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By Connie Swaim
Managing Editor

Downtown Indianapolis was once more filled with blue-jacketed youngsters who were trying out everything from the local cuisine to motorized scooters. The event also boasts a huge farm and ranch related shopping mall and an exposition center where participants could see the latest in agriculture technology and talk to representatives from major colleges and universities offering ag-related studies.

The final total for attendance for the three-day event was just over 60,000, according to Kristy Meyer, Communications Manager.

Social media took centerstage for many of the students. Exhibitors took advantage of this and set up photo opportunities and even displayed helpful hashtags. A group of three students from Puerto Rico could barely walk without being stopped and asked for photos of their jackets. Many students were photographing jackets from chapters and collecting them like trading cards.

In the shopping area; a crowd of at least 50 people deep surrounded a man who was signing autographs. The man in the middle of melee was Dale Brisby, star of Rodeo Time on YouTube as well as a top rodeo competitor. He was certainly a favorite of many of the younger crowd.

When the exposition center opened at noon, hundreds of students surged forward to be the first to try out numerous simulator devices and other virtual real-

ity experiences. Most of the booths devoted to colleges and universities also had their fair share of visitors as students were able to learn more about various ag programs and opportunities. For those who went old school, you could still just climb into the cab of the latest tractor or even walk under a tractor that was up on lifts to provide an interesting view from underneath.

Officers for the 2021-2022 year were also elected. Students from Delaware, Georgia, Kentucky, Oregon, Washington and Wisconsin are part of the new leadership team.

These members were selected from 37 candidates vying for the honor. Candidates take part in an extensive interview process with the National FFA Officer Nominating Committee leading up to the selection.

- Cole Baerlocher, an agricultural education major from Washington, was elected national president. He attends Oregon State University.

- Jackson Sylvester, an agriculture major from Delaware, was elected national secretary. He attends the University of Delaware.

- Cortney Zimmerman, an agricultural communications major from Wisconsin, was elected central region vice president. She attends South Dakota State University.

- Erik Robinson Jr., a criminal justice major from Georgia, was elected southern region vice president. He attends the University of Georgia.

- Josiah Cruikshank, a business administration and mechanical engineering major from Oregon, was elected western region vice president. He attends Oregon State University.

- Mallory White, an agronomy major from Kentucky, was elected eastern region vice president. She attends Murray State University in Kentucky.

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More rain delays once speedy Indiana harvest

By Stan Maddux
Indiana Correspondent

Heavy rain in Indiana has delayed a harvest once on track to be finished by now in many parts of the state.

Since the middle of October, areas of the state from north to south received 2-3 inches of rain from each of two large weather systems. Now, some corn and soybean growers are hoping the weather cooperates enough for them to be finished well before Thanksgiving.

"I thought this would be an early harvest. This is turning into the latest early harvest I've ever been part of," said Matt Schafer, a corn and soybean producer in LaCrosse, about 30 miles south of Lake Michigan.

"We were kind of on track to have one of our fastest harvests ever. However, that's obviously not going to happen now," said Kassi Rowland, a partner at Tom Farms in Leesburg in the northeast part of the state.

Rowland said about 57 percent of corn and 43 percent of soybeans were still out in her 18,000 acres in Kosciusko, Marshall, Huntington, Whitely, Elkhart and Noble counties.

Schafer said nearly all his corn was in while 40 percent of his soybeans

were still left to get from his several thousand acres of land in LaPorte and Porter counties.

A similar weather picture was painted at Mellencamp Farms, Inc. in downstate Columbus.

Owner Richard Mellencamp said his fields drain well in their sandy soil but lack of sun along with humidity the past few weeks have extended the amount of time it normally takes to resume harvesting after a wet period.

He said the damp conditions are also keeping the moisture content too high in the corn and soybeans still out in his several thousand acres of ground.

Mellencamp said he had about 20 percent of each crop to harvest yet. "It's been the humidity and cloud cover that's been holding us back," he said.

Mellencamp said he's normally done harvesting before Halloween but now is one to two weeks behind schedule. "It just depends on the weather now," he said.

Tony Wolfe said not quite as much rain came down on the 550 acres he farms in Gibson County in the southwestern part of the state.

He said the amount of precipitation,

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Purdue’s new veterinary hospitals to open in the spring

**By Michele F. Mihaljevich
Indiana Correspondent**

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. – Three new veterinary hospitals on Purdue University’s campus will bring much needed space for treatment and teaching when they open next spring, according to the director of the university’s Veterinary Hospital.

The new hospitals for small animals, equine and farm animals will be east of Lynn Hall, home of the College of Veterinary Medicine. The cost of the project is \$108 million, with \$73 million appropriated by the Indiana legislature and \$35 million committed by Purdue.

“The current hospital is very small and very outdated,” explained Dr. Ellen I. Lowery, who has served as director since February 2020. “We essentially ran out of room. We’ve expanded our specialty services for animals quite a bit here at Purdue but there hasn’t been any space to expand those services within the current hospital.

“Our emergency hospital, for example, which is the only emergency hospital within a 60-mile radius of this community, essentially works out of one room,” she noted. “The new complex will have a separate entrance so we can keep emergency patients separate from scheduled appointments. We’ll have a separate entrance for patients that might carry an infectious disease, so what we’ll call our isolations. They’ll come in a separate entrance to keep our community pets and animals safe from emergency or infected animals as well.”

The new facilities will increase the number of operating rooms and expand the amount of teaching space and anesthetic capabilities, Lowery said. With the separate hospitals for equine and farm animals, horses can be kept separate from cows, goats and sheep, she stated.

“From a biosecurity perspective, that really helps out with that,” Lowery pointed out. “Not only do we get a better hospital facility with innovative space, increased space, better teaching for the students, we’ll also be able to see more cases in the hospital, which is important because our caseload here has risen quite a bit. We want it to be a great experience from the perspective of animals getting the best care they possibly can as well as clients getting the best care they possibly can. To do that, we need an updated facility.”

The small animal hospital – which includes an expanded emergency area – will add 65,000 square feet to the existing small animal hospital facilities in Lynn Hall, currently about 40,000 square feet, according to the College of Veterinary Medicine. The equine hospital will be 73,000 square feet and the farm animal hospital, 24,000 square feet.

The facilities will be referred to as the David and Bonnie Brunner Purdue Veterinary Medical Hospital Complex. The three new hospitals in the complex will also be named after the Brunners.

David Brunner is a veterinarian in central Indiana and received a doctor of veterinary medicine degree from Purdue

in 1979. The Brunners have made a \$10 million leadership commitment to the university.

Site preparation began in 2020 and construction continued through the pandemic. The small animal hospital will open in the spring, Lowery said. The equine and farm animal hospitals will

open a little later.

Formal classroom instruction will continue to be conducted in Lynn Hall, but students will have learning opportunities in the new facilities, she noted. “There will be rounds rooms for stu-

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Purdue study will look at the value of diversity on the farm

By Stan Maddux
Indiana Correspondent

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. – Researchers at Purdue are looking at whether replacing some corn and soybeans on the farm would position farmers better for the future.

“Growing only a rotation of corn and soybeans is not necessarily sustainable economically, environmentally or socially,” said Linda Prokopy, a professor of horticulture and landscape architecture at Purdue.

Researchers from Illinois State University and Iowa State University are also involved in the five-year project funded by a \$10 million grant from the USDA’s National Institute of Food and Agriculture.

Replacing some of the corn and soybean production with possibly small grain and other commodities like grazed livestock would provide more stability in various ways for the agriculture industry in the Midwest, according to researchers.

Prokopy, who’s leading the effort, said researchers will be working with farmers in Indiana, Illinois and Iowa to evaluate what else can be added successfully to what they already produce.

Other possible options for producers include forage and bioenergy crops, agroforestry and horticulture food crops.

“There will be challenges ahead and we must prepare for the future. We hope this project will bring together farmers, researchers and the agri-food community to figure out how,” Prokopy said.

Prokopy said COVID-19 exposed how farmers in the Midwest are prone

to being hurt during a crisis in an economy dominated by corn and soybeans.

She said pandemics come and go but climate change might be more lasting and one farmers could better adapt to by successful changes in some of their land use.

Matt Schafer, an Indiana corn and soybean grower, said he doesn’t disagree that more diversity on a farm can result in more stable and higher profits.

Schafer said the major slashing on farm exports from the United States during the trade war with China is an example of the pain farmers who rely too heavily on one crop can ease by having a market for other products. “When all of your eggs are in just one basket your income is married to any hiccup in the global economy,” he said.

Researchers will also identify economic and social barriers to change that need to be overcome, along with the cost and environmental benefits of more diversified farms.

Schafer said the potential for profit being greater than the cost of new equipment and materials that might have to be purchased is definitely a factor in deciding whether to become a more diverse operation.

He said the same planter, for example, doesn’t always work on other crops. He once added green beans and cucumbers to his fields because the planters used on his corn and soybeans were compatible for putting the other crops into the ground.

Schafer said he no longer raises alternative crops but, if approached, would be open minded. “We’d certainly

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Nebraska farmer indicted

SCOTTSBLUFF, Neb. (AP) – A western Nebraska rancher and farmer has been indicted on four federal counts of bank fraud after prosecutors say he lied to bank officials about his assets and debt load in an effort to secure more than \$11 million in loans.

George Liakos, 62, grows beans, corn and sugar beets and raises cattle near Bayard, the Scottsbluff Star-Herald reported. According to the indictment, Liakos tried to defraud Great Western Bank after entering a loan agreement with the bank in 2017 totaling \$11.2 million for farm and ranch equipment and opera-

tions.

Prosecutors say that from April 2017 to May 2019, Liakos submitted falsified documents that overstated his commodity inventory and understated or failed to report his other loans and accounts payable.

The indictment said Liakos also lied to bank officials about his current commodity and livestock inventory “in an effort to hide his current financial condition to Great Western Bank.”

Each bank fraud charge carries a sentence of up to 30 years in prison, while the false statement count carries up to five years in prison.

Indiana Harvest

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though, was enough to keep him from harvesting his 55 acres of double crop soybeans. “I would have been cutting them a couple of days ago. Now, I’ll wait a little longer,” he said.

Wolfe said he was finished harvesting his corn and early soybeans before the most recent storm moved in.

Some Indiana farmers like Schafer have reported just average yields of corn and soybean yields slightly below expectations, despite USDA predicting record yields in the state.

Wolfe, though, said his corn and soybean production is the best he’s ever had in his many years of farming.

“Down here, any time we get close to 200 bushels of corn, it’s quite spectacular. This year, everybody in the neighborhood was pretty well over 200 bushels of corn no matter what kind of ground it is. There’s a lot of 70- and

80-bushel beans around,” he said.

Schafer said he felt unusual warmth late in the growing season that sapped nutrients from the ground was a factor in some of his corn plants having weaker stalks.

He said corn plants filling their ears make up for shortages in nutrients by drawing nutrients from their stalks, which causes them to lose strength.

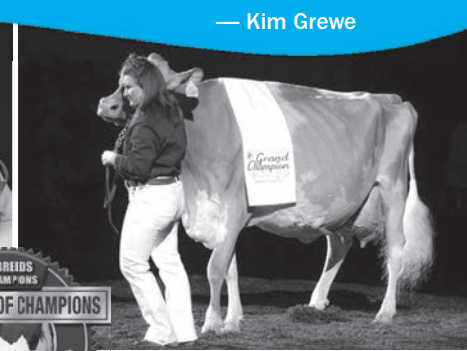
“We already had some overall plant health issues late in the season that led to some corn that didn’t want to stand all that well. The wind the other night didn’t help,” Schafer said.

Schafer was hesitant to put a time frame on finishing his harvest but felt mid-November is well within reach. He expects he’ll have to dry down his soybeans once they’re brought in because cooling temperatures and declining sunlight hampered the beans’ ability to reduce their moisture content out in the fields. “Drying beans isn’t the most fun thing in the world but it is what it is,” he said.

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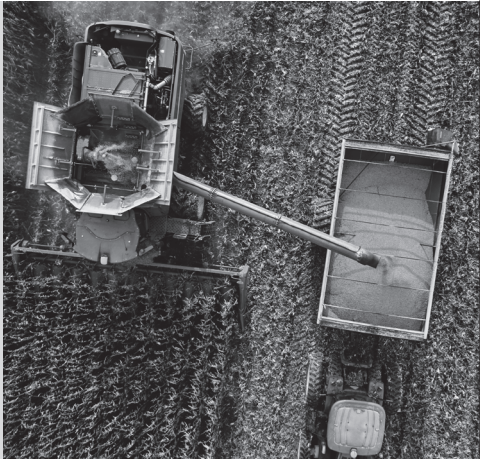
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Export pace concerning

Even though early in the marketing year, trade is showing more interest in the volume of export sales the United States has on the books. Corn sales started out the year at a record pace but have receded since. After initially being 30 percent ahead of last year, bookings are now just 4 percent above a year ago. The real concern is on soybean sales, which currently trail last year by a large 35 percent. This is mainly from the lack of Chinese buying, as sales to our largest buyer are 37 percent less than last year at this time. Wheat sales also trail last year by 20 percent at the present time.

The lower export numbers on soybeans are sending mixed signals. While cumulative soybean sales are well behind last year, they are still the third largest on record. The big difference between this year and others is the 300 million bu (mbu) fewer sales to China as the country cuts back on hog production. China's hog industry is also becoming more efficient than in the past. This will likely alter the country's overall feed grain demand for years to come.

It is not surprising that U.S. export loadings are well behind last year as well. At the present time U.S. corn loadings total 44.86 mbu, a 60 percent reduction on the year. Soybean inspections only total 34.6 mbu, down a huge 81 percent from last year. Wheat inspections are better at 294 mbu, but still off 13.5 percent from 2020. If these totals do not increase soon, we will likely see adjustments to projected ending stocks.

Not only are U.S. grain and soybean exports being monitored, but the meats as well. Demand for U.S. beef remains very strong, with last week's sales hitting an eight-week high. Total U.S. beef

exports for the calendar year are up 29 percent. Pork demand is 2 percent under last year, though, as our leading buyer, China, is fulfilling its reserve needs with domestic pork. This has caused a 75 percent decline in their U.S. pork purchases.

The September cattle slaughter numbers contained some mixed data. The total number of cattle slaughtered for the month totaled 2.73 million head, down 1 percent from both August and September 2020. The average steer weight was down 10 pounds on the year while the heifer slaughter weight was up a large 94 pounds on the year. The combination of these two levels generated a beef production number that was just 98 percent of last September, but still the second largest monthly total since 2003.

A thought this report raises is the number of animals being liquidated. There are concerns that with poor pasture conditions and high feed costs, the United States may see more contraction in cattle numbers. One of these is in dairy, where the U.S. milk cow herd shrunk by 25,000 head in September. If this trend continues, we may start to see alterations to feed grain usage projections.

