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Above: This photo was taken in 1965 and shows a young Bryan Overstreet farming with his grandpa Clarence. Bryan is now an Extension Educator with Purdue.

Reward offered for info on northern Indiana barn fires

By Stan Maddux
Indiana Correspondent

ELKHART, Ind. – Authorities are hoping a \$10,000 reward will help close the books on a still unsolved rash of northern Indiana barn fires.

Farm Bureau, Inc. chapters in Elkhart, Kosciusko, Marshall and St.

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\$10,000 REWARD

For information leading to the arrest and conviction of person(s) involved in the barn fires that have recently occurred in northern Indiana.

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- St. Joseph County Farm Bureau
- Elkhart County Farm Bureau
- Kosciusko County Farm Bureau

Above Right: A \$10,000 reward is being offered for information leading to a conviction in a dozen northern Indiana barn fires this year. **Below:** This Oct. 2 barn fire in Elkhart County is one of 12 barn fires in northern Indiana this year still under investigation.



Ag world reacts to infrastructure bill passage

By TIM ALEXANDER
Illinois Correspondent

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The bipartisan “Infrastructure, Investment and Jobs Act” (HR 3684), passed by the U.S. House of Representatives on Friday, Nov. 5, will provide \$548 billion in additional infrastructure spending when signed into law by President Joseph Biden. Combined with existing baseline infrastructure spending, total infrastructure spending will be boosted to around \$944 billion over the coming five years and \$1.2 trillion over the next eight years.

Reaction to the passage of the historic legislation from the agriculture and transportation sectors was immediate and supportive.

“This is a transformative, historic investment for America as President Biden delivers on his promise to rebuild the physical infrastructure of our country, grow the economy for decades to come, create good-paying, union jobs, and better position

us to compete in a global economy,” said U.S. Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack. “As we repair crumbling roads and bridges and make much-needed investments in our ports, waterways, and rail transit, we will connect agriculture and rural communities to more markets and more economic opportunity. Upgraded power infrastructure, environmental remediation, and clean and safe drinking water will power and revitalize communities historically left behind.”

Mike Steenhoek, executive director of the Soy Transportation Coalition, said the STC is “pleased” with the passage of HR 3684, which had been previously approved by the U.S. Senate in a 69-30 vote. He noted that the additional support could help prevent a catastrophic failure at one of the nation’s locks and dams, many of which were constructed in the 1930s. Such a failure, Steenhoek said, would “suffocate” farmers’ ability to meet the demands of international customers.

“The significant number of structurally deficient and load restricted bridges in rural America (also) imposes significant detours and, as a result, millions of dollars of unnecessary costs into our food delivery system,” Steenhoek added. “We are pleased to see this legislation become a reality. A number of the key provisions of the bill – specifically the \$110 billion in funding for roads and bridges and the \$17 billion for ports and waterways – will clearly enhance the competitiveness of U.S. agriculture.”

The Fertilizer Institute (TFI) President and CEO Corey Rosenbusch also applauded the House passage of the “Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act.” He cited surface transportation provisions within the bill as having particular importance to the fertilizer industry, including \$110 billion for highway programs of which \$12.5 billion will be invested into bridges.

“All fertilizer utilized in the United States touches a truck at least once,

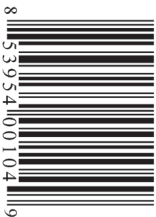
meaning that reliable and safe highways, roads and bridges are of paramount importance,” Rosenbusch said.

The bill also includes \$65 billion in investment into high-speed internet for underserved communities, many of them rural.

“As we make significant progress in closing the digital divide and delivering 21st century broadband, farmers will have access to real-time information and new technologies needed to maintain their competitive edge, small businesses will be able to develop their markets, and rural communities can become better connected to jobs, telemedicine, and distance learning,” said Vilsack.

The bipartisan infrastructure bill is also a win for the climate, according to Daniel Bresette, executive director of the Environmental and Energy Study Institute. “The infrastructure bill will fund critical projects to modernize the electricity grid;

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Infrastructure

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boost energy efficiency in our homes, schools, and commercial buildings; accelerate the pace of electrification across the transportation sector; help communities prepare for and withstand climate change impacts; and expand broadband internet access — an important facilitator for many climate change solutions — in low-income communities and rural areas,” he said.

It is unclear when Biden might sign the bill into law. Steenhoek suggested there may be more work to do to reconcile a final version of the legisla-

tion.

“According to the agreement between moderate and progressive Democrats, the Build Back Better bill will be debated later in the month. A group of moderates have committed to supporting the legislation if the upcoming Congressional Budget Office assessment conforms with the earlier cost and revenue analysis released by the White House,” Steenhoek said. “During this period of rising inflation, we need to ensure that our transportation system moderates costs, rather than inflaming them. It therefore is very timely for Congress and the President to pass and sign a robust, multi-year infrastructure bill.”

HR 3684 SUMMARY:

The major funding categories for the “Infrastructure, Investment and Jobs Act” are as follows:

Transportation Categories (\$284 billion; 52% of new spending):

- Roads, bridges, and major projects: \$110 billion
- Includes \$40 billion for bridge repair, replacement, and rehabilitation
- Passenger & freight rail: \$66 billion
- Public transit: \$39 billion
- Airports: \$25 billion
- Ports and waterways: \$17 billion
- Safety: \$11 billion
- Electric vehicle infrastructure: \$7.5 billion

Electric/zero emission buses: \$5 billion

Electric/zero emission ferries: \$2.5 billion

Reconnecting communities: \$1 billion

Other Categories (\$256 billion; 48% of new spending)

- Electric and power infrastructure: \$65 billion
- High-speed internet: \$65 billion
- Clean drinking water: \$55 billion
- Resilience and western water infrastructure: \$50 billion
- Environmental remediation: \$21 billion

(SOURCE: Soy Transportation Coalition)

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Barn Fire

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Joseph counties, where 12 confirmed barn fires happened this year, contributed to the reward.

"We hope a reward will help catch the arsonist sooner," said Lynn Loucks, President of the Elkhart County Farm Bureau.

All but one of the fires has occurred since April. Many of the fires occurred within a short distance and time frame of each other.

In late September, for example, a barn and storage shed about four miles from each other near Wakarusa went up in flames just over three hours apart. One of the fires claimed the lives of 30 animals.

Two barns within two miles of each other in Kosciusko County also burned at about the same time the previous month.

The most recent fires Oct. 1 involve two barns five miles apart near Syracuse.

Elkhart County Police Capt. Mike Culp said he couldn't reveal if any leads have developed or whether the cases are suspected to be connected.

He said no additional information is being shared with the public right now to protect the integrity of what he described as "pretty sensitive" ongoing investigations.

"There's a lot of time and effort to investigating these. It's a lot different than other crimes that we may encounter," he said.

Eight of the fires have been in Elkhart County.

Loucks said the reward is for information leading to an arson conviction in the fires. The reward will remain available until the "parties responsible are found," he said.

Loucks said the reward has not

resulted in any substantial leads, so far, but word about the cash incentive is just spreading.

He said Indiana Farm Bureau, Inc. provided the first \$2,000 of the reward money.

Loucks, who has a 250-acre farm within five miles of four of the barns set ablaze, said some farmers in the area have installed surveillance systems, extra lighting and taken other security measures to keep from becoming a victim.

Loucks said he hasn't done anything to beef up security except make sure his barn door at night is shut.

He's confident in the ability of his outdoor dog to chase away intruders and wake him up. "I got a good dog. When somebody drives in, he barks," he said.

Loucks said he and his neighbors, while traveling, are keeping a sharper eye out for suspicious activity. "We're watching out for each other," he said.

Loucks said the emotions of farmers range from anger to being jittery enough to have trouble sleeping at night.

Board members at his Farm Bureau chapter have also discussed the possibility of hiring a private investigator to help police try to uncover more leads, he said.

Loucks, who drives a school bus, raises mostly corn and soybeans. He used to keep a lot of cattle and hogs but is down to four steers with retirement just a few years away. His barn contains a lot of hay and straw along with machinery.

Loucks said nobody has been injured and no other livestock have perished. There hasn't been a fire in about a month, but concern has not eased up because of previous extended periods between fires.

"Nobody likes it, that's for sure. It's frustrating," he said.

