil, then add soaked corn. Boil until wax covering on the corn is melted, typically when at least half the kernels are split open and half the hearts emerge.

Remove the kettle from the heat and start washing the corn with cold water.

You can use a hose to drain off the wax, which rises to the top of the kettle, as well as chaff, black kernel tips, and other waste.

After washing the hominy, drain. You can freeze the hominy in a freezer bag with a little water. Hominy can also be canned in quart jars, adding fresh water and 1 teaspoon salt per jar before putting in a cold water pack for about three hours. You can also make a smaller batch on your kitchen stove with this second recipe.

## Easy Hominy

- 8 heaping tablespoons Baking Soda
- 1 gallon shelled corn
- 2 gallons water
- Salt

Place corn in a stainless steel container. Add water and soda and let it stand for 15 hours. Bring the water to a boil and cook for three hours or until the husks loosen on the corn kernels. Drain the pot and add clean water. Wash, rub and soak the corn until the soda taste is gone. Add 1 teaspoon salt to each quart of hominy. Cook hominy until tender. Put hominy in clean quart jars. Cold pack for 30 minutes.

## Hominy on the side

- 1 medium onion finely chopped
- 2 T butter
- 4 Cups Hominy
- 1/2 cup green, red or yellow pepper for color (optional)
- Salt and pepper to taste

Melt butter in a pan; add onion and sauté until tender. Add Hominy and pepper (if desired). Heat until pepper is tender and Hominy is warmed through. Salt and pepper to taste. Serve as a side with your favorite meat.

## Hominy Skillet Supper

- 1 medium onion finely chopped
- 2 T butter
- 4 Cups Hominy

- 1 pound ground beef (can also use sausage, mild or hot Italian sausage for an extra kick)
- 1 can tomato sauce
- Salt and pepper to taste

Saute onion in butter until tender. Add ground meat and brown until all pink is gone. Add hominy and tomato sauce and heat thoroughly. Serve with a green salad and vegetable.

## Slow Cooker Chicken Pozole

- Yields: 4 - 6 servings
- Prep Time: 0 hours 10 mins
- Total Time: 6 hours 40 mins

- Ingredients
- 4 c. low-sodium chicken broth
  - 3 boneless skinless chicken breasts
  - 2 poblano peppers, chopped
  - 1 white onion, chopped
  - 2 cloves garlic, minced
  - 1 tbsp. cumin
  - 1 tbsp. oregano
  - 2 tsp. chili powder
  - 2 tsp. kosher salt
  - Freshly ground black pepper
  - 2 (15-oz) cans hominy, drained and rinsed

- Thinly sliced radishes, for garnish
- Sliced green cabbage, for garnish
- Fresh cilantro, for garnish

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# Indiana grants access to new vaccine for rabbits

Indiana rabbit owners are now able to purchase a vaccine to prevent infection by rabbit hemorrhagic disease virus Type 2 (RHDV2). The Indiana State Board of Animal Health (BOAH) has authorized the use of a newly available vaccine produced by Medgene Labs. The product is the only one approved by the USDA for wide use in this country.

The RHD virus is very contagious in rabbits and has a high mortality rate. The disease, which was not found in the United State until 2018, has spread through 16 states, in both wild and domestic species. Multiple strains of the RHD virus exist, with RHDV Type 1 and RHDV Type 2 being of greatest concern. RHD does not impact human health and is not known to affect other animals. The disease has not been diagnosed in Indiana.

Under BOAH's authorization, the vaccination, which protects only against the RHDV2 form of the virus, may be administered by a veterinarian or the rabbit owner. To obtain the vaccine, rabbit owners may be most successful procuring the product through a veterinarian. Medgene Labs has indicated that because of vial sizes, distribution will be to veterinary clinics first; however, Hoosier rabbit owners may purchase from retail distributors and directly from the company as availability allows. (Other vaccine products currently licensed in the European Union require a special USDA permit to import.)

The vaccine (which is inactivated or killed product) is given subcutaneously

in two doses, 21 days apart. Owners should allow 14 days after the second dose for full immunity to develop.

Rabbit owners should work with their veterinarians to determine if this product is a good choice for their animals, as well as proper timing and administration of the vaccine.

The most common sign of RHD virus infection is sudden death with blood-stained noses caused by internal bleeding. Infected rabbits may develop a fever, be hesitant to eat, or show respiratory or nervous system signs.

Some rabbits may be asymptomatic carriers capable of shedding the virus for up to two months post-infection. Rabbits that survive may show signs of dullness and anorexia. They are carriers of infection and can shed the virus for at least 42 days.

RHDV is spread easily through direct contact or exposure to an infected rabbit's saliva, secretions from the eyes and nose, urine, feces or blood. People can spread the virus on their clothing and shoes, as well as via contaminated materials such as food, water and carcasses.

The disease presents a particular threat to rabbits that are commingled with others, such as at exhibitions or spend time outdoors where RHD is found in the environment. BOAH recommends rabbit owners practice good biosecurity to protect their animals.

For more information about RHD, visit [www.in.gov/boah/species-information/rabbits/](http://www.in.gov/boah/species-information/rabbits/). Medgene Labs FAQs are online at <https://medgenelabs.com/rhdv2/>.

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# Tri-Village FFA Soil Team 1st in District, 7th in Ohio

By Doug Graves  
Ohio Correspondent

GREENVILLE, Ohio – Tri-Village FFA members are not afraid to roll up their sleeves and get a little dirty. You see, soil is their forte.

Last month, the Tri-Village FFA Soils teams finished first in District 5 of the FFA State Soil Judging Contest. The placement qualified the unit to state competition in October, where the Ag Soils

team finished seventh and the Urban Soils squad finished 10th. There are 10 State Soil Districts in Ohio.

“Not only was that the first national soils team to qualify from Tri-Village, but it was the first team in the 91-year history of New Madison/Tri-Village to place in the Top 5 of a Career Development Event, earning us a Blue & Gold banner from the Ohio FFA,” said Justin Slone, Tri-Village ag educator and FFA advisor.

Agricultural Soil contests consist of an array of topics that affect a field’s efficiency and ability to produce a targeted crop. Students evaluate a soil’s nitrogen, phosphorus, potassium and pH levels, along with the soil’s capability to withstand erosion, compaction and sustain water quality and cumulatively determining the Best Management Practices for the land’s agricultural uses.

Tri-Village Agriculture Education and FFA, a satellite program of Miami Valley Career Technology Center, have been under the direction of Slone the past six years.

Slone’s father was an ag teacher in Preble County for 33 years. His father qualified 11 teams for national soil competition. “I guess it was bred in me to do this,” Slone said.

In this District 5 event, Tri-Village senior Kate Gross was tops with 665 points. Senior Madison Crawford was second overall

with 661 points. Sophomore Macy Howell finished 15th and senior Luke Drew was 18th.

The Tri-Village Urban Soils team was named District 5 runner-up. Sophomore Kiersten Wilcox finished 10th overall. Freshman Lucas Howell and juniors Breanna Lipps and Natalie Miller placed in the top 25.

Prior to districts, Tri-Village competed at the county level and met with other competitors in Darke County.

In this year’s Darke County contest, the Tri-Village Agricultural Soils team finished first. Gross was the high points individual. Other finishers included Crawford (2nd), Lainey Miller (5th), Kiannah Jones (7th), Macy Howell (8th), Luke Drew (14th), Paul Brewer (17th), Devon Huff (22nd), Keaden Lipps (24th) and Alivia Dunlap (28th).

The remaining members com-

(FFA Soil team continued on page 11)



Above: Members of the 2020-2021 National Soils team include (sitting from left), Kate Gross, Madison Crawford, Macy Howell and (standing) Seth Cook. (photo submitted)



Above: Last month the Tri-Village soils team competed at the Darke County contest. (photo submitted)

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## Cook Simply

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### Directions

Place all ingredients except hominy and garnishes into the slow cooker. Cook on low for 6 to 8 hours, until the chicken is tender and cooked through.

Take chicken out of slow cooker and shred with two forks. Return to the slow cooker along with the hominy and cook for another 30 minutes.

Source: Delish

### Pork Pozole

Yields: 6 - 8 servings  
Prep Time: 0 hours 20 mins  
Total Time: 3 hours 30 mins

### Ingredients

3 lb. pork shoulder, cut into 2" pieces  
Kosher salt  
Freshly ground black pepper  
1 large yellow onion, quartered  
3 cloves garlic, sliced  
1 tsp. whole cloves  
1 tsp. cumin seeds  
1 bay leaf  
4 c. low-sodium chicken broth  
2 dried chiles de arbol, stem and

seeds removed  
2 dried ancho chiles, stem and seeds removed  
2 dried guajillo chiles, stem and seeds removed  
3 (15-oz.) cans hominy, drained and rinsed

Thinly sliced radishes, for serving  
Thinly sliced green cabbage, for serving  
Freshly chopped cilantro, for serving

### Directions

Season pork with salt and pepper. In a large pot over medium heat, add pork, onion, garlic, cloves, cumin seeds, bay leaf and broth. Add enough water to cover pork by 2 inches. Bring to a boil, then cover and reduce heat to a simmer. Let simmer 1 ½ hours, skimming foam off top as necessary.

Place dried chiles into a medium bowl and pour 2 cups boiling water over. Let soak 30 minutes. Place chiles and about ½ cup of their soaking liquid into a blender. Blend until smooth, adding more water as necessary.

Add chile puree and hominy to pot with pork. Continue to simmer, covered, until pork is very tender, 1 hour and 30 minutes more.

Serve pozole with radishes, cabbage, and cilantro.

Source Delish

## FFA soil team

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peted in the Urban contest, which is developed to determine the lands best management practices regarding septic systems, buildings with basements as well as landscapes and roadways. For the second year in a row, Tri-Village FFA members finished first as a team. Competing were Kiersten Wilcox (high points individual), Breanna Lipps, Natalie Miller, Levi Bergman, Kaleb Martin, Camron Kimmle, Isaac Keiser, Johnny Phillips, Darcy Miller, Eli Hiatt, Mason Weathington, Kayla Thobe, Lucas Howell, Peyton Watern, Grant Howell and Michael Leugers.

Slone’s squad at Tri-Village is on a roll of sorts. Last year the Tri-Village FFA agricultural soils team qualified for the 2021 National Land and Range Judging Contest in Oklahoma City placing third in Ohio. That event, however, was scrubbed due to COVID-19.

“The good news, though, was that all four of my students who qualified for nationals that year returned this year,” Slone said.

The group competed in rural soils as well as urban soils competition. Rural soils judging involves soil fertility, living organisms, the agricultural use of soils and the like.

In last year’s District 5 event, Crawford placed third out of 1,083 individuals in Ohio and was the lone team member to compete in the state contest in 2019. Katlin Gross finished 7th in the state. Other members competing that year were Macy Howell, Seth Cook and Wyatt Plush.