While early, we are already starting to see debate in the market over next year's acres. While this has been a factor for several months given the tight stocks to use on corn and soybeans, it is starting to intensify. This is from the fact producers across the United States start planning next year's crops as soon as harvest is complete. The cost of corn inputs has already increased from last year and there are thoughts they will

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Livestock Weighted Average Report for 10/25/2021 - Final						17	350-395	383	120.00-134.00	127.52
AUCTION						8	425-440	429	123.00-128.00	126.75
	This Week	Last Reported	Last Year			51	450-495	473	121.00-129.00	126.15
		10/18/2021				19	500-535	522	120.00-126.00	123.34
Total Receipts:	899	791	1,109			9	544	544	138.50	138.50 Value Added
Feeder Cattle:	770(85.7%)	685(86.6%)	958(86.4%)			18	555-585	563	121.00-125.00	124.33
Slaughter Cattle:	116(12.9%)	94(11.9%)	135(12.2%)			12	605-641	630	117.00-126.00	120.60
Replacement Cattle:	13(1.4%)	12(1.5%)	16(1.4%)			1	665	665	118.00	118.00
SPECIAL NOTE: Removed entry showing 110 lbs slaughter cows.						4	702-715	706	110.00-115.00	113.73
COWS - Boner 80-85% (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)						6	702-740	708	122.00-125.00	124.48 Value Added
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing	7	750-760	759	110.00-115.00	114.29
24	110-1610	1292	59.50-66.00	62.29	High	1	775	775	118.00	118.00 Guaranteed Open
Compared to last Monday feeder steers and heifers sold unevenly steady with good demand for weaned offerings; light demand for fleshy bawling calves. Yearlings lightly tested. Slaughter cows and bulls sold 1.00 to 2.00 higher with light to moderate demand. Supply included: 86% Feeder Cattle (43% Steers, 2% Dairy Steers, 34% Heifers, 21% Bulls); 13% Slaughter Cattle (92% Cows, 8% Bulls); 1% Replacement Cattle (41% Stock Cows, 41% Bred Cows, 18% Cow-Calf Pairs). Feeder cattle supply over 600 lbs was 29%.						2	802	802	114.00	114.00
FEEDER CATTLE						2	870-875	873	106.00-121.00	113.52 Guaranteed Open
STEERS - Medium and Large 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)						1	920	920	90.00	90.00
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price		1	985	985	05.00	105.00 Guaranteed Open
1	225	225	156.00	156.00		HEIFERS - Medium and Large 2-3 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)				
1	290	290	150.00	150.00		Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
5	315-330	321	155.00-160.00	158.60		1	240	240	120.00	120.00
2	360-370	365	164.00-167.50	165.77		2	265-285	275	119.00-122.50	120.69
9	370-395	386	174.00-176.00	174.55 Value Added		4	315-335	321	107.00-115.00	113.01
3	420-440	433	154.00-158.00	155.69		2	360-375	368	110.00-113.00	111.53
25	400-446	434	155.00-175.00	166.98 Value Added		5	410-440	426	110.00-119.00	114.15
14	460-495	476	141.00-155.00	150.68		11	450-488	473	109.00-119.00	115.97
22	450-497	475	160.00-172.50	164.92 Value Added		2	530	530	110.00-115.00	112.50
24	505-547	519	141.00-152.00	150.97		10	555-585	572	110.00-120.00	113.20
32	500-535	514	154.50-168.00	161.44 Value Added		12	600-645	629	105.00-115.00	110.14
28	555-590	574	143.00-152.00	146.33		3	675-697	690	103.00-115.00	111.09
21	552-582	558	156.00-161.00	160.01 Value Added		2	820-835	828	89.00-100.00	94.45
4	600	600	138.00	138.00		HEIFERS - Large 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)				
33	600-642	622	140.50-154.00	149.10 Value Added		Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
7	670-690	679	132.00-139.00	134.72		1	390	390	110.00	110.00
10	650-691	673	142.00-144.00	143.08 Value Added		2	500-525	513	113.00-115.00	113.98
20	710-747	743	140.00-150.00	149.04 Value Added		3	600-637	625	119.00	119.00
2	767	767	135.00	135.00		HEIFERS - Small and Medium 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)				
3	840-845	842	134.00-139.00	137.33		Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
3	853	853	135.00	135.00		1	510	510	101.00	101.00
2	925	925	129.00	129.00		1	580	580	101.00	101.00
STEERS - Medium and Large 2-3 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)						BULLS - Medium and Large 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price		Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
3	573	573	123.00	123.00		2	260-275	268	140.00-161.00	150.79
4	600	600	129.00	129.00		3	305-320	312	147.00-161.00	153.10
2	652	652	125.00	125.00		10	350-392	372	149.00-169.00	160.07
1	705	705	121.00	121.00		2	405-435	420	147.00-151.00	149.07
1	800	800	122.00	122.00		7	460-497	481	148.00-156.00	151.05
DAIRY STEERS - Large 3 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)						13	460-492	481	151.00-157.00	153.83 Fancy
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price		8	507-540	521	138.00-149.00	144.12
6	217-242	234	65.00-79.00	74.67		31	550-587	569	131.00-143.00	138.07
4	642	642	87.00	87.00		1	595	595	154.00	154.00 Fancy
3	800-845	815	86.00-95.00	91.89		12	600-645	618	121.00-129.00	126.34
HEIFERS - Medium and Large 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)						6	605-637	623	130.00-135.00	131.47 Fancy
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price		7	660-673	668	120.00-135.00	131.74
3	360-375	368	140.00-146.00	142.63		2	705-740	723	108.00-122.00	114.83
1	405	405	132.00	132.00		1	750	750	106.00	106.00
2	497	497	131.00	131.00		2	810-820	815	102.00-103.00	102.50
7	505-527	519	123.00-133.00	128.60		BULLS - Medium and Large 2-3 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)				

5	555-587	576	118.00-129.00	120.52
8	610-635	625	109.00-121.00	114.78
1	670	670	114.00	114.00
BULLS - Large 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	415	415	135.00	135.00
1	505	505	128.00	128.00
BULLS - Small and Medium 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	510	510	109.00	109.00
SLAUGHTER CATTLE				
COWS - Breaker 75-80% (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
7	1335-1810	1542	55.00-58.50	57.38 Average
14	1215-1650	1463	59.00-65.00	61.10 High
COWS - Boner 80-85% (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
18	885-1290	1186	54.00-59.00	56.30 Average
23	1030-1610	1344	58.50-66.00	62.29 High
2	965-1015	990	51.00	51.00 Low
COWS - Lean 85-90% (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
10	830-1250	1014	52.00-55.00	52.94 Average
8	990-1285	1093	56.00-61.00	57.53 High
1	1050	1050	48.00	48.00 Low
BULLS - 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
3	1220-1890	1648	83.00-92.00	88.25 Average
3	1565-1875	1743	5.00-100.00	97.39 High
1	2700	2700	65.00	65.00 Low
REPLACEMENT CATTLE				
STOCK COWS - Medium and Large 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)				
Age	Stage	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt
2-8	O	7	895-1200	1049
			Price Range	Avg Price
			70.00-87.00	76.28
BRED COWS - Medium and Large 1-2 (Per Head / Actual Wt)				
Age	Stage	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt
2-8	T2	5	905-1480	1242
			Price Range	Avg Price
			825.00-900.00	857.45
2-8	T3	1	1640	1640
			Price Range	Avg Price
			900.00	900.00
BRED COWS - Medium and Large 2-3 (Per Head / Actual Wt)				
Age	Stage	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt
2-8	T2	1	1270	1270
			Price Range	Avg Price
			750.00	750.00
COW-CALF PAIRS - Medium and Large 1-2 w/ 150-300 lbs calf (Per Family / Actual Wt)				
Age	Stage	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt
2-8	O	3	1460-1620	1515
			Price Range	Avg Price
			1100.00-1300.00	1235.75
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Missouri Direct Hay Report Direct Hay Weighted Average Report For week ending Friday, October 29, 2021

Rains over the last week have resulted in improved soil conditions. A near 10 percent decrease was reported in the drought areas scattered around the state this week. Moisture has slowed grain harvest however due to the rapid pace earlier both corn and bean harvest is still slightly ahead of the five year average. Winter wheat planting is currently on pace as well. The ever skyrocketing prices of fertilizer continue to be on the minds of producers. Reports of some trying to pre-buy ahead of more possible increases have be met with rejection as local retailers refuse to sell product they don't yet have for fears of not getting it or being upside down if they presale this early. Hay movement has been limited, as most have decent stockpiles. The supply of hay is moderate and demand is light to moderate and prices mostly steady. The Missouri Department of Agriculture has a hay directory visit <http://mda.mo.gov/abdhaydirectory/> for listings of hay <http://agebb.missouri.edu/haylst/>

HAY (Conventional)		Price Range
Alfalfa - Supreme (Ask/Per Ton)		
Medium Square 3x3		200.00-250.00
Alfalfa - Supreme (Ask/Per Bale)		
Small Square		8.00-12.00
Alfalfa - Premium (Ask/Per Ton)		
Medium Square 3x3		160.00-200.00
Alfalfa - Good (Ask/Per Ton)		
Large Round		120.00-160.00
Alfalfa - Good (Ask/Per Bale)		
Small Square		5.00-9.00
Alfalfa - Fair (Ask/Per Ton)		
Large Round		100.00-125.00
Alfalfa/Grass Mix - Good/Premium (Ask/Per Bale)		
Small Square		6.00-8.00
Mixed Grass - Good/Premium (Ask/Per Ton)		
Large Round		80.00-140.00
Mixed Grass - Fair/Good (Ask/Per Ton)		
Large Round		60.00-100.00
Mixed Grass - Fair/Good (Ask/Per Bale)		
Small Square		4.00-6.00
Mixed Grass - Fair (Ask/Per Bale)		
Large Round		25.00-55.00
STRAW (Conventional)		
Wheat - (Ask/Per Bale)		
Small Square		4.00-6.00

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Daily Livestock Slaughter Under Federal Inspection				
Friday, October 29, 2021				
	CATTLE	CALVES	HOGS	SHEEP
Friday 10/29/2021	120,000	1,000	474,000	4,000
Week ago	112,000	1,000	468,000	4,000
Year ago (act)	115,000	2,000	487,000	7,000
Week to date	608,000	6,000	2,395,000	34,000
Same Period Last Week	594,000	6,000	2,369,000	34,000
Same Period Last Year (act)	578,000	8,000	2,445,000	36,000
Saturday 10/30/2021	60,000	0	156,000	0
Week ago	67,000	0	229,000	1,000
Year ago (act)	61,000	0	249,000	1,000
Week to date	668,000	6,000	2,551,000	34,000
Same Period Last Week	661,000	6,000	2,598,000	35,000
Same Period Last Year* (act)	640,000	8,000	2,694,000	37,000
2021 Year to Date	27,603,00	308,000	106,181,000	1,578,000
2020 *Year to Date	26,756,00	372,000	108,338,000	1,573,000
Percent change	3.2%	-17.2%	-2.0%	0.3%
2021 *Totals subject to revision				
2020 *Totals adjusted to reflect NASS revisions				
Yearly totals may not add due to rounding				
Previous day	Steer and Heifer	Cow and Bull		
Thursday	95,000	27,000		
Source: USDA Livestock, Poultry, and Grain Market News Division, St Joseph, MO				
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U.S. stops tomato imports from Mexican company

WASHINGTON (AP) – The United States has ordered a halt to imports of tomatoes from a Mexican farming company and its subsidiaries for what officials said was abusive treatment of workers that amounts to forced labor.

Customs and Border Protection (CBP) issued an order to detain shipments from Agropecuarios Tom, based in the central Mexican state of San Luis Potosi.

The agency said its investigation found evidence of deception, withholding of wages, debt bondage and other abusive working and living conditions. It said the Mexican government took action against the same farm over forced labor allegations in October 2020.

Agropecuarios Tom disputed the allegations in general but said it is waiting for further details from CBP so it can respond in detail.

“We are surprised because we have complied with all the rules of both the American government and the Mexican government,” said Rommel Fernandez Veraud, the company’s legal representative.

The U.S. government has increasingly relied in recent years on the use of so-called withhold release orders to block imports from producers and manufacturers linked to forced labor amid growing public awareness of the issue.

The orders, which force U.S. companies to delve more deeply into practices within their supply chain, remain in effect until the producers and manufacturers cited can provide evidence that they have corrected the abusive practices.

Media reports have found workers in slave-like conditions at farms throughout Mexico that supply U.S. food companies.

Study

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ly be inclined to try some things if it made financial sense,” he said.

Schafer said other crops are more profitable than corn and soybeans at times but they’re also more vulnerable to crashing. He said corn and soybean growers during lean years are protected financially to a certain extent by the federal government, but other crops don’t have such backing.

“If the dollars at the end of the day are enticing, I’m sure there are those guys out there that would be happy to try it,” Schafer said.

According to Purdue officials, sup-

porters of the research include farmers and others in the agriculture industry, along with environmentalists, General Mills, Kellogg’s, Red Gold and Smithfield Foods. Institutions such as the American Society of Agronomy, Practical Farmers of Iowa and Sustainable Food Labs are partnering in the effort.

“We don’t know what kinds of diversification this project will identify as the most promising but the Extension team will be ready to get the word out, help stakeholders evaluate the findings and provide resources needed to make changes for a more sustainable Midwest agriculture,” said Elizabeth Maynard, a Purdue Extension specialist and associate professor of horticulture and landscape architecture.


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Migrant workers sue Louisiana sugar company over wages

NEW ORLEANS (AP) – Six migrant workers from Mexico have filed a lawsuit against a Louisiana sugar company claiming they were brought into the country with visas listing them as farm workers, but were put to work as truck drivers hauling sugarcane from farms to a mill – a job carrying a higher wage.

The lawsuit filed in western Louisiana claims Sterling Sugars Sales Corp. obtained federal H-2A work visas identifying the six as farm workers, with job duties including harvesting sugarcane and maintaining farm equipment at wages less than \$11 an hour.

“Instead, plaintiffs and similarly situated workers were employed driving heavy trucks in excess of 26,000 pounds to transport harvested sugarcane from various farms in Louisiana back to processing facilities in Franklin, La.,” the lawsuit said. “Defendant did not harvest the sugarcane crops it transported.”

The workers’ suit argues that the off-the-farm work carrying products to a mill for an employer who did not produce the sugarcane required a different type

of visa, an H-2B visa. And, the suit said, they should have been paid at a rate just more than \$20 an hour under federal “prevailing wage” law. The lawsuit also claims the workers routinely worked more than 40 hours a week – often as many as 80 hours a week – but were not paid at mandated overtime rates.

The lawsuit seeks payment of the unpaid wages and overtime pay under state and federal law. It also seeks to recover unpaid overtime for others hired to drive trucks for the company under similar situations in 2018, 2019, 2020 or 2021.

Sterling Sugars has not yet filed its response in federal court and did not immediately respond to an emailed request for comment.

Lawyers with the Southern Migrant Legal Services project of the Texas RioGrande Legal Aid organization filed the lawsuit on behalf of the six migrant workers. Attorneys with the same organization filed a federal lawsuit in May on behalf of workers who said they were illegally underpaid by a crawfish processing business in Louisiana.

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climb even higher which may start to impact crops acres.

A result of this high cost of production may cause a shift in acres to the crop with the lowest costs, regardless of commodity values. This is not uncommon in years such as this but does tend to be less of a factor when commodity values remain elevated. There is speculation in the market we could see elevated wheat acres this coming year given wheat’s lower cost of production. This scenario may also lead to elevated double cropping with soybeans and winter wheat given wheat’s favorable returns.

While mostly favorable, weather remains a factor in current price discovery. The United States is expected to remain mostly dry for the next 90 days which will not only favor remaining harvest, but likely allow for a large amount of fall tillage as well. Dry weather is bearish at the present time, but if we start to see indications of these conditions lingering into our next production season the markets will react. The United States cannot afford any production losses this year or next. This will likely keep risk premium elevated in the U.S. market even when the current crop year ends.

One development that is tempering market reaction to drought conditions is this year’s yields in abnormally dry regions of the country. Drought impacted several areas of the Corn Belt this year,

but even so, yields are starting to come in at the top side of expectations. Some regions of the Corn Belt reported record yields. Field scouts claim this shows us the timing of rains during the growing season can be just as beneficial as overall precipitation totals.

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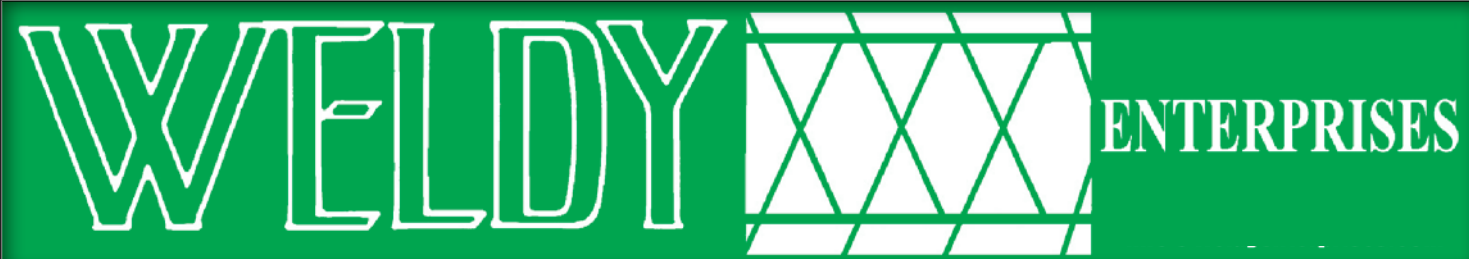
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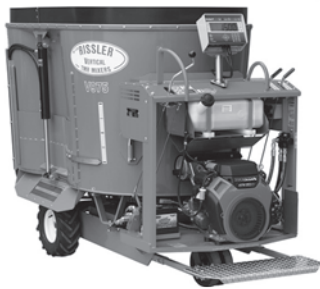
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West Nile Virus found in Tennessee horse

NASHVILLE – Tennessee’s state veterinarian confirms a horse in Weakley County, Tenn., tested positive for West Nile Virus (WNV). The horse was euthanized due to the severity of the case.