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Kentucky video shows types of jobs available in the horse industry

By Michele F. Mihaljevich
Indiana Correspondent

LEXINGTON, Ky. – A need for workers in Kentucky’s thoroughbred industry has prompted the commonwealth’s public television station to create a video showcasing the types of jobs and potential pay available in the sector.

Kentucky Educational Television (KET) produced the video after a request from the Kentucky Equine Education Project (KEEP), said Tonya Crum, KET’s senior director of education. KEEP had asked about the project right before the pandemic, she noted.

“Kentucky is the horse capital of the world,” Crum explained. “The video helps to show job seekers where they would fit into the industry. It gives people the opportunity to see what that industry is like. With the pandemic, there has been less opportunity for people to visit places (to learn about a career). Not everyone can do an internship or job shadow.”

In addition to KEEP, the video was developed with help from the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce Workforce Center and The Race for Education.

The video may be found at www.ket.org/horseindustry. The site also includes current job listings and information on mentorships, apprenticeships, seasonal work and universities in the state offering equine studies.

The 5-minute, 15-second-long video notes several of the potential jobs in the industry, such as farm manager, trainer, groom, jockey, track maintenance, exercise riders and barn foreman.

“There’s money in horses and not all of it’s in prize money,” a voice over says. “In Kentucky, the starting gate marks the end of a process that began years earlier – breeding, foaling, training and running in thoroughbred races all require human assistance. That means jobs. So, if you’re one of those people who have been bit by the horse bug, you’re in demand.”

Pay may range from \$60,000-\$100,000 annually for a farm manager to \$25,000-\$35,000 for a groom, according to KET’s website.

Kentucky’s thoroughbred industry generates \$6.5 billion annually, a KET press release said. Kentucky has about 54,000 thoroughbreds and leads all states in annual thoroughbred breeding, the release noted.

“Even at a time when it is successfully growing, the horse industry has faced labor shortages,” Elisabeth Jensen, KEEP executive vice president, said in the release. “Nearly 80,000 Kentuckians work within the industry and we want to introduce these jobs and careers to a new generation of Kentuckians who will build on this current success and ensure that we remain Kentucky’s signature industry.”

The thoroughbred video is part of the station’s In Demand series. Created in 2019, the original series focused on five areas: advanced manufacturing, business and information technology, construction, transportation and logistics, and healthcare. The station worked with the Kentucky Workforce Innovation Board to determine which sectors could be helped by the videos, Crum said.

“In Kentucky, we needed workers in all those areas,” she stated. “The five original sectors were the ones that had the most job openings at



Above: Kentucky's thoroughbred industry generates \$6.5 billion annually, according to KET, which created a video showcasing the need for workers in the sector. (KET photo).

the time. The board provided some of the funding. Today, the thoroughbred industry is also in search of workers, there’s definitely a need.”

The station has heard from high school counselors who use the videos to introduce career possibilities to their students, Crum said. “Employers are interested in making sure people know jobs are available in their industries. We’re starting to push the videos out more in social media.”

Other videos in the series are available on the KET website. No additional In Demand videos are planned at this time, she said.



Above: KET has created a video promoting Kentucky's thoroughbred industry and the need for workers. (KET photo).

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Livestock Weighted Average Report for 11/01/2021 - Final AUCTION

	This Week	Last Reported 10/25/2021	Last Year
Total Receipts:	1,275	899	984
Feeder Cattle:	1,152(90.4%)	770(85.7%)	809(82.2%)
Slaughter Cattle:	109(8.5%)	116(12.9%)	152(15.4%)
Replacement Cattle:	14(1.1%)	13(1.4%)	23(2.3%)

Compared to last week feeder steers and heifers sold unevenly steady with best demand for 400-500 lb weaned steer packages due to some farmer participation. Slaughter cows and slaughter bulls sold 2.00 to 3.00 higher with moderate demand. Supply included: 90% Feeder Cattle (30% Steers, 2% Dairy Steers, 45% Heifers, 24% Bulls); 9% Slaughter Cattle (90% Cows, 10% Bulls); 1% Replacement Cattle (100% Bred Cows). Feeder cattle supply over 600 lbs was 45%.

Groups of 20 head or more:

Heifers

54 head 1023 lbs 127.75 Blk-Few Mixed Open

FEEDER CATTLE

STEERS - Medium and Large 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	320	320	170.00	170.00
2	347	347	174.00	174.00 Value Added
1	390	390	167.00	167.00
6	405-417	415	154.00	154.00
26	408-445	423	157.00-176.50	170.78 Value Added
5	460-482	469	162.00-165.00	163.77 Value Added
4	500-530	515	143.00-152.00	147.37
10	500-531	520	155.00-157.00	156.01 Value Added
6	550-572	568	147.00-154.00	148.13
1	605	605	138.00	138.00
15	600-630	611	141.00-148.00	144.39 Value Added
12	673-695	690	140.00-145.00	143.78 Value Added
2	702	702	135.00	135.00
1	770	770	136.00	136.00
16	751-775	769	145.50-150.00	148.90 Value Added
12	800	800	147.00	147.00 Thin Fleshed
9	894	894	138.75	138.75
3	968	968	120.00	120.00

STEERS - Medium and Large 2-3 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
2	600-610	605	125.00-134.00	129.54
2	737	737	125.00	125.00
1	785	785	116.00	116.00
3	820-827	825	113.00-131.00	118.97
2	870	870	107.00	107.00

STEERS - Large 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
6	612-646	635	125.00-127.00	126.36

DAIRY STEERS - Large 3 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
8	776	776	84.00	84.00

HEIFERS - Medium and Large 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
2	420-440	430	124.00-125.00	124.49
10	400-435	411	137.00-146.00	143.86 Value Added
8	450-491	467	123.00-128.00	125.18
25	458-492	476	131.50-140.00	136.14 Value Added
10	500-520	509	121.00-129.00	124.94
19	510-549	536	132.00-139.00	134.25 Value Added
12	570-590	584	121.00-126.50	123.86
34	574-586	582	132.00-135.50	133.22 Value Added
3	608	608	120.00 1	20.00
10	700-720	706	109.00-112.00	111.39
4	728	728	123.00	123.00 Guaranteed
Open				
4	760-785	779	109.00-114.00	110.22
5	880	880	104.50	104.50
1	920	920	106.00	106.00
1	970	970	105.00	105.00
54	1023	1023	127.75	127.75 Guaranteed
Open				

HEIFERS - Medium and Large 2-3 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
2	247	247	108.00	108.00
1	280	280	121.00	121.00
5	412	412	118.00	118.00
1	485	485	116.00	116.00
2	560-580	570	110.00-119.00	114.58
3	600-620	608	113.00-119.00	116.96
1	655	655	118.00	118.00
1	715	715	103.00	103.00
1	785	785	102.00	102.00

HEIFERS - Large 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
2	625	625	111.00	111.00

HEIFERS - Small and Medium 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	410	410	100.00	100.00

BULLS - Medium and Large 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	360	360	166.00	166.00
2	400-445	423	148.00-155.00	151.69
2	465	465	151.50	151.50
7	505-546	537	138.00-149.00	141.34
13	515-548	540	150.00-155.00	151.13 Fancy
33	560-595	578	133.50-147.50	141.76
15	559	559	140.00	140.00 Fancy
15	625-645	631	121.00-126.00	123.03
10	641	641	130.00-131.00	130.60 Fancy
6	680-698	695	122.50-126.00	123.07
4	700-720	710	110.00-117.00	114.78
1	800	800	96.00	96.00

BULLS - Medium and Large 2-3 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	235	235	131.00	131.00
1	405	405	135.00	135.00

1	455	455	124.00	124.00
2	550-565	558	121.00-127.00	124.04
4	650-675	669	115.00-119.00	115.97

BULLS - Large 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	765	765	102.00	102.00

SLAUGHTER CATTLE

COWS - Breaker 75-80% (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing
13	1195-1990	1435	56.00-62.00	59.38	Average
10	1140-1960	1618	63.00-66.50	63.92	High

COWS - Boner 80-85% (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing
17	970-1555	1224	56.00-62.50	59.44	Average
10	1180-1520	1331	63.50-69.00	65.57	High
5	1340-1435	1396 4	8.00-55.00	51.62	Low

COWS - Lean 85-90% (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing
10	875-1205	1024	51.00-56.00	53.20	Average
7	1010-1275	1152	58.00-66.00	61.64	High
6	870-1330	1082	36.00-51.00	42.14	Low

BULLS - 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing
3	1675-2015	1878	88.00-93.00	89.73	Average
5	1685-2010	1843	95.00-102.00	99.56	High
1	1660	1660	82.00	82.00	Low

REPLACEMENT CATTLE

STOCK COWS - Medium and Large 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

Age	Stage	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
2-8	T1	1	1505	1505	860.00	860.00
2-8	T2	6	1000-1480	1322	800.00-860.00	831.01
2-8	T3	3	1155-1465	1357	860.00-1025.00	933.64

BRED COWS - Medium and Large 2-3 (Per Head / Actual Wt)

Age	Stage	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
2-8	T2	2	1175-1220	1198	650.00-760.00	706.03
2-8	T3	1	1010	1010	760.00	760.00
>8	T2	1	1295	1295	675.00	675.00

Please Note:

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

Explanatory Notes:

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

Age - Numerical representation of age in years.