“There are roughly 400 students at Tri-Village High School. Sixty of those students in grades 9-12 are involved in FFA, with another 40 eighth graders in ‘rotation’ where they take initial FFA classes,” Slone said. “FFA here at Tri-Village began in 1929, a year after FFA was started here in Ohio in 1928.”

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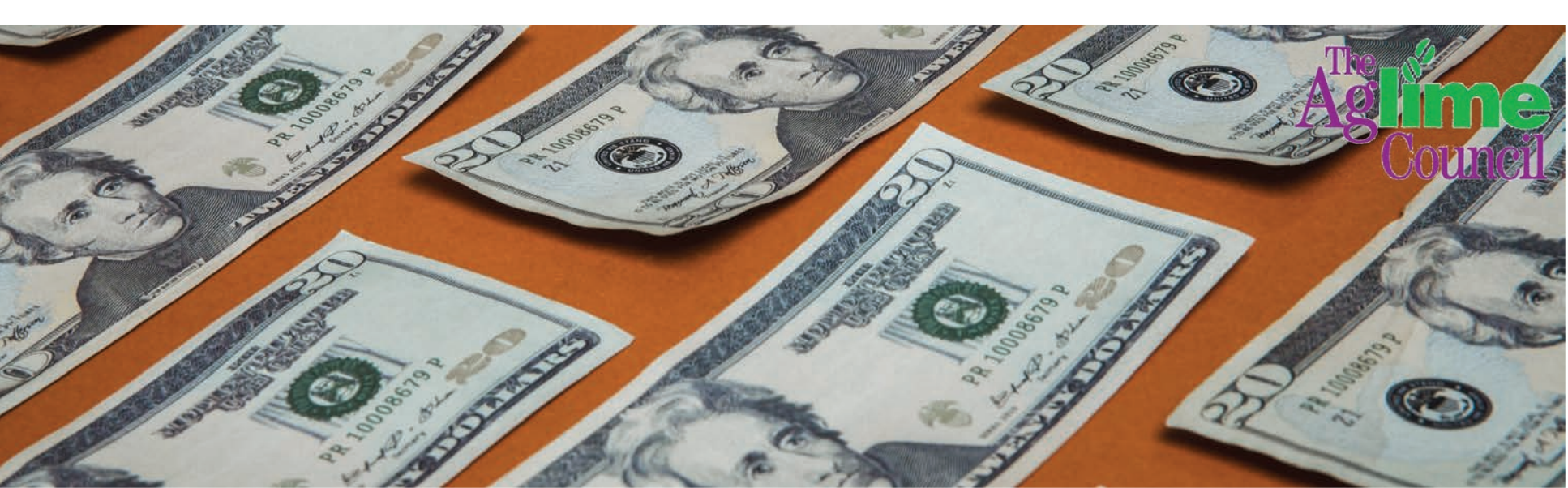
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Bartholomew	US AGGREGATES Columbus - Columbus, IN	Jordan Holt   (317) 538-8467 jordan.holt@usagg.com		90	34	29	97.2	26.1	7.3	60.2
Carroll	US AGGREGATES Delphi Plant - Delphi, IN	Ross Larimore   (765) 413-7779 rlarimore@usagg.com		97	32	23	100.5	21.6	11.4	64.8
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	NEW POINT STONE COMPANY New Point Quarry - New Point, IN	Jeff Wanstrath   (812) 663-2021 jeffw@newpointstone.com		97	41	35	92.0	28.2	4.5	63.8
Franklin	NEW POINT STONE COMPANY Derbyshire Quarry - Laurel, IN	Jeff Wanstrath   (812) 663-2021 jeffw@newpointstone.com	Sample A	97	43	36	92.6	21.1	9.5	64.9
			Sample B	90	32	26	92.9	24.9	6.8	56.8
Grant	IRVING MATERIALS, INC. Pipe Creek Jr. - Swayzee, IN	Mike Gross   (765) 661-0312 mike.gross@irvmat.com		96	35	27	97.1	36.8	0.9	63.7
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Howard	MARTIN MARIETTA Kokomo Plant - Kokomo, IN	Brent Leininger   (765) 459-3194 brentleininger@martinmarietta.com		97	35	30	87.5	32.0	1.8	58.0
Huntington	IRVING MATERIALS, INC. Huntington Plant - Huntington, IN	Mike Gross   (765) 661-0312 mike.gross@irvmat.com		96	37	29	103.9	21.5	11.8	68.8
Jay	US AGGREGATES Portland Plant - Portland, IN	Kari Reynolds   (765) 220-5579 kari.reynolds@usagg.com		100	100	97	107.6	21.7	12.7	107.5
Lake	BEEMSTERBOER AGGREGATES South Shore Plant - Gary, IN	Rich Droske   (219) 746-8215 richard.d@beemcompanies.com		72	18	13	105.5	28.8	5.5	47.6
	PHOENIX SERVICES, LLC Port of Indiana - Portage, IN	Paul Overton   (219) 787-0010 paul.overton@phoenix-services.com		79	20	13	95.0	27.7	6.1	46.9
	SOUTH LAKE STONE Hebron Plant - Hebron, IN	Derrick Norris   (734) 255-6526 derrick.norris@southlakestone.com		100	45	36	97.1	20.7	10.8	70.0
	US AGGREGATES Lowell Plant - Lowell, IN	John Masterson   (317) 771-8599 jmasterson@usagg.com	Sample A	91	24	19	106.8	21.7	12.5	61.5
Lawrence	ROGERS GROUP, INC. Mitchell Crushed Stone - Mitchell, IN	Brent Baker   (812) 345-5271 brent.baker@rogersgroupinc.com		85	32	26	95.4	36.0	1.5	55.9
	ROGERS GROUP, INC. Sieboldt Quarry - Springville, IN	Brent Baker   (812) 345-5271 brent.baker@rogersgroupinc.com	Sample A	81	30	24	94.9	35.8	1.2	52.5
			Sample B	100	92	78	92.7	35.2	1.1	89.0
	US AGGREGATES Springville - Springville, IN	Jordan Holt   (317) 538-8467 jordan.holt@usagg.com		98	43	37	97.9	29.2	5.0	68.6
Marion	L&L BULK MATERIALS Kentucky Ave. - Indianapolis, IN	Dawn or Joe Littleton   (317) 889-1717 Dawn@lbulktrans.com   Joe@little-ton.com		92	56	52	79.6	19.9	7.4	58.8
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Miami			Sample B	82	31	26	94.5	36.7	0.5	53.4
	HANSON AGGREGATES MIDWEST LLC Milner Quarry - Peru, IN	Cliff Lingerfelt   (317) 473-1028 clingerfelt@lehighhanson.com		92	30	26	96.4	22.7	8.9	58.5
Monroe	ROGERS GROUP, INC. Bloomington Plant - Bloomington, IN	Chris Hill   (812) 320-5104 chris.hill@rogersgroupinc.com		100	52	26	97.9	37.8	0.4	74.2
Montgomery	EDW. C. LEVY CO. Whitesville Mill Service - Crawfordsville, IN	Wayne Goeman   (219) 689-1955 wgoeman@edwclevy.net		97	34	19	109.1	34.3	2.6	71.8
Newton	ROGERS GROUP, INC. Newton County Stone - Kentland, IN	Josh Trader   (765) 202-1239 josh.trader@rogersgroupinc.com	Sample A	91	24	19	103.6	21.2	12.0	59.6
			Sample B	93	26	20	102.5	21.1	11.8	61.0
Porter			Sample A	83	25	17	96.0	29.8	4.9	51.5
	PHOENIX SERVICES, LLC Port of Indiana - Portage, IN	Paul Overton   (219) 787-0010 paul.overton@phoenix-services.com	Sample B	100	100	100	90.9	28.8	4.7	90.9
			Sample C	88	44	38	94.8	29.4	4.9	62.4
Pulaski	HANSON MATERIAL SERVICE Francesville Quarry - Francesville, IN	Scott Malpasuto   (765) 822-0254 scott.malpasuto@lehighhanson.com	Sample A	89	9	4	104.5	21.5	12.2	51.0
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	US AGGREGATES Francesville Plant - Francesville, IN	John Masterson   (317) 771-8599 jmasterson@usagg.com	Sample A	69	20	16	106.4	21.7	12.6	47.0
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	HANSON AGGREGATES MIDWEST LLC Putnamville Quarry - Cloverdale, IN	Cliff Lingerfelt   (317) 473-1028 clingerfelt@lehighhanson.com		96	36	30	94.6	35.5	1.1	62.5
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Randolph			Sample B	100	58	38	95.0	37.6	0.2	75.0
	US AGGREGATES Ridgeville Plant - Ridgeville, IN	Kari Reynolds   (765) 220-5579 kari.reynolds@usagg.com		86	27	22	105.8	21.6	12.0	59.3
Ripley	HANSON AGGREGATES Versailles Plant - Versailles, IN	Gary Huffman   (812) 525-5172 gary.huffman@lehighhanson.com		79	29	25	99.2	22.8	9.5	53.3
	NEW POINT STONE COMPANY Napoleon Plant - Napoleon, IN	Steve Wanstrath   (812) 852-4225 steve@newpointstone.com	Sample A	99	46	40	91.2	33.0	1.5	66.1
			Sample B	100	47	36	95.0	35.3	0.7	69.6
Rush	RUSH COUNTY STONE CO., INC. Milroy Plant - Milroy, IN	Mike Malinoff   (513) 260-7831 mike.malinoff@rjnet.com	Sample A	73	27	23	95.3	27.1	6.3	47.3
			Sample B	76	31	28	102.9	23.4	10.0	55.4
Scott	HANSON AGGREGATES Scott County Quarry - Lexington, IN	Gary Huffman   (812) 525-5172 gary.huffman@lehighhanson.com		95	38	33	96.3	31.1	3.3	63.7
Shelby	NEW POINT STONE COMPANY St. Paul Plant - St. Paul, IN	Jeff Wanstrath   (812) 663-2021 jeffw@newpointstone.com	Sample A	93	37	32	105.1	23.2	10.5	68.2
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	US AGGREGATES Flat Rock - Flat Rock, IN	Jordan Holt   (317) 538-8467 jordan.holt@usagg.com		70	22	18	96.5	32.9	2.4	44.4
Wabash	WEST PLAINS MINING, LLC Kentner Creek Quarry - Wabash, IN	Kate Draper   (260) 571-7054 kate.draper@westplainsmining.com		94	28	24	96.4	32.6	2.1	59.0
Wayne	BARRETT PAVING MATERIALS, INC. Richmond Plant - Richmond, IN	Mark Comer   (937) 424-9111 mcomer@barrett paving.com	Sample A	100	47	37	104.4	25.8	8.6	76.7
			Sample B	100	100	100	104.9	26.2	8.4	104.9
White	HANSON MATERIAL SERVICE Monon Quarry - Monon, IN	Scott Malpasuto   (765) 822-0254 scott.malpasuto@lehighhanson.com		87	19	14	106.2	22.1	11.8	56.6
Illinois - Cook	LEHIGH HANSON, INC. Thornton Quarry - Thornton, IL	Scott Malpasuto   (765) 822-0254 scott.malpasuto@lehighhanson.com		82	26	21	106.0	21.4	12.4	57.0
Kentucky - Carroll	PHOENIX SERVICES, LLC North American Stainless - Ghent, KY	Paul Overton   (219) 787-0010 paul.overton@phoenix-services.com		100	52	42	110.5	35.9	5.1	84.0

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# Ohio FFA chapters receive grants for local communities

By Doug Graves  
Ohio Correspondent

COLUMBUS, Ohio – Each year, FFA chapters across Ohio are awarded grants designed to help their local communities. The Ohio FFA Foundation’s Agricultural & Rural Community Outreach Program (ARCOP) provides support to build sustainable relationships and programs that will benefit Ohio communities for years to come. Originally introduced in 2013, ARCOP grants allow Ohio FFA chapters to apply for funding that aids community development projects.