WNV is a mosquito-borne virus. Mosquitoes acquire WNV when they feed on infected birds and then spread the virus to people and other animals by biting them. While humans can be infected by WNV, the virus does not pass between people and horses, and horses do not transmit the infection to other horses. The only route of transmission is from a mosquito bite.

“We are always concerned when WNV is discovered in horses,” State Veterinarian Dr. Samantha Beaty said. “Approximately one-third of these horses will succumb to this disease, and those that recover can relapse and develop secondary issues. Additionally, from a One Health perspective, it alerts health officials to the presence of the virus in the environment.”

For horse owners, control of mos-

quitoes and vaccination against WNV are equally important. Horse owners should work with a veterinarian to determine an appropriate vaccination schedule. Horses living in locations with heavy mosquito infestation or year-round presence of mosquitos may require more frequent vaccination.

Eliminate mosquito breeding sites by removing standing water and regularly cleaning water containers. It is also effective to minimize horses’ exposure to mosquitoes by using equine-approved repellents and fans in stalls.

The signs of WNV in horses range from mild, flu-like symptoms to inflammation of the brain, which can be fatal. Clinical symptoms may include lack of coordination and stumbling, fever, hind-end weakness, muscle tremors, excessive sweating, lips or head drooping, and teeth grinding. Effects of the disease usually present within 15 days after a bite from an infected mosquito. Some infected horses show no clinical signs of illness and recover.



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Louisville livestock expo begins Nov. 5

LOUISVILLE, Ky. – More than 30,000 entries from across the country will arrive in Louisville Nov. 5-18 to compete at the North American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE). Held annually at the Kentucky Exposition Center, exhibitors showcase top livestock in hopes of winning a portion of the nearly \$750,000 in premiums awarded during the various competitions.

NAILE is the largest all-breed, purebred livestock exposition in the world. The expo features 10 divisions of livestock competition: dairy cattle, beef cattle, dairy goat, meat goat, swine, sheep, llama, alpaca, mule and draft horse.

NAILE offers a variety of experiences for livestock enthusiasts and those new to the exposition world. Features include:

- The North American Country Store Nov. 6-18.
- The North American Championship Rodeo Nov. 11-13.
- Livestreaming of select events Nov. 5-18.

“We’re excited to welcome the public back to NAILE this year. The past two years have demonstrated the importance of the livestock industry and how agriculture impacts all of our lives,” said David S. Beck, president and CEO of Kentucky Venues.

Each year shoppers look forward to the North American Country Store, which takes place exclusively during NAILE. The North American Country Store features more than 200,000 square feet of exhibit space and 105 booths offering clothing, belt buckles, sweets, cowboy hats, arts and crafts, books, musical instruments, handcrafted furniture and jewelry.

All the latest products related to showing livestock are also available, including specialized vehicle trailers for transporting animals and various livestock gear. In addition to the shopping, the Children’s Barnyard provides opportunities for guests to interact with rabbits, mini-horses, lambs, newly-hatched ducklings and other animals.

The country store is in the North Wing of the Kentucky Exposition Center and is open daily Nov. 6-10 and 14-17, 9 a.m.-6 p.m. There are extended hours Nov. 11-13 of 9 a.m.-8 p.m. The shops are open 9 a.m.-1 p.m. on Nov. 18.

The North American Championship Rodeo will be in Freedom Hall Nov. 11-13. From barrel racing to bull riding, cowboys and cowgirls will compete for the coveted first-place finish and cash prizes. Nov. 12 is “Tough Enough to Wear Pink Night” with a portion of ticket sales going to Horses and Hope, a breast cancer awareness organization.

Tickets are available online at www.ticketmaster.com/artist/834727?tm_link=tm_header_search.

Interested guests can experience NAILE anywhere with livestream on select events free of charge. Footage will be broadcast by Show Barn Flix from locations throughout the Kentucky Exposition Center and include both judged competitions and sales. The broadcast schedule and livestream coverage will be posted on the NAILE website at [//livestockexpo.org/events/livestock-schedules](http://livestockexpo.org/events/livestock-schedules).

NAILE admission is \$8 for adults and free for children five and under, and parking is \$10 daily. Passes are \$60 for the full event or \$35 for half event. Event passes include parking. North American Country Store shoppers and expo visitors receive free admission Nov. 9-10.

Per the COVID-19 Face Covering Policy for all executive branch buildings and offices due to COVID-19, a face covering must be worn by everyone in all indoor areas of the Kentucky Exposition Center.

For more information, including a schedule of events, visit www.livestockexpo.org. Follow along on Facebook at facebook.com/KYNAILE and Instagram at instagram.com/KY_NAILE.



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Raspberry harvest smaller in Washington; heat blamed

BELLINGHAM, Wash. (AP) - The late June record-breaking heat wave in the Pacific Northwest resulted in a significantly smaller raspberry harvest in northwest Washington.

The 2021 harvest numbers show Whatcom County farmers brought around 44.5 million pounds (20.2 million kilograms), according to the Washington Red Raspberry Commission.

That's down 30.2 percent compared to the 2020 harvest and down 40 percent compared to the peak year in 2018, The Bellingham Herald reported. The second-lowest total this century was 45.9 million pounds (20.1 million kilograms) in 2004.

The extreme heat turned many berries to mush. On June 28, temperatures in Lynden reached 106 degrees and it was hotter at berry farms east and north of Lynden.

Late June is typically when

raspberry harvest begins. Before the heat wave, this year's harvest was looking like last year's, according to Henry Bierlink, executive director at the Washington Red Raspberry Commission.

Early picks amid the heat wave became juice-quality grades. Later, some farmers were able to pick berries that could be frozen.

Berry and other farmers with crop damage worked with federal lawmakers to secure some financial relief through the USDA's Farm Service Agency.

Whatcom County's raspberry production represents about 85 percent of what's grown in the U.S., according to the Whatcom Conservation District.

Intense heat waves and a historic drought in the American West reflect climate change that is making weather more extreme.

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FFA Conference

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Throughout their year of service to the National FFA Organization, the officers will interact with business and industry leaders; thousands of FFA members and teachers; corporate sponsors; government and education officials; state FFA leaders; the public; and more. The team will lead personal growth and leadership training conferences for FFA members throughout the country and help set policies that will guide the future of FFA and the next generation of leaders.

Numerous awards are also bestowed on chapters and individuals during the three-day event. Some of those who won from the Farm World readership area are listed here. For a full list of winners visit www.ffa.org.

Justin Preece of the Urbana FFA Chapter in Ohio was among the winners of a 2021 Agricultural Proficiency Award. Agricultural Proficiency Awards honor FFA members who, through supervised agricultural experiences (SAEs), have developed specialized skills that they can apply toward their future careers. Students compete in areas ranging from agricultural communications to wildlife management. Proficiency awards are also recognized at local and state levels and provide recognition to members exploring and becoming established in agricultural career pathways.

Preece won for Agricultural Mechanics Repair and Maintenance. He became passionate about this supervised agricultural experience (SAE) area after driving his grandfather's John Deere 3020. He jumped at the chance for a job at his local Case IH dealer, even though they only needed someone to clean about the shop. After two months, however, he began detailing new and used farm equipment for the shop. Preece has

since advanced into assembling augers. He has accepted a full-time position as a lead technician for their Kubota line and certified welder.

Zoe Parrott of the Northmor FFA Chapter in Ohio was named in Sheep Production-Entrepreneurship. She watched her father raise sheep when she was a child and became inspired to follow in his footsteps. Her project consists of 24 ewes that are mainly Hampshire and Hamp crosses, three replacement ewe lambs, one Hamp cross ram, and one Hampshire cross ram. The Hamp cross ram was produced by Parrott using laparoscopic artificial insemination.

Robert Gray of the Western Brown FFA Chapter in Ohio won Turf Grass Management. He started his foray into lawn care when his grandmother needed help maintaining her property. He began mowing and weed-eating her yard every other weekend. His interest in the work grew until he started working as a lawn technician for a local company. His duties include mowing, weed-eating, blowing off surfaces, trimming, edging, spraying, and performing equipment cleaning and maintenance.

Eli Patrick of the Covington FFA Chapter in Tennessee placed in Vegetable Production. He has a three-acre vegetable production farm where he produces a large variety of vegetables, including sweet corn, yellow squash, purple hull peas, bell peppers, habanero peppers, cayenne peppers, okra, cucumbers, zucchini, sweet potatoes and much more. He sells his produce to wholesalers, produce stands, neighbors, and keeps some for personal use. He plans to take over the family farm after earning a degree in plant and soil science.

Addy Stuever Battel of the Cass City FFA Chapter in Michigan was awarded Service-Learning. She was 12 years old when her hometown lost its only grocery

store, becoming a food desert. As a farm kid, she realized that while her freezer was full of meat, others were not as fortunate. She recruited three of her friends from FFA to raise 50 broiler chickens and a pig for a local food pantry. More than six years later, her organization, "Meating the Need for Our Village" is a nationally recognized hunger relief non-profit with a \$62,611 impact on the community.

The 94th National FFA Convention & Expo also featured the first ever onsite National Days of Service event, which included two projects for attendees to participate in.

Members had the opportunity to build and paint 100 Little Free Pantries – which resemble tiny houses and were filled with donated non-perishable food items and hygiene products. These will be placed around Indianapolis. In addition, convention attendees could write cards to go in meal boxes for Meals on Wheels of Central Indiana.

"Historically, we host National Days of Service out in the community, but because of the lingering effects of COVID-19, we have decided to move the service project indoors," said Michelle

Sullivan, senior manager of local Engagement for FFA. "It's the first time we've ever done it and we're really excited to see what the outcome is going to be this year."

Sullivan says addressing hunger is one of the challenges FFA is uniquely qualified to tackle.

"Hunger is a hidden need, and it happens everywhere," Sullivan says. "Our organization consists of members who are ready to tackle big challenges. In an effort to help fight food insecurity, we are going to be placing these pantries in and around Indianapolis."

"The cards for Meals on Wheels provide an opportunity for everyone attending convention to make an impact on the Indianapolis community," Sullivan says.

Breanna Thompson, a junior from Warsaw FFA in Warsaw, Ind., says the Little Free Pantries, though little, will have big impact.

"It shows FFA members all the opportunities they have to help their community and make an impact, even if it's just something small like this making a food pantry box to put around your own hometown or state," Thompson says.

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dents, there will be some learning spaces. We're working to make it what we call a smart hospital so that students can observe things on screens and those types of things. They can visualize what the surgeons are doing, for example."

The university will be hiring credentialed technicians in every area of the hospital, she said.

Lowery said she hopes the new facilities will help with the current shortage of veterinarians in many areas of the region and the country.

"The profession is really working right now to address the potential shortage (of veterinarians)," she explained. "The

hope is we'll be able to accommodate more students and we can, I guess, build that pipeline for the profession so we can add more to the profession."

More veterinarians are needed in part because the level of care given to small pets and companion animals by their owners has significantly changed, Lowery said.

"If you look at a decade, a couple of decades ago, even companion animals were often backyard pets and farm pets or those types of pets. Now, they've kind of gone from the backyard to the house to the sleep-in-the-bed dog. So they're a part of the family. The human-animal bond is so strong, it's so beneficial to us as a society. I think people are just investing more in their family members."



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Above: A drawing of the separate emergency entrance (on the left) in the new small animal hospital at Purdue University. (Rendering provided by Purdue University).

Left: A drawing showing the new equine hospital at Purdue University from the farm animal hospital. (Rendering provided by Purdue University).

Below: An architect's drawing of the new David and Bonnie Brunner Purdue Veterinary Medical Hospital Complex at Purdue University. The new farm animal hospital is in the foreground, with the equine facility and the small animal facility (an addition to the existing small animal hospital) in the background. (Rendering provided by Purdue University).



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	US AGGREGATES Pleasant Mills - Decatur, IN	Kari Reynolds (765) 220-5579 kari.reynolds@usagg.com		90	31	25	106.6	21.7	12.4	64.2
Allen	HANSON AGGREGATES MIDWEST Ardmore Quarry - Fort Wayne, IN	Kevin Cross (260) 615-3247 kevin.cross@lehighhanson.com		99	83	73	101.4	21.6	11.4	92.3
	STONE-STREET QUARRIES, INC. Poe Quarry - Hoagland, IN	Phill Dilley (260) 639-6511 pdilley@stonestreetquarries.com		99	95	81	94.4	20.9	10.4	91.9
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
Cass	ENGINEERING AGGREGATES CORP. Logansport Plant - Logansport, IN	Darin Oliver (574) 753-5506 darino@engagg.com	Sample A	95	49	44	90.4	25.8	6.1	65.4
			Sample B	95	39	35	97.7	22.1	9.7	65.5
Clark	MULZER CRUSHED STONE, INC. Charlestown Plant - Charlestown, IN	Greg Hagedorn (812) 430-2516 greg.hagedorn@mulzer.com	Sample A	89	32	27	97.6	21.4	10.3	59.1
			Sample B	86	33	27	101.2	23.4	9.8	60.2
Crawford	MULZER CRUSHED STONE, INC. Cape Sandy Quarry - Leavenworth, IN	Greg Hagedorn (812) 430-2516 greg.hagedorn@mulzer.com		99	38	31	95.7	33.2	2.6	65.7
	MULZER CRUSHED STONE, INC. Temple Quarry - English, IN	Greg Hagedorn (812) 430-2516 greg.hagedorn@mulzer.com		93	28	22	91.4	32.1	3.0	55.4
	MULZER CRUSHED STONE, INC. Tower Quarry - Leavenworth, IN	Greg Hagedorn (812) 430-2516 greg.hagedorn@mulzer.com		96	33	25	97.2	33.5	2.7	63.1
Decatur	NEW POINT STONE COMPANY Harris City Quarry - Greensburg, IN	Jeff Wanstrath (812) 663-2021 jeffw@newpointstone.com		93	40	33	93.4	29.9	4.1	62.2
	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
Hamilton	IRVING MATERIALS, INC. Stony Creek - Noblesville, IN	Mike Gross (765) 661-0312 mike.gross@irvmat.com		97	35	29	90.7	30.3	2.7	60.1
Harrison	MULZER CRUSHED STONE, INC. New Amsterdam Quarry - New Amsterdam, IN	Greg Hagedorn (812) 430-2516 greg.hagedorn@mulzer.com		93	36	30	96.4	28.7	5.3	62.2
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
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	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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			Sample B	93	26	20	102.5	21.1	11.8	61.0
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	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
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Putnam	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
Rush	MARTIN MARIETTA Cloverdale Quarry - Cloverdale, IN	Brent Leininger (765) 459-3194 brent.leininger@martinmarietta.com		100	39	33	91.6	32.7	2.0	63.5
	US AGGREGATES 243 Quarry - Cloverdale, IN	Jordan Holt (317) 538-8467 jordan.holt@usagg.com	Sample A	86	32	28	93.1	28.5	5.1	55.0
			Sample B	100	58	38	95.0	37.6	0.2	75.0
Randolph	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
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Some say they’re nuts, but harvesting black walnuts is cash for this farm family

By Doug Graves
Ohio Correspondent

EATON, Ohio – While farmers in and around Preble County are harvesting corn and soybeans, one local farm is bringing in a unique kind of harvest. Two miles northeast of Eaton you will find the Price family buying black walnuts this time of year.