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Missouri Direct Hay Report Direct Hay Weighted Average Report For week ending Friday, November 5, 2021

Below average temperatures brought several mornings of heavy frost this week, thus ending the growing season for the year. Grain harvest was still pretty much on hold as the cold luckily wasn't enough to freeze the ground solid yet and most fields are still too wet following the rains over the last couple of weeks to get into. 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/abd/hay-directory/> 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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	Delivery Month	Last	Change		Delivery Month	Last	Change
Corn	Dec 21	\$ 551-0	– \$ 2-0	Wheat	Dec 21	\$ 766-6	+ \$ 0-2
	Mar 22	\$ 560-2	– \$ 2-0		Mar 22	\$ 780-0	+ \$ 0-2
	May 22	\$ 565-2	– \$ 2-0		May 22	\$ 784-2	+ \$ 0-4
	Jul 22	\$ 566-4	– \$ 2-2		Jul 22	\$ 772-2	– \$ 1-4
	Sep 22	\$ 545-6	– \$ 2-6		Sep 22	\$ 772-4	– \$ 1-4
Soybeans	Nov 21	\$ 1188-6	– \$ 3-4	Oats	Dec 21	\$ 720'0	– \$ 29'0
	Jan 22	\$ 1199-6	– \$ 5-6		Mar 22	\$ 695'4	– \$ 31'4
	Mar 22	\$ 1211-6	– \$ 5-6		May 22	\$ 685'2	– \$ 30'4
	May 22	\$ 1222-6	– \$ 5-2		Jul 22	\$ 653'2	– \$ 21'2
	Jul 22	\$ 1230-4	– \$ 5-0		Sep 22	\$ —	\$ —
Soybean Meal	Dec 21	\$ 330.6	– \$ 2.1	Live Cattle	Dec 21	\$ 131.800s	+ \$ 1.175
	Jan 22	\$ 327.4	– \$ 2.2		Feb 22	\$ 137.125s	+ \$ 1.275
	Mar 22	\$ 326.6	– \$ 2.5		Apr 22	\$ 140.000s	+ \$ 1.175
	May 22	\$ 329.3	– \$ 2.5		Jun 22	\$ 135.300s	+ \$ 0.950
	Jul 22	\$ 333.0	– \$ 2.2		Aug 22	\$ 134.600s	+ \$ 0.975
Soybean Oil	Dec 21	\$ 59.00	+ \$ 0.22	Lean Hogs	Dec 21	\$ 76.550s	– \$ 1.325
	Jan 22	\$ 58.80	+ \$ 0.13		Feb 22	\$ 79.475s	– \$ 0.700
	Mar 22	\$ 58.42	+ \$ 0.02		Apr 22	\$ 83.850s	– \$ 0.250
	May 22	\$ 57.89	+ \$ 0.02		May 22	\$ 88.500s	– \$ 0.200
	Jul 22	\$ 57.37	– \$ 0.06		Jun 22	\$ 94.425s	– \$ 0.075

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Daily Livestock Slaughter Under Federal Inspection

Friday, November 5, 2021				
	CATTLE	CALVES	HOGS	SHEEP
Friday 11/05/2021	118,000	1,000	475,000	4,000
Week ago	120,000	1,000	474,000	4,000
Year ago (act)	111,000	2,000	486,000	6,000
Week to date	605,000	6,000	2,376,000	33,000
Same Period Last Week	608,000	6,000	2,395,000	34,000
Same Period Last Year (act)	593,000	9,000	2,442,000	38,000
Saturday 11/06/2021	45,000	0	235,000	0
Week ago	60,000	0	156,000	0
Year ago (act)	59,000	0	255,000	1,000
Week to date	650,000	6,000	2,611,000	33,000
Same Period Last Week	668,000	6,000	2,551,000	34,000
Same Period Last Year* (act)	652,000	9,000	2,698,000	38,000
2021 Year to Date	28,254,00	316,000	108,800,000	1,617,000
2020 *Year to Date	27,407,00	380,000	111,036,000	1,611,000
Percent change	3.1%	-16.9%	-2.0%	0.4%
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		

Revised Thursday Sheep Slaughter..6,000 New Week To Date . . . 29,000

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FUTURE SETTLEMENTS					
Exchange	Commodity	Closing Settlement Prices (¢/bu) as of 11/04/2021			
CBOT	Corn	559.25 (Dec 21)	567.75 (Mar 22)	572.50 (May 22)	573.00 (Jul 22)
CBOT	Soybeans	1209.25 (Nov 21)	1222.75 (Jan 22)	1234.25 (Mar 22)	1244.50 (May 22)
CBOT	Wheat	773.75 (Dec 21)	786.25 (Mar 22)	790.75 (May 22)	779.00 (Jul 22)
CBOT	White Oats	741.00 (Dec 21)	718.00 (Mar 22)	703.50 (May 22)	666.25 (Jul 22)
KCBT	Wheat	786.00 (Dec 21)	789.50 (Mar 22)	790.25 (May 22)	778.75 (Jul 22)
MGE	Wheat	1017.00 (Dec 21)	1001.25 (Mar 22)	978.25 (May 22)	943.25 (Jul 22)

US #2 WHITE CORN (BULK)

Region/Location	Basic (¢/Bu)	Basis Change	Price (\$/Bu)	Price Change	Average
Purchase	50.00Z	UNCH	6.0925	DN 0.0475	6.0925
Purchase	50.00Z	UNCH	6.0925	DN 0.0475	6.0925

US #2 YELLOW CORN (BULK)

Region/Location	Basic (¢/Bu)	Basis Change	Price (\$/Bu)	Price Change	Average
Purchase	-30.00Z to -25.00Z	UNCH	5.2925-5.3425	DN 0.0475	5.3175
Purchase	-5.00Z to 0.00Z	UNCH	5.5425-5.5925	DN 0.0475	5.5675
Green River	-20.00Z	UNCH	5.3925	DN 0.0475	5.3925
Green River	5.00H	UNCH	5.7275	DN 0.0450	5.7275
Pennyrile	-25.00Z to -15.00Z	UNCH	5.3425-5.4425	DN 0.0475	5.3925
Pennyrile	-10.00H to 0.00Z	UNCH	5.5775-5.5925	DN 0.0450-DN 0.0475	5.5850
Louisville	-20.00Z to -10.00Z	UNCH	5.3925-5.4925	DN 0.0475	5.4425
Louisville	-20.00Z to 17.00Z	UNCH-UP 1.00	5.3925-5.7625	DN 0.0475-DN 0.0375	5.5775
Bluegrass	-30.00Z	UNCH	5.2925	DN 0.0475	5.2925
Bluegrass	-15.00Z	UNCH	5.4425	DN 0.0475	5.4425