These projects are to address the needs of farmers and rural individuals, educational agricultural programs, agriculture awareness and promotion, agriculture and feed economic development and more. The ARCOP program is a partnership between the Ohio FFA Foundation and the Ohio Department of Agriculture (ODA).

Twelve FFA chapters in the state got busy, with projects ranging from raised plant beds at nearby schools to beekeeping projects, from portable hydroponic towers in communities to sustainable greenhouses and much more.

After FFA chapter advisors submitted project proposals to the Ohio FFA Foundation, the grants were awarded to the following FFA chapters: Ben-

jamin Logan, Allen East, Zane Trace, Miller City, Mohawk, Versailles, Twin Valley South-MVCTC, Peebles, Global Impact, Houston-UVCC, Tinora and Loudonville.

This year, funding priority went to projects focused on teaching children the origin of the food they eat, helping to promote fresh, healthy foods in their communities. Projects were to be aligned with these principles, with an emphasis on decreasing food insecurity, getting fresh foods to communities or helping farm-to-school efforts.

Members of the Zane Trace FFA will work with first and second grade students to grow fruits and vegetables for the school cafeteria. They will also raise chickens in a portable chicken coop to donate meat and eggs to the Church Triumphant Food Pantry. Elementary students will participate in programs to learn about food production.

“My students have practiced skills ranging from food preservation to event planning to gardening and construction through our funded projects,” said Jennifer Johnston, Zane Trace FFA advisor. “We’re grateful to the Ohio Department of Agriculture for creating and supporting this program.”

Members from the Benjamin Logan FFA Chapter will be providing agricultural knowledge through hands-on applications and experiences to nearly 500

Logan County elementary school students. Children will learn more about the production of cereal grains, beef, milk and vegetables through classroom visits and farm field trips.

The Twin Valley South-MVCTC FFA, in partnership with the Preble County ESC, received a grant to expose third grade students in every Preble County school to career opportunities in the agricultural industry. All FFA chapters in Preble County, including Eaton-MVCTC, National Trail-MVCTC, Preble Shawnee and Tri-County North-MVCTC, were involved in the project of conducting an ‘Ag STEM Day’ at the Preble County Fairgrounds last month. Through interactive presentations by FFA members, students learned more about agriculture and how it affects their daily lives. Participating students were sent home with an ‘Ag Bag’ to further their experience.

With the help of grant funds and support from local businesses, the Tinora FFA Chapter will build a greenhouse at their new high school to grow various vegetables and flowers available to the Defiance community. The structure will also house an existing hydroponic system with will provide lettuce for the school.

“FFA is an exemplary organization that gives back to the community and is grooming today’s students to be fu-



**Above:** This year, ARCOP funding priority went to projects focused on teaching children the origin of the food they eat, helping to promote fresh, healthy foods in their communities. (photo submitted)

ture leaders of Ohio,” said Dorothy Pelanda, Ohio Department of Agriculture Director. “The Ohio Department of Agriculture is proud to support these outstanding FFA chapters and their projects that will keep agriculture in the forefront and will help local communities across the state.”

# The voices of farmers should be heard

As I watch the dusty over the combine traversing the field outside my window, I think about the tons of technology driving down the dusty soybean rows and the sheer ingenuity and intelligence that went into creating it.

Those of us in the rural areas take for granted what we know. Farmers hop in a combine and watch the flashing of numbers and lights and know exactly what is going in the hopper behind them. They know when they can keep going, when they need to stop and the exact moisture in each kernel of corn. They know how many bushels they are getting per acre while the tires



TRUTH IN THE TRENCHES  
By Melissa Hart

are rolling over the fields and how much room they have in their bins. While they are gathering in the crop, they are watching the markets and planning when they will sell, how much they will store, how many bushel they will need to feed and how long it will last.

Thoughts of disease protection, weather conditions, time of application, fertilizer options, cover crop benefits and if the neighbors are bothered by the lights in the field at midnight are all rolling through the minds of the American farmer. They are brainiacs and don’t even know it. They have as much technical knowledge as the average rocket scientist, but they don’t

believe it. Their industry demands their minds be fertile and buoyant, learning new things all the time and yet if you told them how smart they were, they would drop their heads in humility and complain about the weather or the markets.

These crop-growing, feed-producing, land-conserving people are coaching Little League, serving on school boards and leading discussions about life in their spare time. They are conducting meetings, mentoring local FFA students and building pens for the fair pigs and market steers. They don’t ask for suggestions for Netflix binging for the weekend, they binge on the latest technological developments and classified ads.

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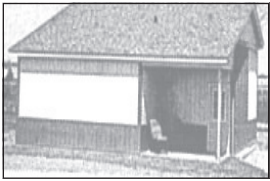


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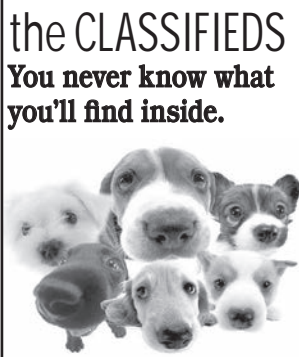
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# 2 Michigan conservation projects receive funding

**By Kevin Walker**  
**Michigan Correspondent**

LANSING, Mich. – Two Michigan projects have been awarded more than \$7.3 million in funding through the USDA's Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP).

Only 15 such projects have received awards this year under the program's Alternative Funding Arrangements umbrella, according to the USDA. The total funding for all the projects comes to \$75 million.

The first project in Michigan, called Climate Action and Reforestation in Northern Michigan, was awarded nearly \$5.4 million for tree planting efforts in the northern Lower Peninsula, said Ben Schramm, coordinator of the forestry assistance program at the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD).

Schramm said he was very pleased the department received the funding for this project. He will be involved in managing the tree planting effort throughout the project's five-year life cycle. The goal of the project is to plant trees on mostly marginal farmland in very specific areas in northern Michigan. "It's going to be a little bit different than other tree planting projects that we've done before, both for the landowner and for the federal government," he said. "All these landowners can get bundled together and use one contractor to plant trees."

Schramm added that having trees grow on marginal land can benefit landowners in that the trees can help prevent soil erosion and help to keep out invasive species. He stated the project will likely get started in earnest sometime in the spring of 2022.

The other Michigan project to receive funding through the RCPP is the Saginaw Bay Accessing Subsidized Strip-Till Equipment Trial (ASSET) Program. USDA has awarded \$1.9 million for the project, with the lead partner being The Nature Conservancy. Several

foundations will provide matching funds.

ASSET will develop and deliver a competitive incentive package to Saginaw Valley sugar beet producers comprised of financial assistance, enhanced technical assistance, peer learning networks and assistance in acquiring specialized equipment to mitigate the farmers' risks of investing in strip tillage, according to an announcement from The Nature Conservancy. USDA said area around the Saginaw Bay watershed has nearly 700 sugar beet farmers, who typically use intensive tillage practices that are hard on soils.

Overall, the partners aim to achieve a 2,000-ton sediment reduction and a 9,000-pound phosphorus reduction; water quality, economic and social outcomes will be reported to measure the project's success. "Our team at The Nature Conservancy is honored to have been chosen to steward this new initiative and the funds USDA is investing into the Saginaw Bay Watershed," said Ben Wickerham, The Nature Conservancy's Saginaw Bay project manager, in a recent announcement. "We are thrilled to begin work on this new initiative that will deliver conservation outcomes in a new and very unique way by addressing barriers to accessing new conservation farming equipment."

Other projects receiving an RCPP award this year include The Ohio State University, which will receive \$6.8 million to establish a pilot watershed in the larger Western Lake Erie Basin to test water quality management strategies with the goal of reducing phosphorus concentrations in local water bodies; and the Illinois Department of Agriculture, which will receive nearly \$3.4 million to implement its Climate-Smart Agricultural Champions program for Illinois producers. Producers will be incentivized to implement practices and systems that have both greenhouse gas and water quality benefits, according to a summary of the project from USDA.

# Zebras escape from pumpkin patch

PINGREE GROVE, Ill. (AP) – Two zebras that escaped from a suburban Chicago pumpkin farm had travelers on a state highway doing double takes as the exotic animals hit the road during their brief taste of freedom.

The young male and female zebras escaped from a pen inside an indoor zoo at Goebbert's Pumpkin Patch and Apple Orchard in Pingree Grove. They crossed Route 47 several times and wandered through farm fields in the northwest Chicago suburb.

Illinois State Police were called due to the ensuing chase being near Interstate 90, The Daily Herald reported. Other police agencies also joined the pursuit of the striped escapees.

A passenger in a car filmed the animals running into a field and posted the video on TikTok. "They look like zebras. They got stripes. They are!" the driver exclaims in the video.

Kane County Undersheriff Pat Gengler said police blocked traffic several times in the area, worried that cars would strike the zebras or gawking motorists would get in accidents.

After about two hours, workers with the pumpkin patch and the zoo tracked down the animals on all-terrain vehicles and captured both of them. The zebras, which are supplied to the pumpkin patch by another business, were not injured during the pursuit.

"It was pretty exciting for a while. It was all hands on deck," said Jacob Goebbert, a farm employee.

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# Drought impacting North Dakota wineries

MINOT, N.D. (AP) – For the first time, Pointe of View Winery at Burlington called off its annual Grape Harvest Festival this year.

Wineries and vineyards in western North Dakota struggled with drought, and some parts of the state were dealt a blow with a late spring frost in 2021, said Rod Ballinger, president of the Winery Association of North Dakota. Many vines died or failed to produce.

“The ones that did survive, the berries themselves are smaller than normal and less clusters,” Ballinger said.

At Pointe of View, the drought devastated the grape crop, said owner Jeff Peterson. His vineyard produced about 100 pounds of grapes, compared to a typical 2,500 to 5,000 pounds, the Minot Daily News reported.

The loss of the grapes is a small part of the disaster for the state’s oldest winery, established in 2002. “The real loss is not having the wine to sell because we normally sell out of that product every year. That’s a pretty big hit for us,” Peterson said.

Although there won’t be much wine from the winery’s grape vineyard, Pointe of View still will be making and selling its other wine. “We will make do,” Peterson said.

Heat and drought also set back the grape crop at Sawyer Crossing Vineyard and Winery, which has operations near Sawyer and Minot.