The Price family (B.J., wife Cathy, and sons Jimmy, Sammy and Johnny) began buying nuts nine years ago and has been at it ever since. They work for the Hammons Products Co., of Stockton, Mo.

“It was 2012 and I remember contacting the Hammons about purchasing walnuts for them,” said B.J., who is also the Preble County district administrator and technician at the county Soil and Water Conservation District. “In 1988, my father bought walnuts for a company, but a year later that company went out of business. We didn’t do anything more involving walnuts until 2012.”

The black walnut is not exactly a favorite of many. They’re actually a hassle to homeowners who have to pick them up to avoid running them over with a lawnmower or tripping on them. The nuts are usually discarded in the trash or dumped in the woods. But surprisingly, there is a market for them. Some homeowners make the effort to pick them up and deliver them to the Price family.

The nuts can be transported to the Prices in buckets, bags, 55-gallon drums or any container than can be easily dumped out. The nuts are run through a huller that knocks the green shucks off the shell. Customers are paid by the weight of the in-shell nuts after hulling. Nuts get bagged up in approximately 40-50 pounds bags, which are then stacked on pallets and left to air-dry, awaiting shipment to Missouri later in the season.

The harvest season generally runs the entire month of October. The Price family will purchase any quantity ranging from a few buckets to a trailer

full. They will take nuts each Saturday afternoon or weekdays by appointment only.

As it turns out, the 2021 harvest season for walnuts is doing quite well.

“There is no typical year,” B.J. said. “We might not buy enough to fill a semi-trailer or we might buy three semi-trailer loads. It all depends, though we’re learning that even-numbered years are typically poorer years in terms of total pounds, while odd-numbered years are really good.”

According to Price, in 2017 he and his family purchased 147,000 pounds of nuts for Hammons. The following year the family took in just 30,000 pounds of walnuts.

Roughly six miles away in West Alexandria, Ohio, Bob Lewis has five walnut trees on the border of his farm. He harvests them himself, using the meat of the black walnut in cakes, brownies and salads.

“B.J. is right, this has been a good year,” said Lewis, who was busy rinsing some hulled nuts. “It’s best to hull the nuts when they’re green and right off the tree. I simply use a knife and cut around the nut once then twist the green shell off. I rinse the nuts, and anything that floats is discarded because there’s no meat inside. I dry mine in chicken wire on my garage floor. The wire keeps the squirrels from getting to them. I let them dry about three weeks before taking a hammer to them. It’s a lot of work, but well worth it in the end.”

Both men agree, the drying process is very important to keep them from becoming moldy. “As long as you can get good airflow, you’ll be OK,” Price said. “The more airflow the better. Some people put them in the garage, some put them on a roof of their house.”

“Some folks come out just to see how the operation works. In reality, a pickup truck load of walnuts may be worth up to \$125 if it is loaded full.”

For more information about selling walnuts to the Price family, contact them at 937-456-4803.



Above: Walnut gurus advise hulling the nuts soon after they fall from the tree. Hulling can be done in a variety of ways, but all suggest using rubber gloves to avoid stains to the hands. (Doug Graves photo)

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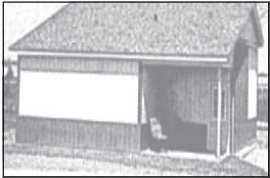
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Ag student wins ‘America’s Best Bagger’ contest

By Doug Schmitz
Iowa Correspondent

AMES, Iowa – An Iowa State University sophomore majoring in agricultural business won the title of ‘America’s Best Bagger’ at the National Grocers Association’s 35th Annual Best Bagger Championship recently held at the Paris Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas.

Ben Miller, 20, a Grimes, Iowa, native, and part-time produce clerk at the Waukee (Iowa) Hy-Vee Food Store, defeated 10 other state contestants, taking home the \$10,000 grand prize Sept. 20. Justin Kizilos, from Minnesota’s Kowalski’s Market, came in second place, winning a \$5,000 cash prize.

Sponsored by PepsiCo, the competition began with two preliminary rounds, and ended with a battle between five finalists, which included Miller, and Morgan Spears from Kentucky (K-VAT Food Stores, Inc.).

“My name was the last one called, and I didn’t know if I was going to make it,” Miller said. “But my favorite part of the event was the final round. I was super zoned in.”

Miller began working at the Waukee HyVee as a sophomore in Dallas Center-Grimes High School. Since then, he has worked in many different departments, and his work ethic has not gone unnoticed by his supervisors.

Prior to the championship, a manager had approached him about representing HyVee, Inc. at a corporate-level bagging contest. He agreed and secured the top spot, qualifying him for the state level competition, winning first place at the Iowa Grocery Industry Association’s Best Bagger Contest held Aug. 13 at the 2021 Iowa State Fair.

At the national competition in Las Vegas, contestants stood behind check-out stands scattered with items from a typical shopping list, such as fresh produce, canned goods, bags of chips and various drinks.

The goal was to bag the items as quickly as possible. Finishing in under 53 seconds earned competitors 10 points, and single-point reductions were made every three seconds to follow. Miller clocked in at 44 seconds, but speed was not the only factor to be considered.

In addition, he received points on bagging style, putting cans and boxes on the bottom, and placing eggs and bread on top. Weight distribution of the groceries was also measured, and the difference between the heaviest bag and lightest bag were deducted from his score.

The last component of the competition was a brief on-stage interview. Contestants had to answer questions and demonstrate good customer service to the emcee, and they earned points for displaying friendliness and personality.

Miller said working at a grocery store has helped him sharpen these skills, and he will be applying them to his college experience and beyond.



“The way I talk to people is one thing that has improved,” he said. “When I first started working, I couldn’t talk to anyone, or I’d stumble on my words. I’ve learned to speak with greater confidence.”

The Best Bagger Championship dates back to 1987. “Each year during the National Grocers Association Show, we host the Best Bagger Championship, a unique event that highlights the important customer service skill of bagging in a fun atmosphere, with friends and family of the baggers joining to cheer on these supermarket superheroes,” said Greg Ferrara, the association’s president and CEO.

He said this year’s event was live-streamed on the association’s Facebook page for those who weren’t able to attend.

“Over the past year, America’s grocers have been on the front lines, continuing to serve their communities,” he said. “I see this event not only as a celebration of our baggers, but our entire industry. I congratulate Ben Miller and look forward to seeing another group of baggers compete during the 2022 National Grocers Association Show at Caesar’s Forum in just a few months.”

After Miller returned to Iowa with the championship title, he said he plans to put his prize money toward his tuition. As an agricultural business major, he added he is interested in finance and accounting, and looks forward to the opportunities available to him upon graduation in 2024.

He said he can see himself working for a company in the agricultural industry, although there are many jobs in other environments he could pursue. “What’s so wonderful about having a degree in ag business is that it can go beyond just corporate agriculture,” he said. “The main thing I love about my major is that it can be so diverse.”

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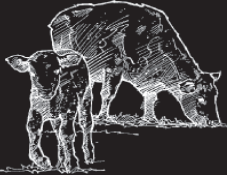
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Above: The Illinois Soybean Association checkoff program distributed free breakfasts and information about biodiesel at four Illinois grain elevators Oct. 19-22. Pictured at the Roanoke Farmers Association elevator on Oct. 21 (l-r) are ISA representatives Claire Weinzierl, Bryanna Sentel and Heather Atkinson. (ISA photo)

Illinois Soy makes stops at elevators to talk biodiesel

By Tim Alexander
Illinois Correspondent

ROANOKE, Ill. – Illinois Soybean Association’s (ISA) checkoff program communications manager, Claire Weinzierl, led a weeklong road trip to dispel fallacies about biodiesel and dispense free, hot breakfasts to farmers. The harvest-time road trip included stops at four Illinois grain elevators: Roanoke Farmers Coop, Central Grain Company in Belvidere, Premier Cooperative in Thomasboro and M&M Service Company in Litchfield.

Delayed from earlier this month due to rainy weather until Oct. 19-22, the event was organized by ISA leaders with the goal of encouraging farmers to overcome preconceived notions about biodiesel. Those misconceptions include quality and equipment integration challenges, although B20 and lower blends can be considered a “drop-in” replacement for petroleum diesel and can fuel any diesel vehicle without modifications, according to the ISA.

“The whole idea behind the events is to not only serve farmers a hot breakfast and coffee, but to promote the on-farm use of biodiesel that they’re growing right here in Illinois,” Weinzierl said. “We gauged how many farmers and in what regions are using biodiesel already, and if not, addressing some of the issues that are preventing them from doing so.”

The complimentary breakfast included a breakfast burrito or sandwich, coffee, packaged soy-based snack and informational material about the benefits of biodiesel. Weinzierl and her team utilized the time spent with the farmers over breakfast at the elevators to gauge their perceptions of biodiesel and the benefits of making the switch from petroleum diesel.

“The events garnered some really good information regarding biodiesel usage around the state to help us focus our efforts more effectively,” she said. “I also think farmers were really pleased to see the soybean checkoff bringing them a hot breakfast and appreciating them for all their hard work this harvest.”

ISA District 10 director and board secretary Elliott Uphoff fuels up his semi trucks with B20 and powers his farming equipment with B11 – including farm trucks he has powered with B11 year-round for the past two years. Uphoff reported consistent fuel mileage with “no issues” resulting from year-round use of the lower blend.

“Biodiesel and the farming operation go hand in hand. It’s something we help produce and that we need to fuel our

operation. I never think twice about using biodiesel. It’s safe and proven on our farm. Farmers should be champions of a product they help produce,” Uphoff said in a recent ISA news release.

“Biodiesel is a win for Illinois farmers,” added Andrew Larson, ISA director of market development. “Not only does it reduce each farm’s carbon footprint, but it’s using a product that supports their bottom line. Using B20 biodiesel blends and above add more than 10 percent to the price of soybeans. The quality of biodiesel today is also better than ever. B20 can be used in diesel engines with little or no modifications, and with proper fuel management just like with any diesel fuel.”

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Polinators topic of conversation as farmers and beekeepers work to find common ground

By Celeste Baumgartner
Ohio Correspondent

OXFORD, Ohio – Polintators were the topic of a rcent panel discussion. Much of the talk centered on finding common ground between farmers and beekeepers. The dialogue was presented by Lane Public Library with funding from an American Library Association (ALA) grant.

A mixed bag of stakeholders took part, including Alex Zomchek, apiculturist and Miami University’s (MU) master beekeeper; Ray Arlinghaus, retired Procter & Gamble director and former owner of Lori Ridge Farm; Meredith May, author of The Honey Bus; Greg Meyer, Warren County OSU Extension educator; Armando Cabrera, MU head apiculturist, and a student.

Sarah Gifford, reference librarian, Oxford Lane Public Library, was the facilitator.

There is a lot of credible data, not just anecdotal, saying that farming has an impact on all pollinators, Zomchek said in response to a question from Gifford. But honeybees also have problems that are not related to farming. Honeybees are the “canary in the coal mine,” he said. They are in trouble but so are other pollinators.

“Honeybees are in that sweet spot; we know about them, we raise them and study them. Other pollinator specialists are envious and we feel guilty that we get all of the attention,” he said.

Gifford then mentioned native bees, some ask why we should be concerned about honeybees, not a native species.

Why not encourage more native bees? Native bees are not around in the numbers or at the time needed to pollinate fruit trees, Arlinghaus said. Between April and mid-May, he needed “a massive pollination crew” of four to six strong honeybee hives in his orchard.

“We would not have gotten a full crop without honeybees,” he said.

Next, the conversation drifted to California, May’s home state. She is a fifth-generation beekeeper, taught by her grandfather. She mentioned how many beehives are brought to the state each spring to pollinate the almond crop.

Zomchek said around 25 million hives are shipped to California each spring for the almond migration. They travel through many states and that’s an easy way to spread disease.

Meyer, who manages the popular Southwestern Ohio Beekeeper School, commented that each county should have a bee inspector, and hives need to be inspected regularly to keep a check on diseases.

Farmers are required to inform beekeepers in the area when they intend to spray, he said. The beekeeper can then restrict the bees to the hive temporarily. But if the hive is not registered the farmer may not be able to find the owner. Hives need to have contact information on them.

Have farming methods improved concerning pollinators? Gifford asked Meyer his thoughts.

“We cannot feed the world organically or without GMOs,” he said. “Corn and soybeans are not going away.

Farmers use less pesticide now than they did previously.”

More development will improve that even further. Pesticides are expensive; science will aid the pollinators. Gifford asked how realistic it is not to use pesticides and fungicides.

You can’t farm without fungicides in the Ohio Valley, Arlinghaus said. “We depend on the farming community for food and we are a spoiled society – we expect t to be perfect.”

Tongue-in-cheek, Meyer added, “We are the home of the Buckeyes and every disease and insect known to man.”

Gifford asked Cabrera how he thought his generation would address some of the issues discussed during the meeting. He thought his generation would feel strongly about protecting the land and conserving resources. “We need to preserve,” he said.

May described her need to preserve the art of beekeeping in her book. She grew up with her grandfather, who taught her about bees. She went to college and began her award-winning career at the San Francisco Chronicle with no bees in her life. She missed it. After a year of negotiations with her bosses, she put two hives on the roof of the Chronicle building. Her grandfather died in 2015.

“I continued to bee-keep at the Chronicle because it keeps me close to his spirit and honors him, and I love it. In 2015 I left the paper and took the hives with me,” she said.

The ALA invites libraries in small and rural communities to apply for grant funding to help them address issues of concern in their communities.



Above: Meredith May’s grandfather taught her about bees. She became an award-winning journalist at the San Francisco Chronicle. After a year of negotiations, she persuaded her bosses to allow her to put two hives on the roof of the Chronicle building. Her book, The Honey Bus, tells that story.

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Potts Meats provides locally grown, locally packed meats

By Terence Corrigan
Tennessee Correspondent

WARTRACE, Tenn. – There’s been a meat processing business at the Potts family farm in Wartrace for nearly half a century. The company is owned and operated nowadays by Chad Grubbs and his wife, Pepper. Their son, 22-year-old Heath, is also an integral part of the family operation. “Heath started cutting meat with me when he was 15,” Chad said.

Potts Meats currently employs 11, including the family members. Chad is the 4th generation of the Potts family to run the meat business.

Chad’s great-grandfather moved to Bedford County in the early 1950s from his place on Pickle Road in Pleasant Grove. Three generations of the family (Chad’s great-grandfather, grandfather and dad) jointly opened a meat processing business in the early 1970s.

After the sudden death of Chad’s father in the late 1970s, the family leased out the business, but the family took back the reins in 1990. For the next 20 years the family processed game. Chad and his wife purchased the company in 2000 and started processing beef again in 2010.

Until 2017, Chad and his wife continued with game processing and custom beef processing. Custom processing is when people purchase a live cow and pay the processor to slaughter and butcher the meat.

When Heath started to show an interest in the family business, they decided it was time to get licensed (called a Grant of Inspection) by the USDA to sell meat to retailers and the public.

Getting licensed by the USDA “... was tough. We took it slow,” Chad said. The process took two years. They were licensed in August 2019. In preparing for licensure, Chad took food safety classes at Penn State University and worked at a USDA-licensed plant for a while “to see how it worked.”

As part of their preparation for the change in the business, Chad enlisted the help of Bedford County Extension Agent John Teague and Wartrace veterinarian Robert “Bobbie” West to design the holding areas to smooth the movement of cattle.

They still do some custom processing but now they have formed a cooperative with a few select local growers. They are processing beef, pork and lamb. They also produce their own cakes, jams, jellies, sauces and seasonings (Chad’s BBQ & Rib Rub and Pepper’s Fajita Seasoning). They sell their meats to several area restaurants and at a few retail locations, including their own retail shop at 320 Potts Road in Wartrace, where you can buy a few steaks or some ground beef.

Chad and Pepper are focused on building their business to serve their local community: Bedford County. They see their emphasis on local as an economic development program that will benefit the whole county. “Local beef for local consumers,” is how Chad puts it.