Barge Loading Elevators - Conventional

Region/Location	Basic (¢/Bu)	Basis Change	Price (\$/Bu)	Price Change	Average
Ohio River - Upper KY	-19.00Z	DN 2.00	5.4025	DN 0.0675	5.4025
Ohio River - Upper KY	10.00Z	UNCH	5.6925	DN 0.0475	5.6925
Ohio River - Lower KY	-15.00Z to 4.00Z	UNCH-UP 4.00	5.4425-5.6325	DN 0.0475-DN 0.0075	5.5425
Ohio River - Lower KY	10.00Z to 20.00Z	UNCH	5.6925-5.7925	DN 0.0475	5.7500
Purchase	-10.00Z to -3.00Z	UNCH-DN 1.00	5.4925-5.5625	DN 0.0475-DN 0.0575	5.5125
Purchase	7.00Z to 20.00Z	UP 4.00-UNCH	5.6625-5.7925	DN 0.0075-DN 0.0475	5.7175

US #2 SORGHUM (BULK)

Region/Location	Basic (¢/Bu)	Basis Change	Price (\$/Bu)	Price Change	Average
Ohio River - Lower KY	-10.00Z	UNCH	5.4925	DN 0.0475	5.4925
Purchase	-80.00Z	UNCH	4.7925	DN 0.0475	4.7925

US #1 SOYBEANS (BULK)

Region/Location	Basic (¢/Bu)	Basis Change	Price (\$/Bu)	Price Change	Average
Purchase	-20.00F	UNCH	12.0275	DN 0.2150	12.0275
Green River	-35.00F	UNCH	11.8775	DN 0.2150	11.8775
Pennyrile	-40.00F to -30.00F	UP 5.00-UNCH	11.8275-11.9275	DN 0.1650-DN 0.2150	11.8775
Louisville	-72.00F	UNCH	11.5075	DN 0.2150	11.5075
Bluegrass	-50.00F	UNCH	11.7275	DN 0.2150	11.7275

Barge Loading Elevators - Conventional

Region/Location	Basic (¢/Bu)	Basis Change	Price (\$/Bu)	Price Change	Average
Ohio River - Upper KY	-22.00F	UNCH	12.0075	DN 0.2150	12.0075
Ohio River - Lower KY	-15.00F to 0.00F	UNCH	12.0775-12.2275	DN 0.2150	12.1500
Purchase	-15.00F to -10.00F	UNCH	12.0775-12.1275	DN 0.2150	12.1075

US #1 MILLING SOFT RED WINTER WHEAT FOOD GRADE (BULK)

Region/Location	Basic (¢/Bu)	Basis Change	Price (\$/Bu)	Price Change	Average
Pennyrile	15.00Z	UNCH	7.8875	DN 0.0725	7.8875
Pennyrile	0.00N	UNCH	7.7900	DN 0.0750	7.7900

US #2 SOFT RED WINTER WHEAT (BULK)

Region/Location	Basic (¢/Bu)	Basis Change	Price (\$/Bu)	Price Change	Average
Green River	-40.00N	UNCH	7.3900	DN 0.0750	7.3900
Pennyrile	-15.00Z	UNCH	7.5875	DN 0.0725	7.5875
Louisville	-52.00N	UNCH	7.2700	DN 0.0750	7.2700
Bluegrass	-30.00N	UNCH	7.4900	DN 0.0750	7.4900

Barge Loading Elevators - Conventional

Region/Location	Basic (¢/Bu)	Basis Change	Price (\$/Bu)	Price Change	Average
Ohio River - Upper KY	-26.00N	UNCH	7.5300	DN 0.0750	7.5300
Ohio River - Lower KY	-25.00N to 0.00N	UNCH	7.5400-7.7900	DN 0.0750	7.7067
Purchase	-20.00N to -5.00N	UNCH	7.5900-7.7400	DN 0.0750	7.6667

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Weekly National Sheep Summary For the Week Ending Friday, November 5, 2021

Weekly Trends: Compared to last week slaughter lambs sold mostly firm to 15.00 higher, instances 20.00-25.00 higher. Slaughter ewes were steady to 15.00 higher. Feeder lambs under 90 lbs steady to 8.00 higher, heavier weights were 15.00-25.00 higher. At San Angelo, TX 4,074 head sold. No sales in Equity Cooperative Auction. In direct trading slaughter ewes and feeder lambs were not tested. 4,191 lamb carcasses traded with no trend due to confidentiality. All sheep sold per hundred weight (CWT) unless specified.

Slaughter Lambs:	Choice and Prime 2-3:4
San Angelo:	wooled and shorn 105-165 lbs 220.00-248.00.
New Holland, PA:	wooled and shorn 100-145 lbs 260.00-295.00, few 300.00; 150-160 lbs 240.00-270.00.
Ft. Collins, CO:	wooled and shorn 100-110 lbs 237.00-245.00; 162 lbs 190.00.
South Dakota:	wooled and shorn 100-150 lbs 221.00-235.00; 150-160 lbs 227.50-232.00.
Kalona, IA:	wooled and shorn 100-145 lbs 222.50-236.00; 150 lbs 212.50.
Billings, MT:	wooled and shorn 100-125 lbs no test.
Missouri:	wooled and shorn no test.
Equity Coop:	wooled and shorn no sales.
Slaughter Lambs:	Choice and Prime 1-2:
San Angelo:	hair 40-60 lbs 582.00-388.00, few 400.00-405.00; 60-70 lbs 334.00-368.00; 70-80 lbs 300.00-340.00, few 346.00-350.00; 80-90 lbs 282.00-310.00, few 316.00; 90-110 lbs 260.00-274.00, few 282.00-288.00. woolled and shorn 64 lbs 345.00; 70-80 lbs 310.00-324.00; 80 lbs 294.00; 90-110 lbs 260.00-274.00.

New Holland:	wooled and shorn 45 lbs 315.00; 50-60 lbs 315.00-370.00, few 440.00; 60-70 lbs 395.00-422.00; 70-80 lbs 290.00-300.00, few 330.00; 80-90 lbs 275.00-315.00; 90-100 lbs 260.00-295.00, few 305.00. hair 40-50 lbs 300.00-325.00; 50-60 lbs 385.00-400.00; 60-70 lbs 300.00-335.00; 70-80 lbs 285.00-310.00, few 325.00; 80-90 lbs 275.00-290.00; 90-100 lbs 272.00-275.00.
Ft. Collins:	wooled and shorn 80-90 lbs 253.00-255.00. hair 108 lbs 220.00.
Kalona:	wooled and shorn 50-60 lbs 302.50-317.50; 60-70 lbs 280.00-302.50; 70-80 lbs 252.50-266.00, few 298.00-305.00; 80-90 lbs 250.00-267.50; 90-100 lbs 240.00-262.50. hair 45 lbs 320.00; 60-70 lbs 310.00-329.00; 70-80 lbs 267.00-287.50; 80-90 lbs 247.50-260.00; 90-100 lbs 253.00-257.50.
South Dakota:	wooled and shorn 92 lbs 235.00. hair 104 lbs 210.00.
Billings:	hair 66 lbs 257.50; 78 lbs 247.00; 87 lbs 246.00; 90-100 lbs 185.00-225.00.
Missouri:	hair 40-50 lbs 305.00-327.50; 50-60 lbs 300.00-337.50; 60-70 lbs 292.50-340.00; 70-80 lbs 280.00-310.00. woolled and shorn 70 lbs 255.00.

Slaughter Ewes:	
San Angelo:	Good 3-4 (very fleshy) no test; Good 2-3 (fleshy) 112.00-125.00;