“It started out real early in the spring. During the time that plants were flowering, we had that extremely high heat,” said owner Alan Verbitsky. “That high heat burned the flowers up on the grapevine. You

with the flowers, you are not going to produce grapes. Of course, having no rain, the plants don’t have the moisture to produce the foliage. Plants went completely dormant.”

In some cases, vines or portions of vines died.

“It would not be unreasonable if we lost half of the vines in the vineyard,” he said.

Verbitsky said there may be plants whose growth can be restarted from the remaining root, restoring production in two or three years. If vines need to be replanted, production from those new plants wouldn’t occur for three to five years.

Verbitsky said his vineyard included two drought-resistant varieties. One did fairly well, producing a partial crop. To produce the usual quantity of wine, though, he would have to acquire grapes elsewhere.

According to Ballinger, eastern North Dakota vineyards that fared better due to good subsoil moisture, and even those across the border in Minnesota, have already committed their grapes. Finding another supply in the region would be difficult, he said.

Given the situation, Verbitsky has

switched his attention to developing fruit-flavored meads, or honey wine. However, he noted even his honeybees struggled with production this year.

North Central Research Extension Center, which has been experimenting with a vineyard, has a drip line irrigation system that saved many of the plants. Unfortunately, there were too many other factors that many of the vines could not overcome, said Chris Amundson, ag research technician.

“Winter was really hard on everything. And then we had some herbicide damage, and we had those high temperatures all summer. So even with irrigation, they still really had a tough year,” she said.

Amundson said the lack of snow cover and dry soil allowed the winter cold to go deeper into the ground. Without insulation from underground moisture or snow, some plants didn’t survive.

The herbicide damage came from drift from weed spraying at the center at the time the vineyards were flowering.

The center has about 3,000 different, experimental vines.

Peterson said the long-term impact on Pointe of View will depend on weather conditions going forward.

“We are kind of concerned if we don’t get more fall rain, snow and spring rains, I may have some plant damage, too. I am just hoping that doesn’t happen,” he said.



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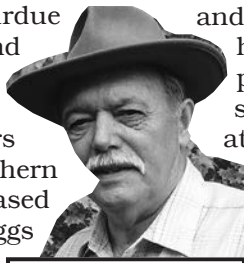
# Blue River receives more hellbenders

During July and August, Purdue University researchers and their conservation partners, including Indiana DNR, released 65 juvenile hellbenders into the Blue River in southern Indiana. All hellbenders released this year were collected as eggs during the 2015 nesting season. The past summer's release is part of a long-term, multi-partner collaboration to restore the state-endangered salamanders in the Blue River, where they were historically more common.

Forty-two hellbenders were fitted with radio transmitters and are being tracked as part of a study examining how captive-rearing conditions affect their survival after release. Purdue researchers will track the hellbenders into the spring of 2022. Results of the radio telemetry study will help Purdue and partnering zoos' efforts to enhance captive-rearing techniques, with the goal of increasing survival for released hellbenders in the future. Additional releases are scheduled for the summer of 2022.

Hellbender recovery in Indiana is possible by donations to the Indiana Nongame Wildlife Fund and accomplished through several partnerships with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, state wildlife agencies in Kentucky and Ohio, The Nature Conservancy and a number of Indiana zoos.

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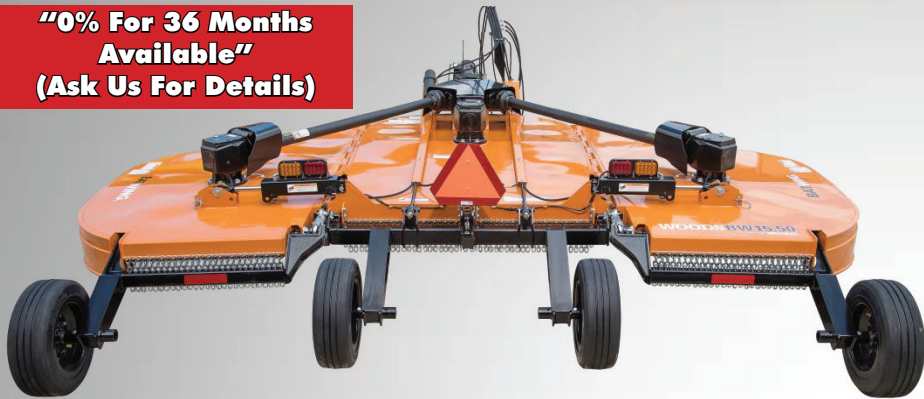
and wooden barns; hunting hayfields, idle grain fields, pastures and other open spaces for small rodents at night. Over time, many wooden barns have been torn down or converted into metal barns and are difficult for barn owls to access. Few modern farms offer the land the owls need for hunting. Large open grasslands of 100 acres or more are required to support a family of barn owls, which can eat more than 1,000 voles and mice in a single year.

Our Indiana ornithologists (biologists who study birds) have installed more than 400 nest boxes throughout the state since 1984 to provide protected nesting sites for barn owls. In the winter of 2017-2018, a comprehensive survey of 246 nest boxes was conducted to check whether they had been occupied since the time of the last statewide survey in 2013. A record 43 nests were found active in the winter survey, more than double what was recorded in 2013 (18 nests). The next comprehensive survey of barn owl nest boxes will be this winter.

DNR staff and volunteers continue to place nest boxes in barns and other buildings to help barn owls safely raise young. To support the work, donate to the Indiana Nongame Wildlife Fund, or check out building and installing an owl nest box of your own at [https://www.in.gov/dnr/fish-and-wildlife/files/fw-barn\\_owl\\_nest\\_](https://www.in.gov/dnr/fish-and-wildlife/files/fw-barn_owl_nest_) (Spaulding continued on page 22)

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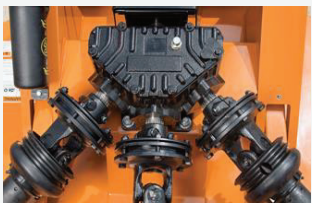
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Saving Indiana's endangered freshwater mussels

Freshwater mussels are one of the most imperiled groups of animals in Indiana. Certain species' populations have dwindled to the point that without help, recovery is unlikely. Strategies vary depending on the circumstance, and biologists use a variety of methods to improve mussel populations, including relocation. With relocation, a portion of the adults from a thriving population are collected and relocated to an area where population numbers are very low or no longer exist. In 2015-16, Indiana had the opportunity to participate in a multi-state effort to restore endangered mussel populations using the relocation method.

An impending bridge project on the Allegheny River in Pennsylvania required the relocation of several federally endangered mussel species. Instead of relocating them to another section of the Allegheny River, as would normally be the case, they were used to bolster populations within other areas of each species' range. Indiana was fortunate enough to receive more than 3,000 adult clubshell (*Pleurobema clava*) for reintroduction into the Eel River in Cass and Miami counties. All clubshells were marked with a small, numbered, plastic tag and PIT tag (a microchip similar to what's placed in a dog or cat) or received a small dab of glitter glued to the outside of their shell. Annual monitoring has determined only seven individual mussels are known to have died since the move and their growth has been excellent. Our biologists' next step is to document reproduction within the relocated population. Finding small juvenile clubshells (which are about the size of a nickel) can be a challenge, as they tend to bury deep into the gravelly substrate. Biologists plan to

sift through sections of the riverbed later this fall in search of juveniles.

Freshwater mussels serve as natural filters and help improve water quality in Indiana's rivers and streams. Efforts to reintroduce, monitor, and improve existing populations of freshwater mussels are funded, in part, by the Indiana Nongame Wildlife Fund.

Shrubs for shrikes a success

Loggerhead shrikes are one of Indiana's endangered bird species, with fewer than 10 breeding pairs recorded each year in the entire state. Indiana's DNR staff has worked with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program and Indiana Audubon Society to plant young cedar trees in areas where shrikes are present. In the past two years, 58 eastern red cedar trees were planted. These trees provide nesting habitat and cover for birds to escape predators and bad weather. Biologists monitoring these birds determined in the summer of 2021, Indiana's shrikes successfully raised 14 young.

Donations through the Indiana Nongame Wildlife Fund, license purchases and support from partners through their Adopt-a-Shrike Program, provide the necessary funds to support shrike conservation efforts including purchasing cedar trees.

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Thursday will feature the taping of two popular podcasts. Purdue Crop Chat with Purdue Extension Corn Specialist **Dan Quinn** and Extension Soybean Specialist **Shaun Casteel** and The Soil Health podcast will both be recorded before a live audience on the seminar stage.

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### Illinois FFA president reflects on how organization changed his life

By **TIM ALEXANDER**  
Illinois Correspondent

KEYNES, Ill. — Illinois State FFA President Adam Loker grew up on a 1,400 acre row crop farm in Wayne County in southern Illinois, an experience that planted the seeds for what he would later call a “fantastic” FFA journey. Loker wants aspiring members to know that today’s FFA is about much more than farming, and that no student ever makes their FFA journey alone.

“The reason I got into FFA was because of my older brother Isaac. He joined FFA and went to all of the conferences and the national convention and he absolutely loved it,” said Loker, who graduated from Wayne City High School District #100 in May.

“When I was a freshman the very first thing I signed up for was FFA, and from my very first FFA events I also loved it. What I found out then and what I have now learned even more today is that everything I do in FFA is all about the people. It’s the people that you surround yourself with that really matter.”

Loker was elected as the Wayne City FFA Chapter reporter his freshman year, which launched his leadership career. He continued as chapter reporter his sophomore year, before becoming chapter president during his junior and senior years. As Wayne City FFA President during his senior year, Loker ran for the position of one of Illinois State FFA’s 25 section officers.

During his year as section officer Loker, then officially a “minor” state

officer, began working closely with the Illinois FFA Major State Officer Team. He served as a group leader at conferences, facilitating leadership workshops and helping to prepare for the state convention and banquet. Including 2020’s virtual gathering, 2021 will mark Loker’s fifth national convention. He will lead Illinois’ 13 state delegates at this year’s national convention, while overseeing one of six convention leadership committees as a sentinel.

“This will keep me very busy at this year’s convention,” said Loker, who will attend Southern Illinois University as an agribusiness-economics major in the fall of 2022, following his year off of school as Illinois State FFA president.

Loker’s illustrious FFA career wouldn’t have been possible, he conceded, without a lot of help and guidance along the way. “I’ve had a ton of influences. My great grandmother on my mom’s side was one of the charter members of the Wayne City FFA, so she had a big role in how FFA started in our town. Once I got into FFA I had many influences, including then-state president (2017-2018) Joey Birrittier,” Loker recalled.

“I met (Birrittier) at the 212 Conference for freshmen and sophomores. Being able to sit down and talk to him and have dinner with him made me realize what a genuine, good guy he is. He became a huge influence in me wanting to pursue leadership roles.”

Another influence was Lane Harvey, a friend of Isaac’s from nearby Fairfield who preceded Adam as Section 23 president by two years. Harvey later served as

Illinois State FFA Vice President in 2019-2020. Loker’s interactions with Harvey provided the extra boost he needed to aim higher in his career FFA leadership goals.