“Our goal,” Chad said, “is to purchase more beef from local growers so they can expand and grow their companies.” Chad wants Bedford County to become a beef exporter. “Instead of our money going away we’ll draw in money,” he said.

As they built their company, Chad



Above: Chad Grubbs stands with some of his crew at his meat processing facility in Wartrace, Tenn.

and Pepper’s first goal was to develop business relationships with the best livestock growers around. “We looked for people who were bringing in consistently good meats. Those are the people we approached about supplying us,” Chad said.

Potts’ Meats is bucking the practices of the normal national market.

In the usual way of doing things, Bedford County growers who run cow/calf operations sell their calves to someone who is stocking feedlots in Texas, Nebraska or Kansas. The cattle are trucked to the feedlots for finishing, then processed and packed and the beef is trucked back to Tennessee’s grocery stores. “The economic and environmental impact is huge,” Chad said. “Also, in the normal supply chain,” Chad explained, “the beef is packaged three or four times. When it goes through us it gets packaged once. We tell people the longest trip these cattle are going to take is when you take it home.”

Yet even after all those thousands of miles in trucks, and after the wholesalers and packers and retailers all make money, how can the prices be so low in the chain grocery stores? “They sell hamburger meat for \$2.30 a pound,” Chad said. “Beef standing in the field is almost worth that much. How can that happen?”

That happens, Chad said, because in the normal market, the big packers benefit from grants and other subsidies funded with tax dollars. Those tax-dollar-funded programs are approved, Chad said, by politicians who are heavily invested in beef.

“If we want agriculture to continue here in Bedford County it’s going to take the support of the 50,000 people who live here,” Chad said. “If people here want to be able to go to the farms and have a farm experience, drive through the countryside and see farmland, the key to it all is in the hands of the consumer.”

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Growing methods vital to giant pumpkins; seed variety just as key

By Doug Graves
Ohio Correspondent

CIRCLEVILLE, Ohio – As crews wrapped the straps and ropes that dangled from a backhoe around his monstrous pumpkin he had trailered in, Steven Thornhill paced continuously. He rubbed his hands together and constantly removed his ball cap and fkin weighed in at 1,850.5 pounds, finishing first ahead of the rest of the big pumpkin hopefuls. Thornhill’s long, tedious, five-month ordeal of growing pumpkins have finally come to a rewarding end.

“I’m relieved,” Thornhill said with a laugh. “I can breathe again.”

Thornhill grew one that weighed 1,178 pounds last season. Second this year went to John Pritchard, a 51-year-old attorney from Groveport. Ohio. Pritchard’s pumpkin tipped the scale at 1,620 pounds. Third went to Daryl Crosby at 1,448 pounds.

Surprisingly, not finishing in the top three was Dr. Bob Liggett, of Pickaway County. Liggett, 82, has won this event 14 times since the pumpkin show got its start in October 1903. Liggett had won this event the past two seasons and captured this title six straight years (from 2007-2012). Liggett holds the show record for the heaviest pumpkin, that being 1,964 pounds in 2014.

The world record for a pumpkin was set last year in Germany at 2,624.6 pounds. Is there secret to this growing madness? Indeed there is.

Liggett, a retired optometrist, for example, credits his success to great soil in Pickaway County. “I live just four miles south of town and my soil is some of the best anywhere,” he said. “It’s sandy loam soil and it drains well.”

Liggett starts planting on May 1 and grows three pumpkins in enriched soil mixed with alpaca manure on 900-square-feet of space. He uses a snow fence and within that fence is uses 18-inch chicken wire. He covers the pumpkin patch with a tent-like structure of 50 percent silver shade cloth. The cloth, he said, repels aphids. He also makes use of a watering system with a timer. Add to that a few grandkids who offer to pull weeds and you have a system for success.

But what about the seed? Are there genetics involved with the seeds of these gigantic gourds?

“Yes, the seed itself matters,” Liggett said. “If you look at the top 10 largest pumpkins of all time today there will be three of them from a particular variety of seed. A lot of pumpkins have the same genetics because they’re made available all over the world. And, people bid on pumpkin seeds, oftentimes bidding up to \$100 per single seed. These seeds normally come from pumpkins weighing up to 2,000 pounds.”

Growers are often online at www.bigpumpkin.com to research and share growing ideas and techniques. The site will also list specific varieties of seeds that produce the largest pumpkins. Growers of pumpkins in excess of 1,500 pounds often package and sell their seeds, normally a three-pack for about \$40.

“Many clubs will raise money by selling seeds from large pumpkins,” Liggett said.

Jonna Jenkins, of Kingston, Ohio had two pumpkins at this year’s show. It was her fifth year competing for top honors, though her two gourds didn’t make the top five.

“The seed is very important,”



Above: No, Dr. Bob Liggett did not capture his 15th pumpkin show title, but it was definitely in the running as he is every year. “Seeds are as important as the growing techniques,” Liggett confesses. (Doug Graves photo)



Above: Six crew members and a crane operator are required to weigh the giant pumpkins at the annual Circleville Pumpkin Show. (Doug Graves photo)

Jenkins said. “The seeds from my pumpkins this year were grown using the seeds from my pumpkin of 2019, which weighed 686 pounds. But one also has to realize that the growing method is key, too. There are a lot of variables and tricks to all this. Some methods and tricks you share with others, some you don’t.”

Pickup trucks with massive fruit in tow (including those of Liggett, Jenkins and others), lined up for several blocks prior to daybreak. All vehicles were facing the center of this central Ohio city. Show organizers did their pre-weigh-in estimates

of the pack. The weigh-in process took nearly four hours.

Liggett, who just retired from his optometrist duties just this year, will have more time on his hands to cultivate another enormous pumpkin. “I’ve had so much fun doing this I’m gonna keep on going,” Liggett said.

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Wheat, energy prices may impact the cost of a French baguette

Russia, Anract said. Rising energy prices that are making ovens more expensive to operate are also a factor, Anract and other experts said, with businesses and consumers worldwide already feeling the heat of higher prices from supply chain and labor constraints.

Energy prices are affecting the Italian food chain, too, with expectations they will push up the cost of drying grains. That could eventually raise the price of bread and pasta at supermarkets, but meat and dairy aisles are even more vulnerable as beef and dairy farmers are forced to pay more for grain to feed their animals and pass the cost along to customers.

France's 67 million people are voracious consumers of the baguette. The country's "Bread Observatory" – a venerable institution that closely follows the fortunes of the famed 65-centimeter (26-inch) loaf – notes that the French munch through 320 baguettes every second. That's an average of half a baguette per person per day and 10 billion every year.

The bread industry crunch has been linked to a 30 percent worldwide increase since September in the price of wheat – one of the baguette's key ingredients – after bad harvests in

"Even three centimes higher is dire when played out nationwide," Anract said. "The baguette is our emblem, our symbol, the thermometer of our economy. It's perhaps like Britain's pint of milk. It can never go beyond one euro."

Marc Cohen, a 35-year-old father of two, said outside his local bakery in the Le Marais area of central Paris that rising baguette prices "would be a pain in the neck. Costs are going up everywhere. Even 5 centimes is a lot because we get one every day. That adds up over the year, and next year it will probably be the same."

Baguettes are such serious business that bread observers say bakers around France are willing to sacrifice other bread products to maintain the price of the baguette, by spreading around extra costs.

That worries 24-year-old student Sandrine Boyer. She said she spends most of her bakery money on products other than baguettes and hopes "that the price of the breads in general will not go up as well."

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Financial management and outlook programs will also be a part of the seminar series. The Purdue Center for Commercial Agriculture will present a program by **Dr. Jim Mintert, Michael Langemeier**, and **Nathan Thompson** on farm management and the financial outlook for farmers in 2022. Wednesday will also feature a commodity market outlook panel discussion with **John Zanker** of Risk Management Commodities and **Mike Silver** of Kokomo Grain. Hoosier Ag Today meteorologist **Ryan Martin** will forecast the weather for 2022.

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Chestnut trees nearly wiped out; Ohio experts working on solution

By Doug Graves
Ohio Correspondent

OXFORD, Ohio – Cashews, peanuts, hazelnuts, pecans, almonds, acorns and walnuts are among the most popular edible nuts found and devoured in the United States. They're plentiful, too.

The tender meat of the chestnut has a slightly sweet flavor. They're oftentimes roasted, giving them a spongy rather than crunchy texture. Sadly, the chest-



Above: Chestnut are among the few nuts that contain vitamin C. The fruit can be peeled and eaten raw, though it can be somewhat astringent. Once roasted, the nut's texture is slightly similar to that of a baked potato, with a sweet flavor. (photo submitted)

nut tree with its tasty nut is on the brink of extinction.

Roughly 100 years ago, nearly four billion chestnut trees stood guard down the spine of the Appalachian Mountains from Maine to Georgia. They were about a quarter of the trees in the forest, and their range extended west into central Ohio, to the southern tip of Indiana and into Kentucky.

As pioneers poured over the Allegheny Mountains in the 1780s and began settling eastern Ohio, they passed under the canopy of millions of American chestnut trees, those with mammoth brownish-gray columns of bark towering 100 feet in the air. They were nutritious and delicious. There were so many, legend had it that the early settlers could walk for miles on a carpet of chestnuts.

Then, around the turn of the 20th century, a blight arrived with imported Asian chestnut trees and infected the native trees.

"It was known as the perfect tree," said Carolyn Keiffer, a botany professor at Miami University's Middletown campus in Ohio. "Everyone loved the chestnut. The pioneers needed the chestnut. Even today, it makes everyone smile."

Keiffer is president of the Ohio chapter of The American Chestnut Foundation (TACF).

The wood itself sported a coarse grain and a range of colors. And there was a lot of it. The trunks, at their base, could exceed eight feet in diameter. Chestnut wood was almost as strong as oak but with half the weight. It was easy to work with. Pioneers used it to build their



Above: A U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service member plants a chestnut seedling at Wayne National Forest in Ohio. (Jared Dort photo)

cabins and barns, and, because it was rot-resistant, it was a "must have" for foundations and floors. Leftover wood was made into bed frames, cabinets, tables and chairs.

"It's a good early example about how transportation is killing the world," said Brian McCarthy, a professor of ecology at Ohio University and Keiffer's former instructor. "We're seeing it not only with the emerald ash borer and the Asian longhorn beetle. Imported insects, invasive plants, and pathogens are carried here, and the native ecosystem has no way to defend itself."

An effort is being made to reverse this trend in an attempt to revive the chestnut tree. Stephen Rist, who manages the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) District 4, is beginning his scientific work and planting 2,000 chestnut seedlings in southern Ohio at Hocking Hills State Forest.

Rist has armed himself with chestnut hybrids: 15/16th American and 1/16th blight-resistant Asian. It's a crossbreeding experiment, one of three strategies TACF is employing in what's already a

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decade-long effort to restore the tree. The foundation calls it the 3BUR strategy, which stands for breeding, biotechnology and bio-control united for restoration. The saplings are encased in nearly opaque 5-foot-tall white tubes, but their branches are starting to poke out the top. They aren't sick yet, but they're sharing their environment with their killer. "The fungus is everywhere. It's proba-

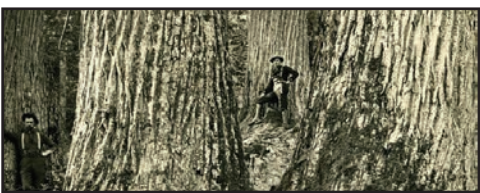
bly on the soles of our shoes," Rist said. Keiffer introduced McCarthy to TACF, which began looking at inserting a restoration colony of chestnuts into the forest ecosystem. McCarthy is now the chairman of TACF's board of directors. "What's intriguing about the chestnut is that it's as stubborn as its mortal enemy," Rist said. "The fungus kills the tree, but it doesn't kill the roots. So, when a chestnut tree succumbs and eventually falls, stump shoots or root shoots spring forth to begin the life-and-death cycle all over again."

The crossbreeding strategy is designed to add just enough genetic material from the Asian chestnut to give the overall tree a viable defense. Asian chestnuts are attacked by the fungus too, but the species has built up enough immunity that it isn't fatal. This effort began two years ago, when dozens of ODNR employees and volunteers from the Mohican Trails Club planted 400 chestnut seedlings at the Mohican State Forest in Richland County near Mansfield. Hundreds of other chestnut hybrid seedlings were planted in southern Ohio at the Scioto Trail State Forest in Ross County, and at the Waterloo Wildlife Area in Athens County. Researchers and volunteers say that the blight will show up again in five to 10 years, adding that it will be 20 to 30 years before state foresters will know how well the hybrid chestnuts have survived.

Chestnut facts

- The USDA counts 919 farms producing chestnuts on 2,500 acres. The top five states with the most chestnut acreage area California, Florida, Michigan, Oregon and Virginia. U.S. chestnut production is less than 1 percent of total world production. Consumption could support 20,000 acres of chestnuts.
- The United States is the only country in the world that can grow chestnuts that does not have a large commercial chestnut industry.
- The United States imports \$20 million of chestnuts yearly.
- U.S. consumption is less than 1 ounce per person per year, but 1 pound per capita in Europe and 2 pounds in Asia.
- By its 10th year of growth, the chestnut tree can produce 10-20 pounds of nuts per tree. At maturity (15-20 years) a chestnut tree can produce 50-100 pounds of nuts annually.
- Retail prices for chestnuts range from \$3-\$10 per pound, which is a superior return to pecans, hazelnuts and other tree crops.

Left: Protected in those hard plastic tubes in Hocking Hills State Park in Ohio are chestnut saplings. Barring no harm from predators or a deadly fungus, these trees will mature and bear fruit in about 10 years. (Charlie Burton photo)



Above: This photo, taken in the mid-19th century, gives an idea of just how large the American chestnut tree was in Eastern U.S. forests. There are only about 100 that remain. (photo submitted)



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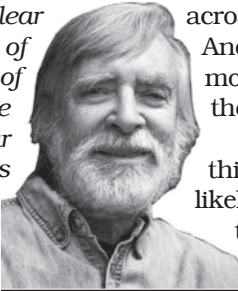
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POOR WILL'S ALMANACK
By Bill Felker

across the West and Great Plains. And look for a killing frost at full moon time, November 19, well into the South. With the arrival of late fall this week, an increase in the likelihood of cloud cover begins, and the percentage of sunny days and partly sunny days drops from October's peak of about 60 percent down to winter's average – about 35 percent. Also after the 5th, chances of highs in the 70s drop to only five percent, and most highs just reach the 40s or 50s. The 6th ushers in the snow season for this part of the country, flurries or accumulation emerging into the realm of possibility, at least a ten percent possibility per day between now and spring. Chances of a thunderstorm drop to only five percent per day until February, but all-day rains increase.

The Moon, the Meteors and the Sun

On November 4, the Deer Rutting Moon is new at 4:15 p.m., and the next day it reaches perigee, its powerful position closest to Earth, at 5:00 p.m. Rising in the morning and setting in the evening, this Moon passes overhead in the middle of the day. Late Fall is the time for deer to come into estrus, and mating takes place throughout the last months of the year. Combined with the early darkness at the end of Daylight Saving Time, deer rutting makes this period one of the most dangerous of the year for driving. The workday begins to shrink more quickly now, losing about two minutes every 24 hours: November takes almost an hour from the day's length along the 40th Parallel. Everywhere in North America the day's length approaches its shortest span. The South Taurid meteor shower brings shooting stars after midnight between the 4th and 5th in Taurus in the southeastern sky. Daylight Saving Time ends on November 7 at 2 a.m.

Weather Trends

New moon on November 4 and lunar perigee on November 5 will create a definite pattern for freezing temperatures deep into the Border States and at higher elevations throughout the country. Blizzard conditions are quite possible

Zeitgebers

(Events in Nature that Tell the Time of Year) The last raspberries of the year redden in the low November sun. An occasional autumn violet is still open in yards and pastures. Mums are past their best, but the witch hazels are often still flowering. Grasshoppers continue to feed in milder years. Crickets are normally still active. All the major migrations (except for the migration of gulls and sandhill cranes) end within the next two weeks. Although many of the Osage orange, maples, oaks, beech, pears and sweet gum continue to hold on, the last ginkgoes lose their leaves, magnolias weaken, and cherry foliage turns brown at the edges.