New Holland:	Utility and Good 1-3 (medium flesh) 138.00-160.00; Utility 1-2 (thin) 120.00-130.00; Cull and Utility 1-2 (very thin) 112.00-115.00; Cull 1 no test.
Ft. Collins:	Good 3-4 (very fleshy) no test; Good 2-3 (fleshy) 115.00-175.00; Utility 1-2 (thin) 115.00-125.00; Cull 1 no test.
South Dakota:	Good 3-4 (very fleshy) 100.00-115.00; Good 2-3 (fleshy) 110.00-129.00; Utility 1-2 (thin) 105.00-139.00; Cull 1 75.00-90.00.
Kalona:	Good 3-4 (very fleshy) 101.00-110.00; Good 2-3 (fleshy) 106.00-137.50, hair 124.00-145.00; Utility and Good 1-3 (medium flesh) 97.00-129.00; Utility 1-2 (thin) no test.
Billings:	Good 3-4 (very fleshy) 89.00-95.00; Good 2-3 (fleshy) 87.00-103.00; Utility 1-2 (thin) 101.00-115.00, hair 105.00-119.00; Cull 1 no test.
Missouri:	Good 3-4 (very fleshy) no test; Good 2-3 (fleshy) 125.00-172.50; Utility and Good 1-3 (medium flesh) 100.00-140.00; Cull and Utility 1-2 (very thin) no test.
Equity Coop:	no sales.
Direct Trading:	No sales.
Feeder Lambs:	Medium and Large 1-2:
San Angelo:	74 lbs 316.00; 82 lbs 270.00.
Ft. Collins:	65 lbs 272.50; 70-80 lbs 267.50-280.00; 92 lbs 245.00; 113 lbs 226.00.
South Dakota:	48 lbs 350.00; 50-60 lbs 275.00-335.00; 60-70 lbs 275.00-335.00; 70-80 lbs 277.00-330.00; 80-90 lbs 261.00-295.00; 90-100 lbs 243.00-261.00; 100-110 lbs 230.00-251.00; 110-120 lbs 216.00-226.00.
Kalona:	no test.
Billings:	48 lbs 322.50; 50-60 lbs 3073.50-312.50; 60-70 lbs 250.00-297.00; 70-80 lbs 241.00-253.00; 80-90 lbs 230.00-248.00, few 259.00; 90-100 lbs 233.00-235.00; 100-110 lbs 197.00-212.00; 110-120 lbs 191.00-204.50; 126 lbs 192.00.
Missouri:	no test.
Equity Coop:	no sales.
Replacement Ewes:	Medium and Large 1-2:
San Angelo:	hair ewe lambs 73 lbs 364.00/cwt, 80 lbs 326.00/cwt; yearling hair 248.00/head; young hair 266.00/head; middle age hair 218.00-258.00/head; mixed age hair 100-120 lbs 185.00-214.00/cwt.
Ft. Collins:	no test.
South Dakota:	young 175.00-205.00/head; middle age 215.00/head.
Kalona:	no test.
Billings:	middle age 185 lbs 104.00/cwt; young hair 130 lbs 126.00/cwt.
Missouri:	no test.

Sheep and lambs slaughter under federal inspection for the week to date totaled 33,000 compared with 34,000 last week and 38,000 last year.

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Deere says it won't return to the bargaining table with striking workers

(AP) — Deere executives said on Nov. 3 that the company wouldn't return to the bargaining table with striking workers because it wouldn't offer a better contract than one they rejected that included immediate 10% raises.

Marc Howze, the chief administrative officer of Deere & Co., said the deal the United Auto Workers union rejected on Nov. 2 represented the most it could offer and still keep its costs competitive.

Howze declined to discuss how much the ongoing strike is costing Deere, which will release its next earnings report later this month. The disputed contract would cover more than 10,000 Deere workers at 12 facilities in Iowa, Illinois and Kansas, who make the company's iconic John Deere green tractors and other equipment.

The company plans to reach out to employees directly now to stress the virtues of its offer while it tries to keep its plants running with salaried employees and other workers to meet customer commitments. Other Deere plants globally are also working to pick up the slack.

“We want to make sure they understand the value of the agreement, to make sure they understand that there is nothing to be gained by continuing to hold out,” Howze said. “To some degree, because we were able to come to a resolution as quickly as we were, I think there's some folks who believe there must be some more available.”

In addition to the initial raises, this week's offer included 5% raises in the third and fifth years of the six-year deal, and it would have provided an \$8,500 ratification bonus, preserved a pension option for new employees, made workers eligible for health insurance sooner and maintained their no-premium health insurance coverage.

UAW spokesman Brian Rothenberg said union leaders were meeting to discuss their next moves. With a majority of workers voting against the latest offer, union officials face demands to deliver more but that might be difficult given the Moline, Illinois-based company's stance. And pressure to reach a settlement will mount the longer workers go without pay.

The vote on Nov. 2 was much closer than when 90% of the workers rejected the company's first offer last month, but 55% of the workers still rejected the latest offer. Workers have been encouraged to seek more now because of the current worker shortages and Deere's strong profits.

“It seems general membership feels

emboldened by this current political moment of labor power. They're pushing things further than the union leadership apparently wants to go,” said Victor Chen, a sociologist at Virginia Commonwealth University who studies labor. “It's a gamble, but the economic wind is against their backs, given widespread supply chain problems and the current worker shortage.”

Deere officials, who have predicted that the company will report record profits of between \$5.7 billion and \$5.9 billion this fiscal year, don't want to miss out on sales to farmers who are ready to buy thanks to strong crop prices. The U.S. Department of Agriculture predicts that farmers' net income will increase by nearly 20% this year, to \$113 billion.

Observers say the rejection of the deal shows pent-up anger among Deere workers over how much of its profits the company has been willing to share with workers.

“Although the proposed contract was a significant improvement over the previous offer, the Deere workers evidently felt that the company could afford more,” Fordham University sociologist Chris Rhomberg said. “For decades, wages across the economy have lagged behind productivity growth, and workers may be tired of seeing the gains from their efforts go predominantly to corporations making record-breaking earnings.”

Now the challenge for the UAW and Deere will be finding a way to resolve their differences in a way that workers will accept, said Todd Vachon, a former member of a carpenter's union who now teaches about labor relations at Rutgers University.

“There is always the risk of overplaying one's hand —on both sides, really,” Vachon said. “It appears the final mile will likely involve some changes to work rules and working conditions in addition to just wage increases.”

The longer the strike continues, the more painful it will become for everyone, Creighton University economist Ernie Goss said.

“During the dragging on, both sides lose,” Goss said. “Workers are looking at lost income. John Deere is looking at lost sales. So they both have sort of guns pointing at each other's heads, economically speaking.”

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Cash markets divide as harvest continues

As harvest progresses, we are starting to see a divergence in U.S. cash markets, which is not uncommon. Cash bids in the Western Corn Belt are now slightly firmer than those in the Eastern Corn Belt. There is more concern over yields in the WCB which is favoring those bids, along with the fact the market is trying to draw more bushels into the Pacific Northwest for export. Bids in both regions are firmer than normal given an unwillingness of farmers to make sales and will likely remain so.

Even with active harvest taking place we are not seeing much basis pressure this year. Export basis is steady as deliveries to terminals remain sluggish, especially at the gulf. Soybean basis at interior locations is under light pressure as sales of that commodity have been more active recently. Corn basis is actually firming as buyers continue to push for coverage, especially with favorable processing margins.

One strong source of support for domestic basis values has been ethanol production. Energy values have been on a considerable rally in recent weeks which in turn has supported ethanol manufacturing. Several oil drillers took operations offline when COVID broke out and have yet to return to full capacity. This has created fuel shortages and supported renewable fuels, even with higher production costs.

South American weather is becoming more of a factor of interest in price discovery. Widespread rains have fallen across Southern Brazil and Argentina recently and more is in the forecast. This has pushed plantings ahead in both countries, even in regions where rainfall has been sparse. Given last year's sparse moisture we will need to see consistent rains this year to produce the size of crops being estimated. This is especially in Argentina where soils were heavily depleted of moisture.

These elevated rainfall chances and events have caused analyst to bump their South American crop estimates higher. The most notable of these is the winter corn crop in Brazil, where production is now estimated at 30.5 million metric tons (mmt) compared to the previous estimate of 29.8 mmt. The question now is if the current weather conditions will last enough to benefit soybean production in Brazil, and especially the Safrinha crop that was devastated by drought last year.

One country that is not seeing favorable weather conditions is Russia. Russia has suffered from a severe drought which cut its wheat crop to a point where exports are again likely to be lowered from their current estimates. Some outlooks are calling for 5 mmt fewer wheat exports this year which will greatly favor other exporting countries, including the United States. Russian farmers have also indicated they may scale back on winter wheat plantings to further tighten global stocks.

Trade is placing more interest on potential acreage in the United States next year, especially on corn. There are concerns that high input costs will reduce U.S. corn plantings, which is totally possible. Higher returns for other crops may deter corn plantings, especially in wheat production regions of the country. We may also see a shift in corn acres

to cotton in the south as that commodity has rallied to ten-year highs recently.

The Vietnam government has announced it will be lowering its import tariffs on U.S. frozen pork, wheat and corn. Vietnam claims this is being done to increase trade relations between the two countries. While this may be true, Vietnam also needs to rebuild its commodity reserves following the country's massive COVID outbreak. New import tariffs will be 10 percent on frozen pork, 2 percent on corn and totally removed on wheat. No date was given on when these changes may take place.