Loker’s list of FFA influences and friendships goes on: “Miriam Hoffman, who is now serving as the national eastern regional vice-president, was the Illinois state secretary in 2018-2019 and she came to my school to make chapter visits. She gave a keynote speech at our section’s leadership training conference and I was able to talk to her at those events and connect with her. It’s those connections I have with all of those state officers, and with pretty much every FFA member I’ve ever come in contact with, that drive me to this day.”

Loker said one of the best things about FFA is how everyone, it seems, becomes totally involved and immersed in projects and assignments as a single unit, creating personal bonds that last a lifetime while attaining valuable leadership skills including teamwork and selflessness.

“Every single person really cares, from the freshmen I’ve met this year at chapter meetings and events I’ve gone to, to my days at leadership camp, everyone really cares about what they are doing. They have a passion for FFA and really for the ag industry, and that’s really great when you think about the future of Illinois agriculture. It is in good hands with people who are passionate about what they are doing,” he said.

Loker, now in the final year of his FFA journey, has some advice borne



of experience for high school freshmen and sophomores who are on the fence about whether or not to commit to the organization.

“Join FFA and sign up for everything you can, even if you know nothing about it. I signed up for horse judging and I’m going on three years now. I knew nothing about horses and had never ridden a horse, but by my senior year I got fourth place in horse judging. That was really rewarding to be able to see that growth and to achieve that, and it ended up being a good skill to have,” Loker said, adding:

“While you are at these events that you sign up for, meet new people, make new friends. This is the very best thing you are going to do, and one of the most important things you will do within FFA. Premier leadership, personal growth and career success within agricultural education is the mission of FFA.”

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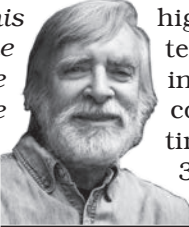
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# Chances for nightly frost increase as Cross Quarter Day approaches

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POOR WILL'S ALMANACK  
By Bill Felker

## The Moon and the Stars and the Sun

The Travelling Toad and Frog Moon, full on Oct. 20 at 9:57 a.m., wanes throughout the month, reaching apogee, its gentle position farthest from Earth, on Oct. 24. It enters its last quarter at 3:05 p.m. on Oct. 28.

When the sky is dark at 8 p.m., the Big Dipper lies close to the northern horizon. Hercules goes down in the west, followed by the Summer Triangle. Sagittarius sinks into the southwest, while the Pleiades rise out of the east.

Oct. 23 is Cross Quarter Day, the halfway mark between autumn equinox and winter solstice. The Sun enters Scorpio at the same time.

## Weather Trends

Chances of nightly frost rise to one in three this second week of Middle Fall, and the daily likelihood for precipitation increases up to an average of 35 percent chance. Snow falls once every 10-15 years on the 25th. Average cloud cover increases radically over that of last week, clouds being twice as likely to occur than in the first half of the month.

The fifth cold front of the month, accompanied by precipitation, is expected around the 23rd, and chances of frost will be relatively

high after that date. Afternoon temperatures will be mostly in the 50s and 60s, with 70s coming about 30 percent of the time, and cold days only in the 30s or 40s occurring one year in five.

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

From now on, only a few swallowtails and fritillary butterflies visit the garden, and just a few fireflies glow in the grass.

Some ginkgoes are pale golden green, some just a little faded. In the many woodlots, large patches of sky show through the thinning canopy. As foliage thins, Eastern phoebes, catbirds, and house wren migration seasons deepen.

Cattails start to break apart as asters go to seed and fall raspberry time comes to a close.

At the end of this week, intense decline in peak leaf color begins in the lower Midwest. Leaf-fall occurs throughout the autumn months, but accelerates right after color reaches its apex, leaving most of the trees bare within 10 days of that time. Leaves of honeysuckles and forsythia, last up to four weeks longer than the leaves of the high canopy.

## Mind and Body

As the moon wanes and moves away from Earth, its influence on the ocean tides and human tides wanes also. The upcoming weekend will, consequently, be relatively calm for public service employees, parents, and partners.

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# Student enrollment surging in FFA-sponsored agriculture classes

By Stan Maddux  
Indiana Correspondent

LAPORTE, Ind. – An Indiana school district where agriculture is a major economic driver has seen a sharp increase in student enrollment for classes sponsored by FFA.

The agriculture program at La Porte High School, started in 2014, was expanded last year to grades 6, 7, and 8. Enrollment at the high school over the past four years has doubled to about 200 while another 100 students in grades six to eight are taking the courses this year. The program has also grown from one to two full-time instructors.

Mason Neulieb (left) and Gavin Redlin (right) wire an electrical switch as part of their instruction in a class on agriculture at LaPorte High School.



**Above:** Tristan Naue wires a three-way electrical switch with help from high school instructor Jesi Davenport during a class on agriculture.

Senior Tristan Naue said he wouldn't be as interested in coming to school without the program and its hands-on learning.

"The textbook classes you're just doing it to pass," he said. "I feel like this is a lot more interesting because you can see it being like applying to the real world."

Jesi Davenport, an instructor and FFA advisor at the high school, said, "We got a lot of community support for our program." She said 65 of the students enrolled in the program are FFA members.

Davenport said some of her students have no prior experience in farming, but are curious about food production and obtaining skills like fixing machinery useful in agriculture, other lines of work and do-it-yourself projects at home.

Most recently, the high school students learned how to wire an electrical switch.

Restoration of an old Allis Chalmers lawn tractor already on site is planned at some point.

"There's a lot of freshmen who really liked it at middle school and now they're coming up and wanting to do it in high school," she said.

Eighth grade students completing middle school courses successfully receive credit toward their high school diplomas. Students also do things like plant and harvest corn and soybeans at a 5-acre school district-owned parcel.

They sell the corn out in the community and deliver the soybeans to a local grain elevator for purchase.

Students are also taught how to judge quality of soil to determine if a site is better suited for agriculture or housing and whether a septic tank can be installed based on ground condition and what type of septic system should be installed.

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**Below:** Tristan Naue wires a three-way electrical switch with help from high school instructor Jesi Davenport during a class on agriculture.



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# Loss of livestock auctions can be felt in several ways

The last auction market in our county shut down a few years ago and it was like having our collective heart ripped out. Just this year, the auction market that handled the most cattle of any sale barn in California for decades closed its doors too. When we bought a livestock newspaper that served the livestock auction industry 35 years ago there were some 1,500 auction markets in America. Today it's half that.

The auction market was the heart and soul of the cattle business in my area. I hope I'm not being sacrilegious when I say it was like a church. Once a week we'd gather to see our friends who sat in the exact same seats they always sat in. If one of those seats was empty, we'd all ask, Is Jim okay? is Dick sick, or, where's G.B.? I've been in some sale barns that go so far as to paint the buyer's name on the back of the seat and no one else ever had the nerve to sit there.

Now without an auction barn we have no place to visit, to catch up on the gossip or to see for ourselves how much our cattle are worth and why some are worth more than others. We'd eat at the coffee shop and solve all the world's ills. Our county cattlemen's group met there once month and many of us attended educational seminars before a sale to learn how, where and with what to properly vaccinate our animals with. There was an annual bull sale where you could buy better bulls to improve your herd and a replacement female sale that had a wide reputation for selling quality females. We knew that we always had a place to sell an old cow or two, and if we had some extra grass, buy a few stockers. And we could pick up a check the same day we sold them.

It's ads from auction barns that kept many livestock newspapers afloat and the money that ranchers spend in town one day a week is important to barber shops, the feed mill, the local farm supply, western wear shop and, if the check for the animals you sold was a big one, fancy restaurants.

If the sale barn was a church it's religion was price discovery. The big debate going on in the cattle business right now is how to force the packer

to competitively bid on our fat cattle as the bulk of fat cattle these days are sold in secret marketing agreements with captive feedlots where we never know the price. No wonder the packers are making upward of a thousand bucks per head for owning a beast for one week. The only reason the beef industry hasn't gone down the same road as the pork and poultry producers is because we still have competitive bidding at auction markets and their offshoots, video livestock sales. The chicken pluckers never had auctions and when the pork producers lost theirs, they also lost 90 percent of their producers.

I used to travel to purebred auctions with my best friend who owned a great auction market. Owning one has to be one of the worst jobs in the world. Once a week it's like sleep walking into a propeller. It's the auction barns instead of the ranchers that take all the risk of a bad check, or a small packer or a big order buyer going broke. My friend was always on the phone trying to get more buyers, letting the ones he had know what he had coming that week, or placating a complaining consigner. I remember one phone call where the rancher didn't like how his two head consignment, a holstein calf, and an old cow, was sorted. Every time the old grump consigned, he called to complain afterward about the commission, the money deducted for the checkoff or the brand inspection. Once he told my friend, "You know, you aren't the only auction market in the world. I'm thinking of taking my cattle to your competitor."

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# Kentucky county alums to raise \$100,000 for ag teacher endowment

By Doug Graves  
Ohio Correspondent

LEXINGTON, Ky. – Is it a good thing to give back? Some former FFA members think so.

Former students who value their experiences in the agriculture program at Lyon County High School have joined an initiative to raise \$100,000 to show their appreciation for local agriculture teachers and FFA advisors past and present. Proceeds from the endowment will directly benefit the Lyon agriculture education program.

The funds will be endowed as part of the Kentucky FFA Foundation's Forever Blue program. If the group reaches its fundraising goal, \$4,000 to \$5,000 would be available to the Lyon County agricultural education program each year.

"The funds could be used to support student success through scholarships to FFA leadership camps and conferences, FFA jackets, to help students start supervised agricultural experience projects, or for other programs that benefit ag education and the community," said Sheldon McKinney, executive director of the Kentucky FFA Foundation. "We manage the money and make sure it meets the donor's intent."

According to McKinney, the donor can direct 5 percent of that gift to a local chapter of his or her choice.

"To date we have six major gifts of \$30,000 from individuals," McKinney said. "We started doing these gift endowments since 2020. We're the first state in the country to develop a program like this where people can make an endowed gift to our Foundation."

Lyon native Dwight Armstrong and his two brothers, Jeff and Randy, have supported FFA as a way to honor their former teacher, Ray Fowler. When Dwight Armstrong learned of the Forever Blue Endowment Fund, he saw an opportunity to make donations to make an even more direct impact on the community where the brothers got their start. He contacted other former members of the Lyon County FFA, asking if they wanted to contribute to the fund. The response has been very positive.

Lyon County FFA alumni is made up of many who have become leaders both

at home and around the nation. Among other positions within the agriculture industry, Armstrong served as COO and CEO of the National FFA Organization for seven years. His brother, Jeff, is the president of California Polytechnic State University. Randy lives on his family farm in Lyon County after retiring from a career as administrative vice president for Jim Smith Contracting.