Mind and Body

The S.A.D. Index, which measures seasonal stress on a scale from 1 to 100, rises deep into the troublesome 70s this week. The average length of November's

(Poor Will continued on page 7B)

INDIANA LAND AUCTION
Western Randolph Co.
80ACRES +/- Monday, November 15th, @ 6PM

Owners:
Harold E and Dorothy E Miller, RLt

PROPERTY LOCATION:
1/2 Mile West of Farmland, IN on SR 32

AUCTION LOCATION:
Wagner Auction Center
1174 N 675 W, Farmland, IN 47340

PROPERTY INFORMATION
- 80 +/- Total Acres w/69 +/- Tillable Acres
- Tract #1: 77.67 +/- Acres
- Tract #2: 2.33 +/- Acres
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HAMILTON COUNTY 4-H FAIRGROUNDS

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PRODUCTIVE FARMGROUND

2 TRACTS

70+/- total acres

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22176 Cammack Rd Noblesville, IN

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FARM: Egg Innovations LLC, HLS# JRR-11712-1

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MONDAY, NOV. 22ND @ 6:00 PM

AUCTION LOCATION: 580 Fair St, Kendallville, IN 46755

63.5± ACRES

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- Productive tillable farmland
- Great potential building sites
- High indexing soils
- Gorgeous topography

PROPERTY LOCATION: 4663 N 400 E, Kendallville IN 46755

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TRACT DESCRIPTIONS

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Poor Will

FROM PAGE 6B

night is almost as great as the night's length in December and January; the weather becomes more severe, and clouds thicken. S.A.D. increases to winter levels and the effects of lunar phase and position become even more significant. This is the time to be aware of the most minor shifts in mood and attitude. Depression often arrives incrementally, beginning with a dull ache or feeling of emptiness and then progressing to a full change of philosophy and outlook. Mindfulness and activity (especially outdoors) are often able to alter the S.A.D. physiology or provide respite from the seasonal blues.

In the Field and Garden

The final winter wheat should be planted and the harvest of corn of soybeans completed. Test the soil of the yard, the pasture, the field and the garden. Mow the lawn for the last time after all the leaves are down. Under the dark moon, plant garlic cloves for harvest at the end of next June. Remove tops from everbearing raspberries. Although tomato and pepper time is over, collards and kale still hold out in the garden. Your mulched beets and carrots are doing fine. Lettuce planted in August may still be producing Throughout the northern half of the nation, practically all weeds and wildflowers become dormant in an average year. Most of the corn, soybeans, and sugar beets have been harvested across the country. Bulbs, shrubs, and dormant roses can still be set out; November's first week usually provides the most pleasant weather for outdoor activities. By this stage of the autumn, soil temperatures sometimes fall into the middle 40s, and the grazing season ends in many Midwestern pastures. Pond waters are at or below 50 degrees, and koi are reluctant to rise for their food. Sugar beets are typically more than three-fourths dug, and the pumpkin harvest nears completion. Orchids reach full bloom in conservatories throughout the country.

Almanack Classics

Bantam Beats Heavyweight in Comeback By Larry Rader, Shiloh, Ohio

On a snowy Christmas morning when my brother and I were in middle school, our older cousin gave us a pair of bantam chickens. We put them in the chicken coop with about twenty Rhode Island Red hens and a single rooster. The chickens could go outside but were limited by a five-foot chicken fence around a lot about forty by seventy feet. The chicken house sat on eight-inch cement blocks. Within a few minutes the larger

Rhode Island Red rooster chased the little bantam rooster outside. The little rooster hid under the chicken house. For a week or so, he was forced outside day and night. Then one morning, our mother said that the big rooster was outside alone. He looked thin and weak; his head was bloody. When he walked, he turned his head from side to side as if he were being chased. We caught the big rooster and put him in a hog crate with a dish of water and some feed. Immediately, he went to the water and drank and drank and drank and drank! Within a couple of weeks of recovery from the surprise beating at the “hands” of the bantam, the big Rode Island Red rooster healed, gained weight and was a good chicken dinner for our family!

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INDIANA LAND AUCTION

Grant County

114.75 ACRES +/- Wednesday, November 17th @ 6PM

AUCTION LOCATION: Upland Lions Club
328 Lake Ave, Upland, IN

TRACT #1:
32 Acres +/- Recreational/Building Site/Hunting
PROPERTY LOCATION: 7314 E 300 S, Marion, IN

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The Thanksgiving duck

As a boy, my thoughts were filled with stories of famous hunters on fabulous hunts. I read and reread my well-worn hand-me-down copies of Outdoor Life, Field & Stream and Sports Afield. I was constantly daydreaming of some-day experiencing the thrill of exotic hunting like my magazine page idols.

Living on the Southside of Rush County, big game was out of the question. Fifty-five years ago, it was even before the arrival of white-tailed deer. Still, I vicariously lived hunting adventures as I thumbed worn magazine pages and dreamed.

Being in farm country, I decided hunting waterfowl was more practical. I dreamed of crouching in a camouflaged blind with my trusty Labrador retriever by my side, skillfully tooting my duck call and bringing in the flocks of ducks filling the sky.

Rush County's skies were not filled with ducks. There was maybe an occasional mallard. I remember the once rare sight of the migratory flights of the great Canada Geese flocks. With southern Rush County far from the major flyways in those days, a glimpse of the high-flying V's in the late fall skies brought awe-inspired and almost reverent gazes as the birds passed far overhead so high you would swear they were in the stratosphere. News of the passing flocks always brought a clamor of stern weather predictions from the "liar's bench" at the country store.

Hunting the great migratory flocks of duck and geese became my youthful passion. Fueled by the inspiration, I determined Thanksgiving Day would see the addition of wild duck to the Spaulding household menu.

My short comings were I didn't have a retriever, a camouflaged duck blind or a duck call. I was long on imagination, and short on hunting essentials. However, I did have my hunting hat and jacket, an ancient pair of leaky hip waders and my J. C. Higgins, bolt-action, 16-gauge shotgun.

The old gun cost me the grand sum of \$15 dollars, and it was battered with a beat-up stock, worn bluing, and was pretty much a junker by anyone's standards. The barrel was missing the front sight and it had been replaced with an aluminum screw. But, the gun handled well; and I knew it would kill a duck. Money for hunting supplies was tight, and I only had three shotgun shells, but they were good ones... high-brass #6 shot. I knew if my aim was true and I was close enough, I'd only need one shell.

Should there be a need to call a duck, I would just quack. I'd heard my share of ducks on my grandparent's farm, and with practice, I was pretty sure I could fool one.

I began to hone my skills at vocalizing like waterfowl. Some of the folks in town looked at me a little strange as I practiced quacking on my way to the general store. All the people in town knew me, and probably expected at least some odd behavior.

Yes... I was going to bring home a duck, and my parents would be proud of me!

With my lofty goal of becoming a successful waterfowl hunter, I set out. Scouting Big Flatrock River didn't reveal any waterfowl hotspots, but I did remember seeing a duck last summer in the vicinity of the old quarry hole.

Checking it out, I found a large group of willows alongside a pool of water about a half-acre in size. The water was about 2 1/2 feet deep with

a hard, flat limestone bottom and would be manageable for my old hip boots. The willow thicket looked like it would make a good "natural" blind. I'd just hunker down in the willows. With my brown jacket, brown hat and greenish-brown hip waders, I would blend right in with the willows.

Hunting each evening proved to be a race against time. With the school bus arriving in town less than an hour and a half before sunset, precious minutes of shooting light were lost to the mandatory change from school clothes to my ragged hunting gear.

Yanking on my hunting jacket over a still unbuttoned shirt, I would hit the road at a forced march before rolling the tops of my hip boots and jumping on my bicycle. Wobbling down the street with my ancient 16-gauge bolt-action under one arm while trying to tuck in the straps of the hip boots, I must have presented quite a comical sight.

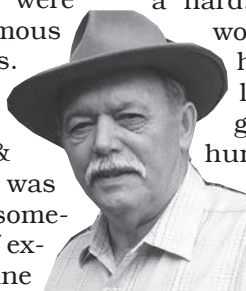
Night after night I made the half-mile journey to my willow limb blind to watch the sun slowly set and patiently waited for the impending arrival of huge flocks of ducks. Night after night nary a duck graced the skies over the steel gray water of the small pond.

The only arrival every evening was a lone coot. It would land and swim around a bit. Lacking decoys, I refrained from shooting the coot in hopes its presence would help attract a great flock of mallards. When it would come close, I practiced my quacking. Every time I quacked, the coot swam a little farther away. I guessed I didn't speak it's kind of duck language.

The coot is despised by waterfowl hunters. The coot is to a waterfowl hunter as a carp is to a bass fisherman. The bird has the culinary reputation of being under-sized, nasty tasting and tough. My ancient mentors of the liar's bench swore only a starving man would sit down to a meal consisting of coot.

Rain or shine, warm or cold, I spent evening after evening watching the sun slowly set in a blaze of color. Evening after evening the same scenario repeated itself. No ducks, just

(Spaulding continued on page 9B)



SPAULDING OUTDOORS
By Jack Spaulding

November 10th, 6:30 pm ET

AUCTION

BUILDINGS/SITE
CROPLAND
WOODS

VIGO COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS 3901 US 41, Terre Haute, IN 47802

PROPERTY LOCATION:
8 miles south of Terre Haute along the west side of US 41

201.36^{+/-} total acres

5 TRACTS in Vigo Co

OPEN HOUSE (Tract 4) Monday, Nov. 1, 4-6pm ET

PROPERTY LOCATION:
1 mile east of Rosedale

1 TRACT in Parke Co

126.47^{+/-} total acres

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November 23rd, 6:30 pm ET

AUCTION

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HAMILTON COUNTY

Hamilton County Fairgrounds
2003 Pleasant Street | Noblesville, IN 46060

6 TRACTS

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White County, Indiana

Land AUCTION

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115.8[±] acres

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• QUALITY SOILS
• HIGH % TILLABLE
• GREAT LOCATION

AUCTION LOCATION:
White Co. 4-H Community Building,
12 N CR 25E, Reynolds, IN 47980

INSPECTION DATE:
Tuesday, November 2 • 3-5 PM EST

PROPERTY LOCATION: Monticello, IN - From US 24 & Hubbard GM Dealership: Take 6th Street 1/2 mile north to Hanawalt Rd./Division Rd., then take Hanawalt Rd./Division Rd., approx. 1-1/2 miles west. The farms are on the north side of the road.

TRACT DESCRIPTIONS:

TRACT #1: 39.7± ACRE parcel of land, quality soils, a 42'x48' tool shed, wood frame w/metal siding & roof, partial concrete floor & 432.54' frontage on Hanawalt Rd/Division Rd.

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3 TRACTS

90+/- total acres

TRACT 1:
72.19+/- Acres

TRACT 2:
10.93+/- Acres

TRACT 3:
6.88+/- Acres

PROPERTY LOCATION: 11980 W 600 S, Tipton, IN

On the north side of Tipton Co Road 600 S and on the east side of Tipton County Road 1200 W

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the lone coot, and I was running out of time for something to put on the Thanksgiving table.

With the clock closing on Thanksgiving, I knew I had to make some tough decisions. If a decent duck didn't show up, the coot was going to take one for the team, I mean for the table. Coot or not, I was determined to put some kind of duck on the table. It would just have to do. Reassured by the family's historical abstinence of my wild game fare, I figured I could eat coot and, if nothing else, pretend to like it.

That evening, even the coot seemed to avoid the pond like the plague. As the precious minutes of shooting light slipped away, I was ready to resign myself to the fate of common turkey.

With the last passing rays of light, I glimpsed the approach of a lone bird coming in from far right. I knew it was now or never. Slipping off the safety of the scarred, old bolt-action, I swung to lead the bird with the metal screw bead sight and squeezed the trigger. BOOOOMM! At the roar of the old gun echoing across the pond, the coot folded in a cloud of feathers and splashed down in the middle of the pond.

Carefully unloading the shotgun and leaning it against the fork of a large willow, I waded in and began the icy trip to retrieve the coot.

Hurrying with the rapidly waning light, I made my way to the center of the pond. All of the walking and running I did in the old hip boots had really increased the size of the pin holes. They'd become flat out leaks! I could feel the icy water hitting my legs and running down and soaking my socks.

Rushing against the flow of icy water into my boots, I picked up the coot and turned to make a shuffling dash back to the bank. Sloshing through the quarry pond, I failed to hear the noise in the distance. Slowly the sound became more distinct... HONK, HOONNKK, HOOONKK! Glancing toward the horizon, I stopped dead in my tracks as I saw the dark silhouettes outlined against the fading blue sky.

Rapidly dropping from the sky was one of the largest flocks of Canada Geese I had ever seen. The flock began to clamor as their weary wings sought the night's rest on the pond.

I quickly stuffed the coot in my hunting jacket. Knowing the slightest move would send the flock careening back to the open sky, I glanced across

the pond at the willow tree cradling my shotgun. Not sure of what to do, I decided to bend over, look down at the water, and try to look like a stump.

The ruse worked. I froze in place stump-like, and the flock continued to descend. It suddenly dawned on me... what exactly is the plan once the geese land? My gun was 60 feet away, empty, leaning against a willow tree and I have no way of getting to it. If I move, I will blow my cover. And then, they were on me, and I do mean... THEY WERE ON ME!

The sound of the wind passing through the feathers of the huge flock became a muffled roar like an approaching whirlwind. Cupping and flapping their wings, the geese began to hit the water around me. I could feel the wind off their wings and their feathers almost brushed my hunkered over torso.

I couldn't stand the commotion any longer. Although some were within grabbing distance, I opted for a mad dash for the bank. I would load my shotgun as fast as an Old West gun-slinger, wheel around, and bring down a goose for the Thanksgiving table.

As soon as I straightened up, the remaining airborne geese saw my white face peering through the dim light. Realizing great danger upon seeing me, the flock leader called the warning to the descending birds. I heard the thrashing of hundreds of powerful wings fighting to reverse their descent and take the flock back to the safety of the open sky. I'd never heard such a racket in all my life. Geese were going everywhere... up... down... sideways... landing... taking off.

Ducking my head while stumbling backward, I felt the great wings beat within inches of my head and shoulders.

Racing for the bank and splashing the icy water over the tops of the old hip boots, I made a mad dash for the willow blind and my trusty shotgun. Quickly, I grabbed the 16-gauge, slapped the two remaining shells back in the magazine, and cycled the bolt.

Whipping around, flipping off the safety and looking across the pond, all I saw were tiny ripples where once there had been a hundred geese. Faintly, I could hear the flock honking as they winged to safety somewhere far away in Decatur County.