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

We are starting to see more interest on global freight rates. As energy values rally, so does the cost of moving commodities from one country to another. This has some buyers opting to secure coverage from sources with lower freight rates rather than just the lowest priced commodities. This has shifted some buyers away from the United States, especially with a sharply higher U.S. dollar.

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Kentucky farmers continue to complete 2021 harvest, despite cool, wet weather

By Doug Schmitz
Iowa Correspondent

LOUISVILLE, Ky. – Kentucky farmers continue to complete the 2021 harvest season, despite the cool, wet weather, according to the state’s Nov. 1 USDA Crop Progress and Condition Report.

“Primary activities for this week included harvesting corn and soybeans, stripping tobacco and seeding winter wheat,” said David Knopf, director of the USDA’s National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) Eastern Mountain Regional Office.

“The week was book-ended with cool, wet weather proving a hindrance to fieldwork at times,” he added. “With that said, farmers were able to push ahead with progress in the middle portion of the week. Housed tobacco was reported 73 percent in good condition as stripping moves along.”

The report said pasture condition remains mostly good; however, heavy rain will make it susceptible to livestock traffic, with falling temperatures stunting regrowth moving forward.

“Livestock are in mostly good condition at this time,” the report read. “Winter wheat planting is pushing ahead as the current crop is in mostly good condition.”

In fact, the USDA’s October Crop

Production Report for Kentucky, released Oct. 12, showed an increased harvest for corn and hay, compared with a year ago, with soybean production expected to be lower than last year, but still the fourth-largest crop in state history.

“Growers expect that corn and soybean yields will be record highs,” Knopf said. “The growing season has seen favorable moisture and temperatures, and harvest conditions have been good, to date.”

The report said Kentucky corn production is forecast at 268 million bushels, unchanged from the September forecast, and up 7 percent from the previous crop. Yield was estimated at 185 bushels per acre, unchanged from last month, and up 1 bushel from the 2020 level. Acres for harvest as grain were estimated at 1.45 million acres, up 90,000 acres from 2020.

Kentucky soybean production is forecast at 98.5 million bushels, unchanged from the September forecast, and down 3 percent from 2020. Yield was estimated at 55 bushels per acre, unchanged from last month and a year ago. Acreage for harvest as soybeans was estimated at 1.79 million acres, down 50,000 acres from the previous year.



Above: Winter wheat planting is pushing ahead as the current crop is in mostly good condition, according to the USDA’s Nov. 1 Crop Progress and Condition Report for Kentucky (photo courtesy of the Kentucky Small Grain Growers Association).

Kentucky alfalfa hay production is forecast at 513,000 tons, up 1 percent from the 2020 level, the report added. Other hay production is estimated at 5.04 million tons, up 2 percent from last year.

Knopf said the state experienced near-normal temperatures and above-normal rainfall the week ending Oct. 31.

“The weather pattern turned quite active for the Bluegrass State over the last week of October,” he said. “The state averaged over 1.5 inches behind multiple rounds of rainfall. The week opened with a line of showers and storms pushing through the region early Monday (Oct. 25) ahead of a strong cold front.

“Totals were highest across Western Kentucky and tapered farther east,” he added. “The state then saw a temporary period of dry and cool conditions through Wednesday (Oct. 27). Temperatures were coolest on Wednesday morning when much of Kentucky dipped into the mid to upper 30s, prompting some patchy frost to form across the area.”

He said a prolonged period of wet weather then arrived between Oct. 28 and Oct. 30, as a system slowly worked across the state.

“This activity closed what was a fairly wet October for Kentucky,” he said. “Preliminary data from the (University of Kentucky) Ag Weather Center shows the state averaged 4.28 inches, which is about three-quarters of an inch above normal.

“Temperatures for the period averaged 54 degrees across the state, which was near normal, and 4 degrees cooler than the previous period,” he added. “High temperatures averaged from 63 (degrees) in the West to 59 (degrees) in the east.”

Matt Dixon, University of Kentucky Ag Weather Center meteorologist, said in his Nov. 1 report, the forecast focus over the upcoming week would ultimately be on temperatures, “which will likely be the coolest we’ve seen this fall. As high pressure moves overhead on Friday and Saturday, an official end to the growing season is not entirely out of the question.”

As of Nov. 3, subfreezing temperatures for multiple nights were ahead, he said, adding that the average first freeze of the season usually occurs in late October for most of the state, with some even into early November.

He said lows the evening of Nov. 3 ranged from the middle to upper 20s across the eastern half of Kentucky, to the middle 30s throughout Western Kentucky.

“The cold is not going anywhere,” he said, adding that most of Kentucky was under a freeze warning Nov. 3. “Once again, most should go below freezing, even Western Kentucky with this round.

“Bottom line: time to protect any sensitive vegetation,” he added. “At this point in the season, most fall gardens are probably done or about done. I believe the main concern with the upcoming light frosts is the potential for cyanide poisoning in cattle.”

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Grant will support mental health initiative for those in rural Ky.

FRANKFORT, Ky. (AP) — A federal grant awarded to Kentucky will support initiatives dealing with stress, mental health and suicide prevention in rural communities, state Agriculture Commissioner Ryan Quarles said.

The \$500,000 grant, from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, will allow Kentucky's agriculture department to work with several partners to expand its efforts on those issues.

"Farmers face all sorts of physical risks in their day-to-day environment," Quarles said. "But many don't consider the incredible pressure on their mental

well-being. This grant will enable the Department of Agriculture and our partners to help deliver resources to help our rural communities improve their health."

The grant will allow the agriculture department to work with the University of Louisville School of Nursing, The Southeast Center for Agricultural Health & Injury Prevention and the University of Kentucky College of Agriculture, he said. The statewide effort will help farmers and agricultural producers with strategies to aid mental health awareness, he said.

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UT ag economist: Fall calf run in full swing; calves being weaned at rapid pace

By Doug Schmitz
Iowa Correspondent

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. – The fall calf run is in full swing as cow-calf producers across the country are busy marketing the spring calf crop, according to Andrew P. Griffith, University of Tennessee assistant extension professor of agricultural economics.

“The proof of this statement is in the national feeder and stocker cattle receipts,” he said. “There are two primary indicators of the spring calf crop coming to market. Those indicators are a sharp rise in the number of cattle moving through auctions, and an increase in the percentage of cattle being marketed weighing less than 600 pounds.”

Based on Tennessee weekly auction market data, he said in his Oct. 29

report that steer and heifer prices were steady to \$5 higher, compared to the previous week, with slaughter cow and bull prices at \$1 to \$2 higher, compared to a week earlier.

He said the fall calf run started the last couple of weeks in September, but the movement accelerated in October.

“Weekly receipts through auctions in October exceeded 200,000 head, which is not the highest weekly totals for the year, but near the top,” he said. “However, if one couples those weekly totals with the fact that about 60 percent of those receipts were for cattle weighing less than 600 pounds, then it is clear calves are being weaned at a rapid pace.

“This pace is expected to slow by late November,” he added, “but there will continue to be a large quantity of lighter animals moving through auction

markets.”

He said another factor to consider as it relates to fall calf marketing is severe drought conditions across the country would have likely resulted in some calves being marketed earlier than normal.

“This means the market may not see many weeks of auction cattle receipts exceeding 300,000 head,” he said. “It is important to mention that direct marketing and video marketing receipts are also reported. However, most cattle moving through these two methods are typically heavier than 600 pounds.

“Sellers of freshly weaned calves should consider the current market supply and its influence on prices, while buyers should balance this information with the tough environmental conditions and highly-stressed cattle,” he added.

He said fed cattle traded steady \$2 higher, compared to the previous week on a live basis; prices on a live basis primarily ranged from \$125 to \$127, while dressed prices were mainly \$199 to \$200.

“The 5-area weighted average prices through Thursday (Oct. 27) were \$126.29 live, up \$1.97, compared to last week, and \$199.88 dressed, up \$4.05 from a week ago,” he said. “A year ago, prices were \$104.16 live, and \$159.70 dressed.

“Finished cattle prices appear to have stampeded the invisible price fence this week,” he added. “The only way to know

for sure this is the case is to see follow through in the market the next couple of weeks.”