Other Lyon County FFA alumni include David Beck (president and CEO of Kentucky Venues), Paul Akridge (president of Akridge Farm Supply) and Jay Akridge, provost and executive vice president of academic affairs and diversity at Purdue University.

The common thread among all these men is having an agriculture teacher who motivated them. The names of Clyde Grace, Ray Fowler and Stanley DeBoe are names they spoke about again and again.

"Mr. Fowler was always concerned about a student's future and I realized he really cared about us," Beck said. "It was very meaningful to me. It also taught me that you never know who you are impacting."

Jay Akridge echoed that sentiment. "Mr. Fowler was an incredibly dedicated and passionate ag teacher," he said. "He insisted on excellence in all you did. That's so helpful, and it's something you don't fully appreciate until after you leave high school."

Added McKinney, "Besides the Armstrongs, Becks and Akridges, a host of other families and individuals have joined the initiative as founding donors. They haven't forgotten the influence made by their agriculture teachers, and want to ensure that future Lyon County agriculture students and FFA members have the opportunities they did."

To contribute to the Lyon County Agriculture Teacher Appreciation Endowment, or for more information about other endowments, contact Sheldon McKinney at 606-782-4620.

"It's clear that Lyon County FFA has influenced generations of strong leaders," McKinney said. "They believe in the power of agricultural education to the point that they'll put their money behind it to ensure that future generations of kids growing up in Lyon County have the same opportunities they did."

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# USDA lowers milk production numbers for 2021 and 2022

The Agriculture Department lowered its estimate for 2021 milk production in the latest World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates (WASDE) report, fourth month in a row, and lowered its 2022 estimate, citing lower dairy cow numbers and output per cow.

2021 production and marketings were estimated at 227.0 and 226.0 billion pounds respectively, down 800 million pounds on production from last month's estimates, and 700 million lower on marketings. If realized, 2021 production would still be up 3.8 billion pounds or 1.7 percent from 2020.

2022 production and marketings were estimated at 229.7 and 228.6 billion pounds respectively, down 900 million pounds on both. If realized, 2022 production would be up 2.7 billion pounds or 1.2 percent from 2021.

Cheese, nonfat dry milk (NDM), and whey price forecasts for 2021 were raised, based on current prices and lower expected production. The butter price was lowered slightly. All dairy product prices for 2022 were raised, largely on tighter supplies, according to the WASDE.

The 2021 cheese price average was projected at \$1.68 per pound, up 40 cents from last month's estimate, and compares to \$1.9236 in 2020 and \$1.7586 in 2019. The 2022 average was projected at \$1.7150, up 6 cents from last month.

The 2021 butter price average was projected at \$1.6850 per pound, down a nickel from a month ago, and compares to \$1.5808 in 2020 and \$2.2431 in 2019. The 2022 average was put at \$1.7550 per pound, up 2.50 cents.

NFDM was projected to average \$1.2450 per pound in 2021, up 2 cents from last month's estimate, and compares to \$1.0417 in 2020 and \$1.0419 in 2019. The 2022 average will climb to \$1.38, up 11 cents from what was expected last month.



MIELKE MARKET WEEKLY  
By Lee Mielke

Whey was projected to average 56.50 cents per pound in 2021, up a penny from last month, and compares to 36.21 cents in 2020 and 37.99 cents in 2019. The 2022 average will slip to 51 cents, up a penny from last month's estimate.

Look for the 2021 Class III milk price to average \$17.05 per hundredweight, up 40 cents from last month's projection, and compares to \$18.16 in 2020 and \$16.96 in 2019. The 2022 Average was estimated at \$17.10, up 65 cents.

The 2021 Class IV average was pegged at \$15.70, up 15 cents from a month ago, and compares to \$13.49 in 2020 and \$16.30 in 2019. The 2022 average was projected to hit \$17.15, up \$1.10 from last month's estimate.

In the week ending Oct. 2, 60,700 dairy cows were sent to slaughter, up 300 from the previous week, and 2,900 or 5 percent above that week a year ago. The 4-week rolling total is up 4.53 percent from a year ago, according to StoneX, as cull prices continue to hold a premium over last year's levels.

Analyst and editor of the Dairy and Food Market Analyst newsletter, Matt Gould, said in the Oct. 18 'Dairy Radio Now' broadcast that the WASDE recognized the tight margins on dairy farms where either the milk price hasn't been high enough or feed prices haven't been low enough and the breakeven level is not being met.

He said New Mexico was hit the hardest and where, in the past 100 days or so, 15,000 cows came up for auction. He concluded saying the report had good news on feed but, "We're far from a world where we're talking about cheap feed. With corn at \$5 per bushel and higher, it costs significantly more to feed a cow this year than it did last year," and

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# Mielke

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are \$2-3 higher this year than they were a year ago, and run around \$18.80 per cwt.

CME Cheddar block cheese fell to \$1.76 per pound Wednesday but closed Friday at \$1.78, down 3 cents on the week and 94 cents below a year ago. The barrels closed at \$1.79, unchanged, after five consecutive weeks of gain, but are 41.50 cents below a year ago and an inverted penny above the blocks. First inversion since June 24. There were 9 sales of block on the week at the CME and 8 of barrel.

Central cheesemakers tell Dairy Market News there is plenty of milk available and was being offered from \$1 under Class to just over. Labor shortages remain. Cheese demand for many varieties is “seasonally healthy,” and curd and barrel producers report not being able to produce enough, due to staffing shortages.

Western food service and retail cheese demand is holding steady. International demand is increasing as contacts note stronger interest from Mexico and Asia. Port congestion and a shortage of truck drivers continues to cause delays. Delivery delays are, reportedly, causing warehouse inventories to build. Cheese production is mixed but milk supplies are available. Some producers are running full schedules while others are below capacity due to labor shortages, DMN said.

Food service cheese sales have done well most of the year, StoneX said. “From a dollars perspective, food service sales were up 27.6 percent YOY in August. It’s pretty clear that these sales have been the driving force behind the recent gains in U.S. dairy consumption. That said, we did see a small slowdown in September as additional COVID restrictions were put in place.”

Contacts tell the Dairy and Food Market Analyst they are seeing a surge in inquiries from international customers for milk powder, butter and cheese. Editor and analyst Matt Gould wrote in his Oct. 8 edition, “We continue to believe that the

dairy industry is managing thru the congestion, which is producing greater exports. Contacts are not reporting a significant worsening in access to sea freight. This despite ridiculous conditions at our ports. At the moment, there are two ships that have been waiting more than 20 days to dock at the Port of Los Angeles and 75 that are waiting to dock outside of Los Angeles/Long Beach. Congestion has also increased in the Gulf and the East.

“Even still, shipping costs may finally be leveling out. Spot rates from Los Angeles, California to Shanghai, China decreased by 5 percent this week and have fallen by 8.8 percent in the last month.”

Final 2020 consumption data confirms Americans love dairy. For the third consecutive year, per-capita dairy consumption increased, jumping to 655 pounds per person, up from 653 pounds in 2019, “showing a resilience,” said the National Milk Producers Federation.

Sad to say, fluid milk consumption continues to struggle, though it improved some from the previous month. USDA’s latest data shows August sales of packaged fluid milk products totaled 3.6 billion pounds, down 1.7 percent from August 2020, after plummeting 6.3 percent in July.

Conventional product sales totaled 3.4 billion pounds, down 1.7 percent from a year ago. Organic products, at 228 million pounds, were also down 1.7 percent, and represented 6.3 percent of total sales for the month.

Total packaged fluid milk sales for the eight months amounted to 29.2 billion pounds, down 4.8 percent from 2020. Conventional product sales totaled 27.3 billion pounds, down 5 percent. Organic products, at 1.9 billion, were down 2 percent, and represented 6.4 percent of total milk sales for the period.

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

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T1: +/- 80.81 Acres, 134.1 PI.  
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T3: +/- 80.00 Acres, 127.4 PI.

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T2: +/- 10.00 Acres, 112.5 PI

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TRACT DESCRIPTIONS:  
**TRACT 1: 38± ACRES**, mostly tillable and mostly Haskins, Haney, Rensselaer & Eldean soils. Frontage on CR 900S.  
**TRACT 2: 15± ACRES**, mostly tillable and mostly Rensselaer, Haskins & Millgrove soils.  
**TRACT 3: 27± ACRES** has woods with 25 feet deeded access from CR 600W.  
**TRACT 4: 5± ACRES** has an existing well & septic system, with access from CR 900S.  
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**FFA Class**

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“Being a soil scientist is like a career they could potentially have after high school,” Davenport said.

Students also learn how to judge the quality of things like crops and livestock, which can help with their profit margins if they choose to become farmers. The skills of the students are then put to the test at FFA-sponsored judging contests throughout the state.

Senior Audrey Jeffers, who keeps a few pigs and cows along with a horse, said livestock judging is right up her alley. Her goal is to study animal science at Purdue University and go on to become a zoologist.

Jeffers, president of the LaPorte FFA chapter, said the bond she feels with her teachers and classmates is what she likes most about the program at her school.

“It’s just a great group of people that I get along with really well,” she said.

Also included in the curriculum is instruction on electrical wiring and welding.

Classes on horticulture are new to

the program this year. A greenhouse was recently constructed at the middle school with help from a grant to grow decorative plants and crops.

Davenport, 26, grew up helping to raise horses, pigs, cows and chickens on a small farm near Michigan City. She studied agriculture education at Purdue where she met her husband, Foster, whose family grows mostly corn and soybeans on nearly 2,000 acres near Plymouth.

Davenport said having a relationship with students outside the traditional classroom and watching them grow is one of the things she enjoys most about the FFA school program.

She splits her teaching duties between animal science and agriculture mechanics. “It’s just like two totally different class subjects and it’s never the same day twice,” Davenport said.

Junior Gavin Redlin, a part-time worker at several farms, said he doesn’t know exactly what he’s going to do after graduating but feels the courses are preparing him for what his role will be in the workforce. “I’m just a working kind of guy. It’s very hands on. You learn a lot of things,” he said.

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# Poor Will

FROM PAGE 2B

Seasonal stress is only partly related to the moon, however, and the increasing cloud cover, the shortening of the day, and the changeable weather keep gathering momentum, escalating the likelihood that many people will begin to suffer from S.A.D. (Seasonal Affective Disorder).

Falling barometric pressure may also affect your outlook this week, especially before a cold front comes through the region on or about Oct. 23. Although the days prior to the arrival of that front may increase your irritability, fish and game should be more active (and children and farm animals more rambunctious) toward the end of the week, especially toward dawn – when the moon is overhead.

## In the Field and Garden

As the moon wanes, divide peonies, lilies, and iris, then plant crocus, daffodils, tulips, snowdrops and aconites before November turns the weather much chillier. Divide and transplant peonies and iris.

Almost all the corn has been cut for silage. Fifty out of every 100 soybeans have usually been taken from their stalks. Winter wheat is often 70 percent planted by this date. About half of the crop has emerged.

Complete fall pruning in October's remaining mild weather. Spread manure on the field and garden after testing the soil but wait until all the leaves have fallen to feed trees, perennials and shrubs. Clean out birdhouses for winter.