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

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Clark County, MO 77 Acres 1 Tract Tuesday, November 16th @ 6 PM CT Laverne M. Bevans Irrevocable Trust	Nodaway County, MO 44.45 Acres 1 Tract Wednesday, November 17th @ 12 Noon CT Ewing Properties	Adams County, IL 154 Acres 1 Tract Wednesday, November 17th @ 1 PM CT Pamela Hedges & Davis Kline
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Sangamon County, IL 354 Acres 4 Tracts Monday, November 22nd @ 12 Noon CT McCurdy Estate & Ryan Trust	Lee County, IL 72.42 Acres 1 Tract Monday, November 22nd @ 1 PM CT Atherton Trust No. 101	Marshall County, IL 150.91 Acres 1 Tract Monday, November 22nd @ 5 PM CT Bartley-Moran Farm
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Physical Address: 9982 West 1200 South, Brookston, Indiana 47923

**INSPECTION: MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 9:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.
OR BY APPOINTMENT, BY CONTACTING JOHN LEHE @ (765) 427-1576**

TRACTORS

- 2012 John Deere 8310R MFWD tractor, ILS front suspension, PS trans., 4 hyd. outlets, 60 GPM hyd. pump, 1000 PTO, 480/80R50 rear tires & duals, 420/85R34 front tires & duals, front & rear fenders, front & rear weights, premium cab, HID lighting, 7" CommandCenter display, 1,363 hours, SN 1RW8310RTPC057599
- 2008 John Deere 8330 MFWD tractor, ILS front suspension, PS trans., 4 hyd. outlets, 60 GPM hyd. pump, 1000 PTO, 480/80R46 rear tires & duals, 320/85R38 front tires & duals, front & rear fenders, front & rear weights, Intelligent Power Management, deluxe cab, HID lighting, 2,742 hours, SN RW8330P020841
- 2008 John Deere 7430 Premium MFWD tractor, 16-spd. trans. w/LH reverser, 3 hyd. outlets, 540/1000 PTO, 480/80R42 rear tires & duals, 420/85R28 front tires, front & rear fenders, rear weights, sells complete w/JD H360 self-leveling loader, global hookups, 8' material bucket, 3rd function hyd., 2,013 hours, SN RW7430H005078
- 1996 John Deere 7600 2wd tractor, PS trans., 2 hyd. outlets, 540/1000 PTO, 18.4-38 rear tires, 11.00-16 front tires, 3,971 hours, SN RW7600P008197

COMBINE & HEADS

- 2015 John Deere S660 2wd combine, 3-spd. elec. shift trans., ContourMaster feederhouse w/Hi-Torque drive & hyd. fore/aft, 22.5' unloading auger, power fold bin extension, extended wear, 520/85R38 drive tires & duals, 750/65R26 steer tires, premium cab, HID lighting, GS3 2630 display, 565 eng./386 sep. hours, SN 1H05660SKF0775626
- 2017 John Deere 630FD 30' flex draper head, flip over reel, hyd. fore/aft, single point hookup, stubble lights, SN 1H0630FDHH0795239
- 2011 Drago N8 8 row 30" corn head, height sensors, John Deere hookups, SN 250011
- Unverferth HT30 30' head cart, 22.5x8.00-12 tires
- Unverferth HT25 25' head cart, 20.5x8.00-10 tires

GPS EQUIPMENT

- 2014 John Deere GS3 2630 display, AutoTrac SF2, SN PCGU2UD468121
- 2015 John Deere StarFire 3000 receiver, SF1, SN PCGT3TB770131
- 2014 John Deere StarFire 3000 receiver, SF1, SN PCGT3TA678993
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FARM EQUIPMENT

- 2009 John Deere 1790 12/24 CCS planter, ground drive, vacuum, RefugePlus tank, no-till coulters, pneumatic down pressure, 2-pt. hitch, markers, 350 monitor, SN A01790E730219
- Case-IH 330 31' vertical tillage tool, 18" front blades, 20" rear blades, rolling basket, single point depth control, hyd. fore/aft, SN JFH0048871
- Case-IH 530B 5-shank disk ripper, spring loaded shanks, 16.5-16.1 tires, 10" points, rear leveler, SN JEH0006786
- Unverferth 3750 seed tender, bumper hitch, triple axle, 8" conveyor, roll tarp, Honda GX340 eng. w/elec. start, SN D54150412
- Bush Hog 2615 Legend 15' batwing mower, (8) laminated tires, front & rear chains, small 1000 PTO, SN 12-29971
- John Deere 980 27' field cultivator, single point depth control, 7" PermaLoc sweeps, 3-bar coil tine harrow, gauge wheels, SN N00980X006240
- John Deere 400 30' rotary hoe, hyd. fold, gauge wheels

GRAIN HANDLING EQUIPMENT

- 2015 J&M 875 grain cart, 18" auger, hyd. adjust spout, roll tarp, 1000/50R25 tires, large 1000 PTO, SN 1500666
- Westfield MK130-71 13"x71" swing away auger, hyd. hopper swing, right angle drive, 540 PTO, SN 236284
- Westfield MK100-71 10"x71" swing away auger, hyd. hopper swing, right angle drive, 540 PTO, SN 256683
- Brock Super B SQ24 grain dryer, LP gas, 3 phase, 95 hours, SN SQ24AC321
- Phase convertor

TRUCKS & TRAILERS

- 2009 Peterbilt 384 day cab semi, Cat C13 eng., Eaton auto trans., air ride, 197" wheelbase, 295/75R22.5 tires, aluminum wheels, showing 475,947 miles, VIN 1XPVDU9X89N757647
- 2002 Peterbilt day cab semi, Cat C12 eng., manual trans., air ride, 192" wheelbase, 285/75R24.5 tires, front wheels are AL, rear wheels, 39,533 miles, VIN 1X9GDU9XSZN584703
- 2003 Volvo day cab semi, Cummins N14 eng., 10-spd. trans., air ride, wet kit, 162" wheelbase, 295/75R22.5 tires, steel wheels, showing 387,348 miles, VIN 4V4NC9JF63N339717
- 2010 Wilson 41' hopper bottom trailer, ag hoppers, air ride, power tarp, 11R24.5 tires, aluminum wheels, VIN 4WWMFYA6A3615181
- 2009 Wilson 41' hopper bottom trailer, ag hoppers, air ride, roll tarp, 455/55R22.5 tires, aluminum wheels, VIN 1W1MAFYA99A253751
- 1991 East 33' aluminum dump trailer, spring ride, roll tarp, 11R22.5 tires, VIN 1E1D1588XNRM12928



35th Hoosier Beef Congress is set for December 3-5

INDIANAPOLIS – The Hoosier Beef Congress (HBC) – the largest single state junior cattle show in the country – is set for Dec. 3-5.

The HBC website, www.hoosier-beefcongress.com, is updated with the 2021 HBC information. All details for the junior show, all-star and breed sale, showmanship, breed rules, trade show and a schedule of events may be found on the site.

The registration deadlines for the junior show and the breed and all-star steer and heifer sale were Nov. 1.

The online auction will be Nov. 18 for the first 30 spots in the stall-

ing line. Auction information will be available online at Willoughby Livestock Sales or call the Indiana Beef Cattle Association (IBCA) office at 317-293-2333 for additional information.

The IBCA is an affiliate of the National Cattlemen’s Beef Association. It is the state’s member group and issues manager for all segments of the beef cattle industry including cattle breeders, producers and feeders. It is the grass roots policy development organization for the beef business.

CMPM looking for research proposals for Michigan corn


LANSING, Mich. – The Corn Marketing Program of Michigan (CMPM) is accepting research proposals for 2022. CMPM is interested in funding research and demonstration initiatives that reflect the interests of the corn industry and return significant value to corn farmers who fund those efforts.

“Research is an important part of the mission of the Corn Marketing Program of Michigan,” said Kristin Poley, research manager for CMPM. “Our research program has a track record of equipping farmers with the tools to farm more efficiently and more profitably. We look forward to receiving proposals for new research projects that will further enhance Michigan’s agriculture industry.”

CMPM’s strategic plan is focused on increasing the economic viability of corn production in Michigan through innovative research and market development. Projects are sought that meet one or more of the following priorities:

- Enhance the value of Michigan’s corn industry through new and expanded corn markets and value-added uses
- Support research into corn production systems that are environmentally sustainable, socially acceptable, and economically feasible
- Support research that improves the financial future for farm families and businesses.

Interested parties can read the entire Request for Proposals online at www.micorn.org. Proposals are due by Friday, Nov. 19 at 5 p.m. EST.



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+/- 93 Acres, 140 PI, Georgetown TWP., Vermilion County, IL—Nov 4th

+/- 236.49 Acres, 3 Tracts, Rosamond TWP. Christian County, IL—Nov 12th
T1: +/- 80.81 Acres, 134.1 PI.
T2: +/- 75.68 Acres, 134.7 PI.
T3: +/- 80.00 Acres, 127.4 PI.

+/- 80 Acres, 100% Tillable, 139.4 PI. Marrowbone TWP., Moultrie Co., IL—Nov 12th

+/- 50 Acres, 2 Tracts Butler and Middlefork TWP., Vermilion County, IL—Nov 16th
T1: +/- 40.00 Acres, 123.6 PI
T2: +/- 10.00 Acres, 112.5 PI

+/- 386 Acres, 6 Tracts, Long Point and Saunemin TWP’s., Livingston County, IL—Nov 18th
T1: +/- 51 Wooded Acres
T2: +/- 55 Acres, 134.8 PI.
T3: +/- 51 Acres, 133.5 PI.
T4: +/- 80 Acres, 117.3 PI.
T5: +/- 77 Acres, 116.4 PI.
T6: +/- 74 Acres, 117.2 PI.

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FARM LOCATION: Next to 2934 S. Tecumseh Rd, 2 miles east of Enon & just south of I-70. Property is on both sides of S. Tecumseh Road and just north of the intersection of Broadway Road and S. Tecumseh Road. Follow signs off of Rt. 68 and Dayton Road. (Watch for signs)

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Bob Lyon Retirement FARM EQUIPMENT AUCTION

BRAZIL, INDIANA

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2021 @ 11:00 AM EST

LOCATION: 2692 W Co Rd 1000N, Brazil, IN 47834. **DIRECTIONS:** From I-70, Brazil exit #23, turn north on St. Rd. 59 and proceed 5 mile to US 40, continue on thru US 40 for ½ mile to Hendrix St (which becomes W Co Rd 1000N) turn west and proceed 1¾ mi to sale site.

Bob doesn't have the newest and shiniest equipment, but he has taken pride in his service and maintenance of his mostly shedded equipment. Bob would go to the field with any of it!

For complete listing and 100's of photos visit bostoncentury.com

*If you can't join us at the Lyon Farm, Online bidding will be available on **SELECT** items at bostoncentury.hibid.com*

TRACTORS and BACKHOE: **1992 CIH 7140**, F.W.A. w/"Power Shift", 3-pt, 1000-PTO, (3) SCV's, (18) front weights, F.S. 18.4x42 radial 10-bolt duals (5277-hrs); **1970 John Deere 4020 Diesel "Console"**, Synchro Range, W.F., 3-pt, PTO, (2) SCV's, front and rear weights, and 18.4-34's (9,998 hrs); **1980 IH 1086** w/CAH, 3-pt, dual PTO, (3) SCV's, front and rear weights, 18.4x38's w/duals (1-owner, 7303-hrs); **1975 IH 1566 "Black Stripe"** w/cab, 12/6 trans, 3-pt, 1000-PTO, (2) SCV's, front and rear weights, 20.8x38's w/duals (5354-hrs); **1954 Farmall "Super MTA"** w/ tri-cycle front, hyds, PTO, fenders, draw bar hitch, power steering, 14.9x38's; **CASE 580B** standard hoe w/mechanical shuttle, ROPS, 6' bucket, 22" hoe bucket.

PLANTER: 2010 Kinze 3000, 6/11 split-row, mech. no-till planter w/liq. fert., piston pump, seed firmers, row cleaners, (1) rubber and (1) spike closing wheel, corn and bean meters, and KPM III (1-owner, only 4382 total acs, always shedded and well maintained).

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EQUIPMENT: Woods 840, 7', 3-pt R.M. (low usage); Katolight port. generator, 120/240V, 1-ph w/200-amp switch box; Kew. 9', 3-pt blade w/hyd tilt; (3) Huskee 300-bu gravity wagons w/12-T gears; EZ flow 250-bu sled w/Top Air 15' galv belt conveyor; (1) Westfield 71'x8" and (2) 61'x8" PTO transport augers; Sudenga 8" hopper unloader w/motor; 12", 3-pt P.H. digger; LMT 2300-gal Honey Wagon; rebuilt Better Built PB10 vac pump for Honey Wagon; 18' flatbed wagon w/10-T gears.

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TOOLS and MISC.: Hobart Handler 120 gas mig welder; WEG 5hp elec. motor (used 2-hrs); Onan 5000 WATT, 120/240-V generator; sev asst'd size LB White hanging heaters (Natural Gas); transfer pump, valves and hose; Van Guard 16-hp gas, port. pressure washer; (3) vintage IH s.c. weights; Dickey John "Mini-GAC" grain moisture tester (2-yrs old); and other "Farm Misc".

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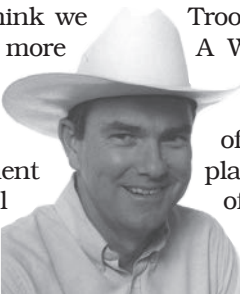
In the town of Burney, you can vote as often as you want

After last year's election I think we need a voting system that is more transparent and honest and instead of copying Venezuela's election process I think we ought to adopt the arrangement employed in the wonderful northern California town of Burney.

This community is famous for its fishing, the fact that one of their citizens once appeared on the Price Is Right, and part of the movie "Stand By Me" was filmed in its environs. I keep up on the local news because for decades the Northern California Traveler carried my column and when they ceased publishing, The Intermountain News picked up my column. I have also been to the area countless times and the skies were always blue, the air fresh, the water pure and the fish were biting. I always thought it would be a great place to live. Unfortunately for me when I looked in the classifieds the only jobs available seemed to be for "strip and chain pullers" and I have no idea what they are, let alone how to do it.

Years ago I saved a clipping from the paper that detailed how Burney elected their honorary mayor and I thought enough of it to save it for several years. In Burney's honorary mayoral election you can vote as many times as you want. The catch is that every vote costs a dollar. Simply put, the election is more like an auction with the prize going to whoever collects the most cash. If we're being honest, it's very much like the way we run our elections now only Burney gets rid of the middleman... the lobbyists.

The election is sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce and the money raised goes to charity. The winner gets to designate 50% of what they collect to their favorite charity like Boy Scout



It's THE PITTS
By Lee Pitts

Troop #38, the local 4 H club, Make A Wish, an effort to "Bring Back the Swings" to the park or to paint a mural on the wall of a local building. The person placing second gets to donate 40% of their take to their cause, third place 30%, 4th place 20% and the remaining candidates get to donate 10% to their favorite charity. The rest of the money goes to the Chamber of Commerce to improve the community.

The candidates put up polling places wherever they want and collect the ballots, in this case in the form of cold hard cash. See how much more transparent Burney's elections are? There is a candidate's forum, usually at a park or Gepeto's Pizza, where the locals can meet and greet the candidates, and ask them piercing and probing questions like, "If you were on American Idol which song would you sing?" Or, "What super hero would you like to be?"

Many of the candidates come up with catchy slogans like "Don't be a schmuck vote for Luck". They put up signs around town and some even have campaigns managers. The news clipping I saved introduced the candidates and their promises. For example, Dusty vowed to get Nike to move their international headquarters to Burney and then fully support the Burney Raiders athletic department. Katie, a waitress, promised, "If elected I will bring a fashion mall to downtown Burney." Brooke, a bank teller said, "I would promise to put an end to all the gossip, drama and rumors that spread through the intermountain area on a daily basis."

Good luck with that. Corey, a pastor, promised, "I would coordinate a strategy team that would work with existing businesses, government and non-profit agencies to develop a long range plan to increase and diversify the income stream coming into Burney."

No offense pastor, but you sound like the kind of politician we already have too many of.

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A different kind of treasure

Matthew 6:19-21 “Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven . . . for where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

I love living in an old farmhouse. The spacious rooms trimmed with wide boards, decorative staircase and oversized windows create a sense of

comfort and nostalgia from slower paced and simpler days. But the one thing that many old farmhouses lack is sufficient storage for our modern times. Our original one-foot-deep closets housed only a few wooden pegs and not much more. I guess the people of years ago didn't have the same need or opportunity to collect “special” treasures as we do today.

Needless to say we needed a plan to store our many important items for future use. So, we built an addition to the old home and included a small basement underneath. This spot has become our best storage area for important stuff until recently.

A few weeks ago when the sky let loose and the creek flooded we found ourselves in a pickle. The sump pump in our basement couldn't keep up and in a few short hours we had nearly a foot of water filling our cellar. Tubs of special dishes fell over, the freezer lifted off the ground and shelves of items started floating away.



VERSES FROM MAMA
By Sandra Sheridan

Our friend, a plumber, came to the rescue with a long hose and pump and after a few days we were able to sort through and wash most of our important treasures. But you wouldn't believe what we threw away. All of a sudden, the things I had thought so important didn't have much value anymore, and they ended up in the trash.