He said, “The December live cattle futures contract is certainly calling for higher prices, and the last day of trade for the October contract is simply trying to catch up to cash trade. Answering the question of why prices finally moved higher is tough as packers continue to maintain leverage.

“However, packers are looking for the highest-quality cattle right now to fulfill the high-quality demands that come with the holiday season,” he said. “Expectations are for prices to maintain this week’s gains and potentially move toward the \$130 price point.”

He said consumers and producers alike are feeling the squeeze as consumers are forced to pay more for meat and poultry products, while the farmer is not typically realizing stronger profits.

“Part of this is due to the meatpacking industry maintaining leverage in the marketplace and inflationary factors,” he said. “From the beef side, there is no indication wholesale beef prices will soften in the near term, which means retail beef prices will remain elevated.

“As beef prices go, so will pork and poultry prices,” he added. “The question yet to be answered is if consumers will continue to pay for meat when and if disposable income can fully shift back to entertainment and travel.”



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He resold cattle he didn't have, falsified invoices and used the money to pay back prior investors.

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U of K engineer recommends mechanical drying of corn

By Doug Schmitz
Iowa Correspondent

PRINCETON, Ky. – A University of Kentucky agricultural engineer is recommending producers consider harvesting and mechanically drying corn still left in the field.

“Wet weather and higher energy costs certainly have the potential to squeeze producers’ profits – especially if additional wet weather further delays harvest and losses climb above the average of 5 percent,” said Sam McNeill, extension professor of agricultural engineering at the University of Kentucky College of Agriculture, Food and Environment.

“Even with this season’s high energy prices, most producers could benefit from heated air drying their crop by at least five moisture points,” he added.

He said pre-harvest estimates pegged this year’s corn crop as the largest on record (268 million bushels, with average yields around 185 bushels per acre), but the harvest had a slow start. “One reason was because warm temperatures in early September favored field drying, but another was due to high LP (liquid propane) gas prices,” he said.

As of Oct. 4, he said, corn harvest has progressed to 50 percent complete statewide, which is well behind this time last year and the five-year average (65 percent).

“On a positive note, field drying should have good potential across most of the state for the next week, so many farmers will likely ramp up harvest and benefit from lower drying costs,” he said.

He said this year’s anticipated statewide yield for Kentucky (186 bushels per acre), current price (\$5 per bushel), and corn harvest losses (5 percent) amount to \$47 per acre. He added that harvest losses can be held to 2 percent by attentive combine operators, few or no weeds and down stalks in the field, and good weather conditions, so the cost of leaving some of the crop in the field can be reduced to \$19 per acre if other average conditions hold.

“On the flip side, excessive wind and/or rain, plus weak/down stalks can increase harvest losses to 8 percent, or \$74 per acre,” he said.

“Compare these costs to heated air drying, which depends on fuel cost (LP or natural gas), harvest moisture and the energy efficiency of the dryer,” he added. “An average drying efficiency for many new dryers is between 1,500

and 2,000 British thermal units per pound of water, so again I’ll use an average (1,750 British thermal units per pound).”

If LP costs \$1.90 per gallon, he said the cost to dry corn to 15 percent moisture from harvest levels of 25 and 20 percent for the drying energy alone would be \$54 and \$32 per acre, respectively.

“Another \$7 per acre can be added to include labor, extra hauling and depreciation on the dryer,” he said. “This range of values is anticipated this season, but producers can use their own values to quickly estimate a meaningful comparison for their operation.”

Returns to drying are calculated for the energy costs alone (assuming the dryer has been paid for) and for ownership costs (which includes drying energy, repairs, labor and hauling costs), he added.

McNeill calculated yields of 150, 200 and 250 bushels per acre by current corn prices of \$5 a bushel, and projected harvest losses of 2 percent, 5 percent and 8 percent.

He then compared them to the costs associated with heated air drying the corn by five and 10 moisture points using current energy prices and average dryer efficiency. He found that producers can expect returns from drying the corn at least five moisture points if they anticipate their harvest losses will be 5 percent or greater.

He said gains from drying the crop by five points could range from \$6 to \$48 per acre, depending on yield when all costs are considered.

“Most operations have average harvest losses,” he said. But, he added, “The value and satisfaction of knowing the crop is safely out of the field depends on individual operations.”

Virgil Schmitt, Iowa State University extension field agronomist, said, in Iowa, in general, very little field drying occurs after about Oct. 10.

“I had one load harvested on Oct. 7, and it’s moisture content was a little over 19 percent,” he said. “The rest of the field was harvested on Tuesday (Oct. 27) and Wednesday (Oct. 28) of this week, and it averaged about 17.5 percent moisture.”

“So there is little to be gained by leaving it stand in the field, vulnerable to damage from weather, birds, ear rots, etc.,” he added. “So after about Oct. 10, it is best to harvest it and either sell it wet, and take the moisture discounts, or dry it prior to selling or storing it.”



Above: A University of Kentucky agricultural engineer is recommending producers consider harvesting and mechanically drying corn still left in the field (photo courtesy of Matt Barton, University of Kentucky agricultural communications).



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Former U.S. Congressman Dan Benishek, honored as ‘Friend of Agriculture,’ dies

By Kevin Walker
Michigan Correspondent

CRYSTAL FALLS, Mich. – Former U.S. Congressman Dan Benishek, a noted “Friend of Agriculture,” has passed away at the age of 69.

Benishek, a medical doctor and surgeon, represented Michigan’s House district spanning northern Lower Michigan and the Upper Peninsula for six years. He died Oct. 15. Benishek was known as ‘Dr. Dan’ due to his being a doctor; he served three terms in the U.S. House of Representatives and was the only member of the Michigan delegation who served on the agriculture committee at that time. He also served on the Natural Resources and Veterans Affairs committees.

His work in congress was honored with the American Farm Bureau Federation’s Friend of Farm Bureau Award in each of his terms for his support of farm bureau policy. He earned multiple Friend of Agriculture endorsements from the Michigan Farm Bureau’s (MFB) AgriPac committee. According to a statement from the MFB, Benishek was instrumental in helping secure the 2014 Farm Bill while shaping policy that addressed the unique needs of Michigan farmers.

The MFB’s District 12 Director Dave Bahrman remembered Benishek as an approachable individual who sought Bahrman out about the needs of Michigan farmers. “Congressman Benishek was at our farm a couple of times to ask us about agriculture,” said Bahrman, also is on the MFB state board. “He was the only congressman to sit on the agriculture committee at that time. He wasn’t a farmer, but he did reach out to us and ask us for advice; he sought us out and asked us for our positions on particular issues.

“He was a very approachable guy,” Bahrman added. “We went to see

him about a half a dozen times and he listened. All he wanted to do was make life better for his constituents. He wasn’t in it for himself. He always said he would only serve three terms and that’s what he did.”

Before serving in Congress from 2011 to 2017, Benishek practiced medicine for 20 years. According to Bahrman, Benishek finished his medical career at the Veterans Administration in the Upper Peninsula. “He didn’t want to be a career politician, that’s what he always said,” Bahrman explained. “He was always very calm and never put on airs. He was very down to earth.”

According to Bahrman, Benishek did some important work regarding the Waters of the U.S. regulation. He tried to ensure that the rule only applied to navigable waters of the United States, a crucial point for farmers. Once President Donald Trump got into office, Bahrman said, the navigable waters stipulation once again was applied to farmers.

Benishek’s family issued the following statement regarding his death but did not offer any further details about his passing: “We are heartbroken by the sudden loss of a loyal friend, a loving husband, a dedicated grandfather and a tireless advocate for Northern Michigan. As a doctor and surgeon, Dan saved countless lives in our community. His work in Congress made a difference for veterans across the country and protected Michigan’s natural wonders for years to come.”

Benishek was born in Iron River, Mich. in 1952 and worked at his family’s business, the Iron River Hotel, until he was 18. He attended the University of Michigan and Wayne State University Medical School. He worked as a surgeon for two decades at the Iron Mountain VA Medical Center. Benishek is survived by his wife, Judy, five children, and grandchildren.