## Almanack Classics

### The Best Mother

By Mrs. Lola Creamer, Jamestown, Ohio

I grew up on a farm, and my mom always set her own hens to hatch her baby chicks. She would usually set 10 or 12 hens with 15 eggs each.

We had this little bantam hen who showed signs she wanted to set, so Mom gave her seven or eight regular hen eggs this one and only year.

My job was to help Mom get our chickens coops ready. We had a little wood wagon with iron wheels we used to move our coops in the barnyard closest to the house.

These coops had been made by my dad from scrap boards. The roof on them was slanted from front to back and covered with tin so they wouldn't leak. The floors for them were loose boards sawed to fit ach coop. A large stone was placed on the top of each coop so it wouldn't blow over.

So this year a coop had to be made for Mrs. Bantam and her brood. My brother made a coop for her out of a wooden box. When the day came to put the baby chicks out, Mrs. Bantam's coop was placed in the middle of the line of coops. A small opening door was in the front of each coop, and for a few days a brick was

put in the door to keep the hens in but allow the little ones to go out.

Later a small piece of twine string fastened to a nail on the coop was tied to one leg of each hen to keep her close by. It wasn't too long before they got their freedom to venture out. It's hard to believe, but these hens always knew which coop was hers and which chicks were hers.

Mom always went out as dark was nearing to shut up the coops with a board and the brick as a precaution from varmints. This one particular hot night, she decided to check some of the coops and found out some of the hens didn't have all of their chicks under them.

In checking Mrs. Bantam, she found that the little hen had "clucked" into her coop all of the missing chicks. Mom said she was "full to capacity." What a wonderful little mother hen she was.

I am now 88 years old, and this is one of my many cherished memories from my childhood.

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**Above:** Stephanie and Jason Beckner with their children, Ryland, Lydia, and Justin. Stephanie and Jason are pleased with the opportunities and career possibilities available to their children through FFA.

## FFA membership runs in Ohio family

By Celeste Baumgartner  
Ohio Correspondent

OXFORD, Ohio – FFA seems to run in families, from freshman to alumni. The Beckner family is no exception.

Brother and sister Kari and Jason Beckner were in Ross FFA. Inspired by FFA, Kari went on to Wilmington College to get her ag education degree. Jason often visited his cousin, Jessica Brown, at The Ohio State University's Agricultural Technical Institute (ATI).

Jessica's roommate was Stephanie Strayer. That led to a wedding – Stephanie and Jason's. Now their sons, Justin and Ryland, are in with FFA. Aunt Kari is their ag instructor.

Justin is studying ag education at Wilmington College. He will apply for his American FFA Degree (awarded to members who have demonstrated the highest level of commitment to FFA). He will also apply for the American Star Degree in Agribusiness.

"At age of 17 I started my own feed business (In Pursuit Show Feeds)," Justin said. "I sold 20 tons of feed in the first year and it's been growing ever since."

He credits FFA for the public speaking skills gained at competitions. He recently competed at the national level in extemporaneous speaking.

"Coming from a kid that was nervous

to give class presentations in eighth grade, four years of FFA got me to that point; that's pretty cool," Justin said.

Justin's brother, Ryland, is a junior at Talawanda-Butler Tech. "Many people say that FFA is a second home for them," Ryland said. "Sometimes people who don't necessarily have the nicest home find a nice place in FFA. I've had a good childhood but FFA is like a whole new world for me. There is so much variety in what you can do. It makes your life better."

Before COVID-19, Ryland did several career development events (CDEs) including parliamentary procedure, job interviewing and public speaking. He frequently does presentations on farm safety. "I'd love to become a mechanic after college," Ryland said. "I am taking a mechanics class."

Aunt Kari Beckner-Roberts was pleased to be Justin and Ryland's FFA advisor. Kari and Jason did not grow up on a farm but got the farming bug while working summers at their Uncle John Brown's farm. They gravitated to FFA in high school. Jason was in FFA for four years; Kari started on a different path. However, she had been involved in 4-H, showing sheep at the fair.

"At the Butler County Fair just before my junior year, Jeff Korb, Ross High School FFA advisor said, 'Why don't you join FFA?'" Beckner-Roberts explained. "I ended up liking the leadership opportunities. When I was a senior I thought, 'I really like I think this (ag education) is something I could do for the rest of my life.'"

Temporarily put off when someone remarked that there wasn't a future in ag ed, she entered Wilmington College with an ag business major. Then her instructor, Monte Anderson, told her there was a growing need for ag instructors. She switched her major.

After graduating in 2002, she was hired as an ag educator at Union County High School. She moved to Talawanda in 2015.

"Teaching ag is a lifestyle," Beckner-Roberts said. "It's not something you can leave at 3:00. I asked my husband (Eric) when we got married, 'do you know what you're marrying into?'"

One of the perks at Talawanda is that there are two ag teachers – Beckner-Roberts and Carley Snider. They just registered 143 ag students. "It takes two teachers to run a program this size," said Beckner-Roberts, who was a 2021 FFA Golden Owl Award nominee.

"I think FFA members are the best, most well-rounded kids," she said. "People say we work long hours. If the kids weren't as good as they are, I don't think we would stick around as long as we do. These kids are top-notch; they're respectful and hardworking. It's hard not to tell them 'yes.'"

Her brother, Jason, was in FFA all (FFA Member continued on page 15B)

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# Former Kentucky Ag teacher gives \$30,000 to FFA fund

By Doug Graves  
Ohio Correspondent

ELKTON, Ky. – Today, Arthur Green is mayor of Elkton. Many folks growing up in Todd County, however, will always remember Green as their ag teacher.

Green taught high school agriculture in Todd County for 33 years (1973-2006). Green's influence on generations of community members as a teacher, an active member of his church, the country judge executive, and now as the mayor, is evident in his dedication and service to others.

And Green hasn't stopped giving to others. Recently, Green donated \$30,000 to the Kentucky FFA Foundation's Forever Blue Fund. His contribution will benefit Todd and Lyon counties.

His gift will support student opportunities in the Growing Leaders category. For the first five years, Green's donation will be earmarked for the Todd County Central High School's FFA chapter, as well as for an annual FFA camp scholarship for a student from Lyon County (Green's childhood home). After that, funds from his donation will be available to FFA members from Pennyryle or Purchase regions of Kentucky.

"My blood runs blue and gold, because of FFA and Murray State," Green said. "It all started when I entered high school in Lyon County. I enrolled in the ag program and FFA. At that time, there were two ag teachers. You got one ag teacher as a freshman and kept that same teacher all the way through high school."

Rolled out just last year, the Forever Blue program is unique in that donors can designate exactly which chapters their gifts should benefit, and in what area – Growing Leaders, Strengthening Agriculture or Build-



**Above:** Arthur Green photo – He gave of his time, teaching high school agriculture for 33 years. Today, Arthur Green keeps on giving and recently donated \$30,000 to the Kentucky FFA Foundation's Forever Blue Fund. (photo submitted)

ing Communities. The donation is invested with the FFA Foundation's larger endowment, which offers management and investment advantages, and the dividends from that gift go back to the designated FFA chapter or chapters.

"My ag teacher was Clyde Grace, Jr., and like many former FFA members would say, he and his wife and kids became like family to me," Green said. "I grew up on a small farm in Lyon County and back in those days I would have liked to farm. I knew that wasn't going to be possible, so I looked for ways to stay connected to farming, so I went to Murray State and got my degree in ag education."

After graduating from Murray State, one of his professors told him

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# Colorado dairy fined after worker death

LASALLE, Colo. (AP) – A dairy in northern Colorado has been fined nearly \$25,000 after the death of a worker whose truck slipped into a pit filled with liquid manure.

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration cited Shelton Land and Cattle LTD, which does business as Shelton Dairy Corp., on Sept. 24 for the March death of 44-year-old Juan Panzo Temoxtle, The Greeley Tribune reported. Temoxtle was pulled from the cab of the vacuum truck and died at a nearby hospital.

Investigators say the LaSalle dairy failed to install adequate guarding or curbing to prevent vehicles from falling into the pit. OSHA also cited the company for safety violations in training to use equipment, along with failure to notify employees about hazardous chemicals used on the farm.

Shelton Dairy did not immediately respond to a request for comment but issued a statement earlier expressing sympathy for Temoxtle's family and saying the company was cooperating with the investigation.

## Former KY

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about an opening in Todd County. Green applied and has spent the last 48 years positively influencing his adopted community.

"I loved the opportunity to do what I hope was impacting students' lives," Green said. "I wanted to give them a vision of the possibilities that were out there. I know a lot of the students I had in class weren't going to be connected directly to ag, but they needed the skills FFA provides, things like speaking, record keeping, being able to work cooperatively on projects. More importantly, they needed to know they don't have to be stuck. There's a whole world out there, if you strive and work and seek advice.

"Every student I ever had wanted the same two or three things: a job or something that would help them make money, family and to be loved and accepted. Those three things haven't changed."

Over the course of his career, Green took an active role in supporting his fellow Kentucky agriculture teachers. He was president of the

Kentucky Association of Agricultural Educators and served with the Kentucky FFA Alumni Association and the Kentucky FFA Foundation's Board of Directors. He also served in leadership of the Kentucky Retired Teachers Association and spent 10 years on the Kentucky Teachers Retirement System Board.

Bradley McKinney is an agriculture teacher at Rowan County High School in Morehead, Ky. McKinney was a student of Green's.

"Some people are just kind of like the moral compass around you," McKinney said. "I had support at home, but Mr. Green was that for me at school. He told me I had what it took to be a leader, but I didn't see that in myself. He was just always trying to make you a little more well-rounded."

Green's generosity is very appreciated by FFA members in this part of the state and elsewhere. "Mr. Green is a person who has lived a true life of service in every way you can count," said Sheldon McKinney, executive director of the Kentucky FFA Foundation. "He has influenced agriculture in Todd County for generations."



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**FARM LOCATION:** On SR 142 just past London, OH corporation limit on northeast side of town. Farm also fronts on Spring Valley Road and Simpson Road. (Watch for signs)

**KOKOMO - CROSBY - MIAMIAN SOILS**



**TRACT #1:** 26.2 acres w/Civil War era 2 story brick farmhouse of 3226 sq. ft. Consisting of 10 total rooms including 3+ br, parlor rm, den/office, living rm, kitchen/dining & utility rm. Rooms are very large. Second full bath can easily be added. Second rental home to include 1-1/2 story 3 br, 1 ba vinyl sided home perfect for family member or rental income. Property also includes 45x90 pole building to include 30x40 shop w/concrete floor, 35x40 barn for livestock or equipment & other outbuildings. Land is level w/17 tillable acres. A once in a lifetime opportunity to buy a well maintained historical home in excellent location at public auction!