This experience was a very real reminder of what Jesus said in His Sermon on the Mount. We shouldn't focus our attention on storing up earthly things without any thought for the heavenly. The treasures of earth don't last. Over time they can be stolen, become rusted, moth eaten, or even ruined by a flood.

Jesus implored His listeners to store up treasures in heaven instead of on earth. These only grow more precious over time and the lasting value is exponential. A kind word, a sacrificial financial gift to a friend, a merciful act for a hurting neighbor – these are treasures that last for eternity.

So, if you are pondering a need to create more space in which to stockpile your special treasures, you might want to reconsider. Why not give those things away and start accumulating heavenly treasure instead? Your heart will be in the right place and you'll never have to worry about a little water in the basement.


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It's not too early to think about biosecurity for winter

By Doug Schmitz
Iowa Correspondent

FAYETTE, Iowa – With cold and freezing temperatures just around the corner, it's not too early for hog producers to get their animal safety and biosecurity protocol in place, according to industry experts. "As fall approaches, producers should check or assess the interior and exterior of pig buildings," said Mark Storlie, Iowa State University swine specialist. "Look at fans. Are blades, shutters and discharge cones clean and in good repair?"

"Look for gaps under doors, manure pump-out covers, or where feed or electrical lines enter the building," he added. "Look for tears or holes in sidewall currents."

In fact, these are potential entry points for rodents and air leaks, he said. "The leaking air can become a 'cold draft,' which can chill pigs directly, but the leak also disrupts the ventilation system of the barn. The curtain holes become additional air inlets and may impact how air is distributed throughout the room by the ventilation system."

For older buildings, the roof steel and trusses should be inspected periodically to avoid a roof failure due to snow load, he said.

"Depending upon initial design, material quality and ventilation management, exhaust air can travel up the eave and into the attic area," he said. "The combination of some gases and time can corrode the roof tin and degrade truss nail joints."

Chris Rademacher, DVM, an Iowa State College of Veterinary Medicine clinical professor and swine extension veterinarian, said there are several areas that benefit the animals, as well as the hog producers. "One of the biggest is to ensure that

any holes, cracks and crevices are properly sealed," he said. "These cause drafts during the winter, which can disrupt the proper ventilation of the building, and chill or stress pigs that the draft is directed toward."

"These also generally result in more heat needing to be generated for the buildings, which will cost the producer more money as well," he added. "Ensure that any ventilation fans are properly cleaned and maintained going into winter. Dust and dirt accumulation on fan blades can cause the motor to run less efficiently, which will reduce ventilation rates, and may cause pigs to get sick."

Storlie said a well-maintained building can also keep pigs comfortable, be more energy efficient and improve biosecurity, which, he added, are procedures intended to protect animals against disease, or harmful biological agents.

"Biosecurity for a farm or building site then encompasses everything, and every person that enters the site could be a vector to bring disease or a biological agent to the farm," he said. "While it may be impossible to eliminate the risk, we can minimize the risk of disease transfer by establishing standard operating procedures, and the healthy state of mind of owners, managers, and daily caretakers."

He said producers need to consider the frequency of people, inputs (i.e., feed, supplies, fuel, etc.), and outputs (i.e., pigs, manure, mortalities, etc.) entering and leaving the site.

"Where had the people, truck, item been before coming to this site?" he said. "How can we minimize the frequency of site entry? Daily caretakers need to every day, yet establishing a standard operating procedures for site entry such as a 'Clean/ (Biosecurity continued on page 19B)

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Butter stocks heading lower; but plenty of product still available

U.S. butter stocks keep heading lower after falling below those of a year ago in August for the first time since June 2019.

The Agriculture Department's latest Cold Storage report shows the September 30 butter inventory at 330.1 million pounds, down 32.6 million pounds or 9% from the August level, which was revised 4.2 million pounds lower than what was reported a month ago. Stocks were down 13.8 million pounds or 4.0% below September 2020.

American type cheese stocks jumped to 844.1 million pounds, up 17 million pounds or 2.1% from August and were 71.5 million pounds or 9.3% above those a year ago. The August level was revised up 3.5 million pounds.

The "other" cheese category climbed to 592.2 million pounds, up 8.6 million pounds or 1.5% from August, and 31.5 million or 5.6% above a year ago.

The resulting total cheese inventory stood at 1.46 billion pounds, up 25.5 million pounds or 1.8% from August and 104.6 million or 7.7% above a year ago.

Butter stocks were 7 million pounds lower than StoneX forecast but they add the caveat; "Stocks last year were very heavy, so being down 4% still leaves butter stocks at adequate levels. With milk production expected to stay weak and cheese production expected to stay relatively strong we are going to continue to pull butter stocks down and that should be supportive for prices."

Cash dairy product prices at the Chicago Mercantile Exchange ended October with cheese heading lower and butter, powder, and whey climbing, as traders anticipated the next Global Dairy Trade auction on Nov. 2 and the September Dairy Products report on Nov. 4.

Cheesemakers are busy according to Dairy Market News. "Plant managers report existing employees working overtime to fulfill needs is the strategy, and even then there are shifts not being staffed." Cheese customers have also been very busy. Demand for all varieties is strong.

Butter producers say cream remains tight, if not tighter. Production schedules are reportedly stunted, due primarily to plant employee and driver shortages. There have been recent improvements in hiring, but the timeframe for a more normal production situation is unpredictable, according to plant managers. As manufacturing geared for holiday retail order surges, bulk butter availability has declined and prices have done the opposite. Butter market tones are notably bullish, says DMN. Some believe this shift could be short-lived while others are "viewing 2022 through a different lens."

Cash Grade A nonfat dry milk closed the week at \$1.5575 per pound, 2 cents higher on the week, highest since Aug. 7, 2014, 16 cents above their Oct. 1 posting, and 45 cents above a year ago. Sales for the week totaled 13 loads and 17 for the month, down from 69 in September.



MIELKE MARKET WEEKLY
By Lee Mielke

CME dry whey closed Friday at 63 cents per pound, up 1.25 cents on the week, highest since May 26, up 5 cents on the month, and 23 cents above a year ago. There were 6 sales on the week and 16 for the month, up from 13 in September. Domestic and international whey demand is good.

On farm milk output is increasing in most areas of the country, according to the USDA's weekly update, though there are reports that it's slightly tight in areas of the Northeast.

Milk output is up in parts of the West, although Pacific Northwest contacts relay that milk supplies are somewhat lighter.

Bottling demand is mostly steady. Seasonal retail products, like eggnog and aerated cream, have increased production for customer demands. Cream markets (Mielke continued on page 17B)

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Energy-free sap collecting possible in the rolling hills

By Stan Maddux
Indiana Correspondent

LEXINGTON, Ky. – People interested in maple syrup-making in Kentucky can use their rolling hills for drawing sap at a major cost savings.

That was one of the still relatively new tricks of the trade revealed during a Zoom workshop Oct. 14 hosted by the College of Agriculture, Food and Environment at the University of Kentucky.

It was the second in a series of workshops designed to spark interest in maple syrup-making to expand what's now a very small industry in the state.

One of the speakers was Mike Rechlin, a maple syrup producer in West Virginia and retired instructor on forestry and the environment at several colleges, including Yale University.

Rechlin said using buckets to collect sap is perfectly fine to start but maple syrup-making is "highly addictive" and beginners often want to increase production.

That can lead to hundreds of buckets placed underneath taps to collect sap, leaving producers overwhelmed from walking to and from their sugarhouse

every day to empty the pails.

He said a better alternative is running lines to taps to carry the sap to tanks even if syrup makers don't like to break from tradition and view having lines in their woods not as aesthetically pleasing. "It's really a lot easier," he said.

Traditionally, Rechlin said lines at 5/16 of an inch in diameter hooked to a vacuum pump to draw more sap out of trees have been used primarily by makers in all regions.

However, that's beginning to change as producers learn they can take advantage of their mountains and steep inclines to increase their bottom lines.

Rechlin said lines measuring 3/16 of an inch across don't carry nearly as much sap by volume. However, Rechlin said an experiment several years ago discovered the narrower lines used in hilly areas create their own vacuum to draw out sap when hooked to taps in the trees. "All you need is a slope," he said.

Rechlin said just under one inch of pull is created for every foot of elevation change. He said the amount of pull can equal what a vacuum pump creates de-

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are stable. Internal cream supplies are meeting the needs of end users. Cream prices have increased in the Central and Eastern region, says DMN.

It was a record third quarter for total dairy exports heading to China, says HGD, "due to WMP, fluid milk & cream, SMP and butter gains. Shipments to the Middle East were the strongest in three years in the quarter, driven by WMP and cheese."

New Zealand is the Number 1 dairy exporter so the U.S. keeps a sharp eye on conditions "down under." They and the European Union are our biggest competitors in the international marketplace, and this at a time when dairy exports contribute more to U.S. dairy farm bottom lines than ever before.

Australian milk production in September was weaker than expected, according to StoneX's Dustin Winston, down 2.9% YoY. Fat and protein content were both down which left component adjusted production down 3.2%. Milk output for the '21/22 season is currently lagging 3.3%, says Winston.

Mexico is the U.S. biggest customer while Southeast Asia is a growing market. South Korea is a particularly large buyer of U.S. cheese. The Oct. 26 Daily Dairy Report stated; "South Korea remains in a dairy deficit and will continue to be a key cheese market for U.S. exporters going forward, according to a new USDA Global Agricultural Information Network (GAIN) report."

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pending on the difference in elevation and distance between the sugarhouse at the bottom and taps up the hill.

“The more vacuum, the more sap flow and it’s free,” he said.

Using strictly gravity eliminates the need for costly vacuum pumps and the fuel to keep them running. “It changed the industry in West Virginia. Kentucky is also well endowed with slope,” he said.

Rechlin also talked about the time-saving need for a reverse osmosis machine for people interested and just beginning to make syrup.

He said reverse osmosis machines to remove water from sap cost anywhere from \$70,000 to \$300 and even less if homemade. RO’s at the lowest end of the cost scale don’t remove as much water as more expensive models, he said.

However, they are very effective, especially for syrup makers wanting a good night’s sleep during the season.

Rechlin said 14 gallons of sap with 6 percent sugar is left when 43 gallons of sap containing 2 percent sugar is put twice into a less expensive RO. That reduces boiling time in an evaporator from 8.6 to 2.8 hours.

“Is it worth that \$300 for that RO? You betcha,” he said.

Seth Long, president of the Kentucky Maple Syrup Association, informed viewers there are various ways of increasing profit margins than just bottling and offering liquid gold.

He said maple syrup is used to make candy, donuts and other baked goods along with glazed nuts and other foods.

Long, who’s also a maple syrup producer, said he has a commercial kitchen

on his farm and a license to sell baked goods he makes with his syrup across state lines.

“If you turned it into something else or added it into another product, often times you can increase the value of the maple syrup,” he said.

Long said other product options include aging maple syrup in used bourbon barrels to add a whiskey flavor to the syrup.

“You see a lot of this up north. Some of the producers in Kentucky are getting this bug, too,” he said.

Maple syrup is also flavored with habanero, cayenne and other hot peppers.

Long said he allows his peppers to dry before placing them into bottles of syrup popular for flavoring meat while it’s smoked or cooked on a grill. “The sweetness and the heat come together. A lot of people really enjoy this,” he said.

He said producers are also infusing syrup with other products like vanilla beans, coffee, cinnamon and blueberries.

Long said producers can also open their farms to the public for events like showcasing the making of syrup. “People will travel for miles to come to a farm and learn how somebody is taking a product from the land and producing it into something like maple syrup,” he said.

Financial assistance and help in areas like creating a business plan are being offered by the Kentucky Center for Agriculture and Rural Development (KCARD) to help maple syrup makers get started and succeed.

Maryssa Kristie, of KCARD, said the amount of grants and loans is determined by the number of taps. Business plans are also developed individually because options and goals can vary at each location. “It’s not a one size fits all and we do work through one by one,” she said.

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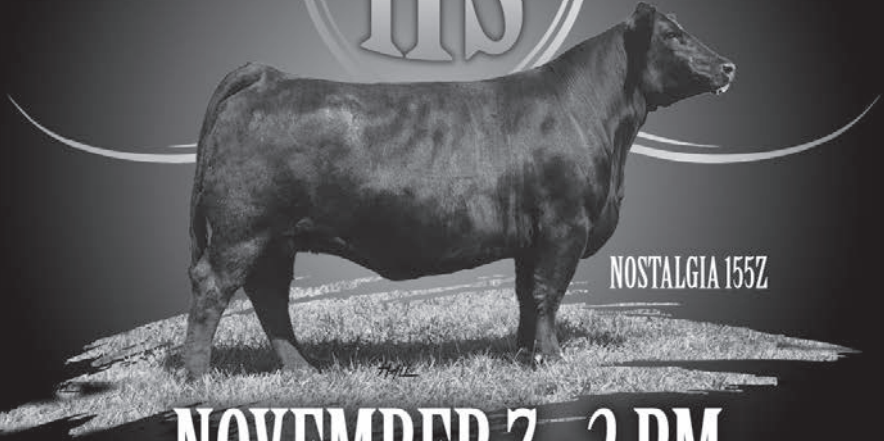
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Biosecurity

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Dirty Line’ (a consistent location where ‘street’ shoes are removed and farm boots are worn), or ‘Shower In/Shower Out’ (every person showers in, wears farm-supplied clothing, then showers out) can help minimize disease transfer.

“Limit or minimize non-essential people or visitors entering the site,” he added. “Remember to train entry standard operating procedures to service personnel (i.e., veterinarian, electrician, gasman, etc.). Everyone needs to follow the standard operating procedures.”

Rademacher agreed with Storlie, adding producers should consider ways to reduce foot traffic from outside the building. “Changing boots before entering buildings or offices,” he said. “Don’t use the same boots to take deadstock to the rendering.”

Storlie said trucks and handling equipment entering the site must also be clean. “Reduce the frequency of supply delivery (weekly to monthly), or even changing delivery location to off-site,” he said. “Maintain a rodent control program. Sites with breeding sows will have more frequency of moving in and out of the site then a finishing site. Yet, both sites need to follow biosecurity standard operating procedures every day to minimize the entry of disease.

“The Secure Pork Supply (www.secure-pork.org) was established to be proactive if a foreign animal disease, (such as foot-and-mouth disease, African swine fever and classic swine fever) are found in the United States livestock,” he added. “Then regulatory officials will limit animal movement to try to control the spread of very contagious diseases.

“The Secure Pork Supply has excellent biosecurity resources and examples of standard operating procedures that minimize transmission of common swine diseases, as well as foreign animal diseases,” he added.

According to the American Veterinary Medical Association in Schaumburg, Ill., the following are additional ways producers can ensure the overall protection of their livestock during the winter months:

1. Recognize the importance of early veterinary care. Schedule your veterinary exams early in the season to address any concerns before the harsh conditions arrive. Discuss any vaccinations, nutritional supplementation, de-worming and parasite treatment needs with your veterinarian. Make sure to pay special attention to pregnant animals and animals of very young or very old age.

2. Provide appropriate shelter from the elements. Livestock can typically tolerate colder temperatures, but harsher temperatures will require more calories. Keeping this in mind: try to shelter any livestock from the weather with blankets or coats, dry bedding, and a shelter with proper ventilation.

3. Keep the area clear. Keep ice to a minimum to prevent injury to your livestock. Clear any driveways and walkways of snow and ice so that your staff and veterinarians can access your animals easier. Prevent mud and buildup with proper preparation through use of materials such as sand, wood chips and gravel.

4. Consider your feed. Livestock use a large amount of energy to keep warm in the winter. This means they need to consume plenty of calories. Talk with your veterinarian to develop a plan that will meet the needs of your livestock. This may mean increasing the amount or quality of your feed. Keep in mind pregnant animals and those of very young or old age will have additional needs you should address.

5. Ensure fresh, clean, non-frozen water. Make sure your livestock have access to clean, non-frozen water by using tank heaters or heated buckets. Livestock will not consume enough water if it is too cold or frozen. When your livestock are well-hydrated, they are more likely to sustain their health and well-being in the winter months.

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