**TRACT #2:** 159.6 acres vacant land w/156 ac. tillable. Fronting on SR 142 & Simpson Road

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**TRACT #5:** 24.1 acres vacant land, corner location SR 142 and Spring Valley Road w/16 ac. tillable, balance in trees and pasture. Also joins Deer Creek

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**TRACT #7:** Older 2 story, 3 br, 1 ba., 1688 sq. ft. home on 2.3 acres on Spring Valley Road

**TRACT #8:** Older 1 story, 3 br., 1 ba, 1360 sq. ft. home on 2.5 acres on Spring Valley Road

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**TUESDAYS, OCT.**  
**12 & 26 & NOV. 2**  
**FROM 3 TO 5 P.M.**  
**& SATURDAY, NOV 6**  
**FROM**  
**10 AM TO 12 NOON**

**AUCTIONEER'S NOTE:** This farm has been in the same family since the 1800's. There is a wide variation of land within this farm. Regardless of what type of land you are looking for you should find it in this auction. The farm is in an excellent location next to the corporation limit which certainly promotes potential future development opportunities.

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# New nomination procedures for Buckeye Breeders Series

MARYSVILLE, Ohio – The Ohio Cattlemen's Association (OCA) has announced a new nomination procedure for breeders who have cattle being nominated for the Buckeye Breeders Series (BBS), Ohio's premier bred, born and raised division of the BEST (beef exhibitor show total) program.

For cattle to be eligible for BBS they must be registered and bred by an Ohio breeder. ET calves and calves out of purchased bred cows are eligible if they list an Ohioan as the breeder.

New for the 2021-2022 season, BBS cattle will incur a \$25 per head nomination fee, that must be paid by the animal's first BEST show, in addition to the \$60 per head one-time BEST nomination fee. This \$25 fee need only be paid one time by either the breeder or the BEST participant. Cattle may be nominated throughout the BEST season, but all BBS cattle that will be exhibited at the Ohio Beef Expo junior show must be nominated by March 1, 2022. Cattle that are eligible to show for more than one year must pay a new Buckeye Breeders Series nomination each calendar year.

Breeders must also complete a nomination form (each form can be used to nominate up to 10 animals from the same breeder) and sign an affidavit verifying BBS eligibility.

Also new for 2021-2022, out-of-state juniors who purchase Ohio BBS cattle will be eligible to participate in the BEST program and exhibit them at all BEST sanctioned shows, compete for points and over-all year-end awards, providing they meet all other program eligibility requirements. This change will provide Ohio breeders of BBS cattle increased marketing and recognition opportunities for their Ohio bred and born registered cattle.

More information about BBS and the link for nominations can be found at [www.ohiocattle.org/best](http://www.ohiocattle.org/best).

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**5 105± ACRES IN 6 TRACTS.** Wells County, IN. Contact Al Pfister 260-760-8922.

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**26 PERSONAL PROPERTY – TIMED ONLINE ONLY.** Kendallville, IN. Contact Phil Wolfe 260-248-1191.

**29 PERSONAL PROPERTY – TIMED ONLINE ONLY.** Larwill, IN. Contact Phil Wolfe 260-248-1191.

**31 PERSONAL PROPERTY – TIMED ONLINE ONLY.** Fort Wayne, IN. Contact Jerry Ehle 866-340-0445.

#### NOVEMBER

**1 FARM EQUIPMENT.** Bronson, MI. Contact Ed Boyer 574-215-7653 and Ted Boyer 574-215-8100.

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**13 FARM EQUIPMENT.** LaGrange, IN. Contact Robert Mishler 260-336-9750.

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**Above:** Stephanie, Justin, and Jason Beckner. At age 17, Justin started his own feed business, In Pursuit Show Feeds.

## FFA Member

FROM PAGE 11B

four years at Ross High School with Korb as his advisor. Besides farming 35 acres, he is the Monroe branch manager for Zimmer Tractor.

"FFA lets you know what opportunities are out there in the agricultural field, not only from the farming aspect," Jason said. "I'm at an equipment dealership which is related to it."

What impressed Jason was attending the National FFA Convention. "When my oldest son, Justin, went to the national convention, that was the eye-opening thing for me. Seeing the great opportunities and the things that could benefit our kids through FFA. That was a good trip."

Jason continued to work with FFA when he joined Zimmer. The company gives back through Ross FFA and Talawanda-Butler Tech FFA. "We support FFA groups with different activities," Jason said.

Before meeting Jason, Stephanie Strayer was in FFA for four years at Anthony Wayne High School in Whitehouse, Ohio. The organization was still the Future Farmers of America (the name was changed to the National FFA Organization in 1988). Only a couple of girls were members at that time.

"My dad was in FFA, and we were in 4-H," Stephanie said. "It was a natural progression from 4-H to FFA. I loved every minute of it. It was an amazing team-building experience, and I learned to speak in front of people. It brought me out of my shell."

Stephanie liked animal judging and remembered having a blast at the 1996 FFA National Convention in Kansas. FFA eventually led her to OSU's ATI in Wooster.

"I decided I loved cattle so I got my degree in production and management of beef and that led me to Jason," she said.

And the beat goes on. Lydia Beckner, Justin and Ryland's sister, age 9, is already in 4-H and on her way to FFA. And Kari has a young family.

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### APPLICATORS

- **2016 Case-IH 4440 self-propelled sprayer**, 1,200 gal. S.S. tank, 20" nozzle spacing, 5-way nozzle bodies, 380/90R46 tires, Raven monitor, Raven receiver, leather, rear camera, 1,916 hours, SN YFT042476
- **GVM Fusion Prowler XP self-propelled 4wd spreader**, S.S. box, dual spreaders, Raven monitor, Raven receiver, 650/75R32 tires, model RC-01149T, SN RC-061149T1021 (new engine a year ago)
- **International dry tender truck**, Cummins N14 eng., 9 spd. trans., twin screw, hyd. fold unload auger, roll tarp, 11R22.5 tires, 786,821 miles
- **Ag Systems 6400 11-knife liquid applicator**, 1,400 gal. tank, hyd. fold, spring mounted coulters and knives, John Blue ground drive pump, 380/90R46 tires, 3" fill, SN 1455
- **Ag Systems 6200 11-knife liquid applicator**, 1,000 gal. tank, hyd. fold, spring mounted coulters and knives, John Blue ground drive pump, 385/65R22.5 tires, SN 1204
- **Ag Systems 6200 11-knife liquid applicator**, 1,000 gal. tank, hyd. fold, spring mounted coulters and knives, John Blue ground drive pump, 385/65R22.5 tires, SN 1300
- **Ag Systems 1400 15-knife liquid applicator**, 1,400 gal. tank, hyd. fold, spring mounted coulters and knives, gauge wheels, John Blue ground drive pump, 380/90R46 tires, SN 1067
- **Dalton 6-ton fertilizer spreader**, tandem axle, dual spreader, manual rear gate, 540 PTO, 16.5-16.1 tires
- **Dalton 6-ton fertilizer spreader**, tandem axle, dual spreader, manual rear gate, 540 PTO, 16.5-16.1 tires, SN 8195

### TENDER TRAILERS & WAGONS

- **Willmar dry fertilizer tender**, walking tandems, hyd. drive, hyd. lift unload auger, 11L-15 tires
- **1,050 gal. S.S. nurse trailer**, Snyder tank, walking tandems, Honda 4 hp. eng. w/ 2" pump, rear hitch 12.5-15 tires
- **720 gal. poly nurse trailer**, Snyder tank, tandem axle, Briggs & Stratton 3 hp. eng., w/ 1.5" pump, rear hitch, 11L-15 tires
- **720 gal. poly nurse trailer**, tandem axle, Briggs & Stratton 2 hp eng. w/ pump, rear hitch, 11L-15 tires
- **S.S. nurse wagon**, tandem axle, Briggs & Stratton 900 series eng. w/ 2" pump, 3" fill, 12.5-15 tires
- **S.S. nurse trailer**, tandem axle, Briggs & Stratton 3 hp. eng. w/ pump, 7.60-15 tires
- **S.S. nurse trailer**, walking tandems, 11L-15 tires
- **1,600 gal. S.S. nurse wagon on running gear**, Briggs & Stratton 950 series eng. w/ 2" pump, 3" fill

### TRUCKS & TRAILERS

- **2000 Freightliner FL70 liquid tender truck**, Cat 3126 eng., 6 spd. trans., 1,700 gal. S.S. tank, hyd. drive, pump, rear hitch, 11R22.5 tires, 245,578 miles, VIN 1FV6HJBA3YHG90393
- **Kenworth liquid tender truck**, Cat 3406 eng., 8 spd. trans., air tag, axle, 4,000 gal. S.S. tank, belt drive pump, 24.5" aluminum wheels, 616,891 miles, VIN 616891
- **2003 International 9200i day cab semi**, Cummins ISX 450 eng., 10 spd. trans., air ride, 22.5" tires, 195" wheelbase, 688,048 miles, VIN 2HSCEAPR74C090116
- **1998 International 4900 fertilizer tender truck**, DT466E eng., 6 spd. trans., spring ride, hyd. lift unload auger, roll tarp, rear hitch, 22.5" tires, 228,562 miles, VIN 1HTSDAANXXH699620
- **2005 Chevrolet C4500 dually pickup**, Duramax diesel eng., automatic trans., 11.5' flatbed, 90,911 miles
- **2000 Dodge 3500 dually pickup**, Magnum V8 eng., automatic trans., flat bed, 183,595 miles
- **2014 Timpfe 40' hopper bottom trailer**, ag hoopers, air ride, power tarp, 72" side, aluminum wheels, VIN 1TDH40026EB145726
- **1994 IH 9400**, N14 Cummins engine, Eaton Fuller 9 spd., PTO, twin screw, dry fertilizer tender bed, hydraulic fold & raise unload auger, tarp, air brakes, 11R22.5 tires, 786,821 miles, VIN 2HSFHBHR8RC081053

### CONSTRUCTION

- **Willmar 4500 Wrangler wheel loader**, 7' material bucket, skid steer hookups, 31.x15.5-15 tires, 6,113 hours, SN 4500664
- **Case 1840 skid steer**, hand controls, 70" material bucket, 10-16.5 tires, 4,783 hours
- **Mitsubishi LP forklift**, 48" forks
- **Whiting Track Mobile 5TM rail car mower**, gas eng., cab, 7.50-17 tires, 4,771 hours, SN 1754
- **Shop-built forks to fit wrangler or skid loader**

### SUPPORT ITEMS

- **Doyle S.S. hopper**, 11' belt conveyor, scales, electric drive
- **Doyle dry fertilizer mixer**, 15 hp. 3 ph. elec. motor
- **15"x26' belt conveyor**, electric drive
- **15"x22' belt conveyor**, electric drive
- **11"x14' belt conveyor**, electric drive
- **22' belt conveyor**, electric drive
- **4,000 gal. dual wall fuel tank**, GPI meter, G Pro pump
- **SureFire QuickDraw spray tender system**, (6) 2" inlets w/ (6) 3" outlets
- **(3) Tokheim mechanical meters**
- **Welders, torch cart, porta-power, IR 1" and 3/4" air impacts**
- **Miscellaneous shop tools and supplies**



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