Above: U.S. Rep. Dan Benishek (center) toured many farms during his time in Congress, including a visit with Iron Range Farm Bureau President Rod Johnson (far right) at Johnson Brothers potato farm and Melvin Johnson seed potato farm. (Photo courtesy Michigan Farm Bureau).

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Indiana cattle auction results announced

The rain and mud did not stop the crowd from attending in person and online for H2O's Cattle 1st Annual Laser Focused Production Sale. The sale took place Oct. 30 at the farm near Walkerton, Ind. Buyers and bidders came from 23 states and Canada. Guest consignors included K-LER Cattle Co., J&AE Livestock, Purdue Beef Unit, Knapp Family Simmentals, Double Image Cattle, Mitchem Simmentals, Schafer Ridge and Brookland Farm. The auctioneer was Col. Jered Shipman, of Texas.

The offering consisted of fancy spring and fall born open heifers, elite donors, bred females, cow/calf pairs and herd bull prospects along with proven embryos and semen packages.

Fifty-six live lots averaged \$4,400. Also sold were five genetic lots that averaged \$3,400, and three semen lots that averaged \$1,150.

In addition, two donors averaged \$21,275; 30 Open Heifers averaged \$4,460; five Fall Open Heifers averaged \$1,740; six cow/calf pairs averaged \$3,835; 11 Bred Females averaged \$2,300; and two bulls averaged \$4,550.

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Lot 1
\$10,000 ½ Interest (\$20,000 Valuation)

W/C Miss Werning 4770B – Donor
W/C Loaded Up 1119Y x KS Miss Sequoia Y770

Breeder: H2O's Farm & Meimer Farms

Buyer: Meimer Farms, Mt. Gilead, Ohio

Lot 5
\$10,750

H2OS Miss Fort Angel J14 – Open Heifer

W/C Fort Knox 609F x W/C Miss Angel 2870Z

Breeder: H2O's Farm
Buyer: Kolt King, Columbia, Ky.

Lot 2
\$5,000 ½ Interest (\$10,000 Valuation)

HILB First Peek D496B – Donor
W/C Executive Order 8543B x HS/BRKC Sneak A Peek

Breeder: H2O's Farm
Buyer: Simply Superior Farm, Sault Ste Marie, Mich.

Lot 4A
\$9,500

J-AE/H2OS Doublestep J409 – Open Heifer

W/C Double Down 5014E x Shawnee Miss 1D

Breeder: J&AE Livestock & H2O's Farm

Buyer: Kendall Raaf, Rockport, Ind.

Lot 1A
\$8,250

H2OS Mr. Order J37 - Bull
W/C Executive Order 8543B x W/C Miss Werning 4770B

Breeder: H2O's Farm
Buyer: Meimer Farms, Mt. Gilead, Ohio

Lot 10
\$7,700

H2OS Miss Profiting Serena J42 – Open Heifer

Profit x HF Serena
Breeder: H2O's Farm

Buyer: Blake Kessler, LaPorte, Ind.

Lot 63
\$7,500

H2OS Hercules H44 - Bull
W/C Relentless 32C x Miss Werning 956W

Breeder: H2O's Farm
Buyer: M/S Stavick Simmental, Veblen, S.D.

Lot 1D
\$2,300/Egg (\$6,900 Valuation)

Reverse Sort Heifer Embryos
W/C Bet On Red 481H X W/C Miss Werning 4770B

Breeder: H2O's Farm
Buyer: Clear Water Simmentals, Milan, Ind.

Lot 27
\$6,500

KLER Dollys Legend 029J – Open

Heifer
Rocking P Legendary C918 x GW Miss GPRD 028X
Breeder: H2O's Farm & K-LER Cattle
Buyer: Top Hat Farms, Deweyville, Utah

Lot 44
\$1,800/Egg (\$5,400 Valuation)

Non-Sorted Embryos
KCC1 Countertime 872H x HILB Seeing Is Believing

Breeder: H2O's Farm
Buyer: Tucker Cattle Co, Pleasant Dale, Neb.

Lot 25
\$5,000

KLER Dollys Lady 038J – Open Heifer

VCL Foresight x K-LER Dolly's Lady 810F

Breeder: K-LER Cattle
Buyer: Lilly Brown, Exeter, Maine

Lot 35
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Tikkun Farm hosts literacy event

By Celeste Baumgartner

Ohio Correspondent

MT. HEALTHY, Ohio – He was grateful for the pumpkin and the animals. “I like this place,” Andrew said. That place was Tikkun Farm, which is smack dab in the middle of Mt. Healthy, an urban area and a most unlikely setting for a farm.

Andrew was there for the Mt. Healthy City School District’s Literacy Program. The goal was to have fun with the families while sharing the importance of reading, especially at an early age. They enjoyed a meal, toured the farm, made s’mores, and heard the story of Grandma Lena’s Big Ol’ Turnip read by a teacher in the old barn. Andrew, like all the kids, went home with a free pumpkin and book.

“This farm visit gives the students a real-world experience of things that are outside of city life,” said Brittany Dickerson, principal at Mt. Healthy South Elementary. “They get a taste of kind-of farm life right in Mt. Healthy.”

Tikkun is not a typical farm. Mary Laymon and Greg York bought the one-time dairy farm about 10 years ago. Everything was falling apart.

“I’m a pastor,” Laymon said. “When my husband saw it listed as available for sale, he called me. We were dating at the time; he wanted to know if we should buy it. God just said, ‘I want you to have that farm.’ It didn’t make sense because there was no way to own the farm and not have to put a gazillion dollars into it.

“But we bought it,” she explained. “A few years later, when I prayed about what we should do with the farm, God said we should rebuild it (Tikkun is a Hebrew word meaning repair or restore).”

Rebuilding is a process. Currently, they grow food and have animals. As a nonprofit, they’re using the farm in a therapeutic way, to bring healing to people, trying to do some repair to the neighborhood, the community, while also restoring the land.

The children from the neighborhood came around because they discovered the farm had these strange-looking animals called alpacas, Laymon said. Then they got into trouble.

“They found this food and they dumped it out on the ground,” she said. “They made a mess. And then they signed their names on the barn with a Sharpie marker. I found them because it’s a small town, and I invited them to come back. I said we wanted them to be here, but we wanted them to be constructive.”

Tikkun Farm began having summer camps. Starting with about 20 kids, it grew to 150. Kids would work in the garden, spend time with the animals, learn cooking, and do arts and creative things.

“The farm is in a polarized neighborhood. Almost all of the kids of color and the immigrant kids, go



Above: Mary Laymon, Tikkun Farm owner, and Kendal Smith, student, enjoy a visit with a chicken. Mt. Healthy City School District students enjoyed a meal, visited the animals, made s’mores and heard the story of Grandma Lena’s Big Ol’ Turnip.

to the city school,” Laymon said. “It’s underfunded; every child in our public school is on free breakfast and free lunch. Most are growing up in homes with a lot of adversity.”

Everything they do on the farm is done with the assumption that the people involved have some sort of trauma story. With COVID-19, Tikkun also became a food distribution site. They run a free market. farm visit gave students a re-About 20 organizations al-world experience of things donate food. Each week that are outside of city life, they send out about 300 crockpot dinner kits with everything chopped and measured.

When Jen Danner, coordinator of the Comprehensive Literacy State Development Grant, discovered Tikkun Farm right in the neighborhood, she knew it was a perfect fit for encouraging parents to read to their children.

“Tikkun Farms offered so much to our families. It was a peaceful location for our literacy event,” Danner said. “Families were laughing together during the read-aloud activity, and while they rotated through the different areas of the farm. This was a wonderful opportunity to expose families to methods that support literacy goals in their homes.”

Laquisha Henry was there with her four children. “They learned about the turnips and they got to see and learn about the animals,” she said. “They like to be outdoors and do things like this.”

Added her daughter, Ariei: “It was cool.”




Above: Trenton Hansford, age 11, gently caught this chicken food distribution site. They run a free market. farm visit gave students a re-About 20 organizations al-world experience of things donate food. Each week that are outside of city life, they send out about 300 crockpot dinner kits with everything chopped and measured.



Above: Andrew was grateful for the free pumpkin he picked out, and the animals. He said he liked Tikkun Farm, which is smack dab in the middle of Mt. Healthy, an urban area and a most unlikely setting for a farm.



Above: Mark Clark coached his daughter, Dessa, on marshmallow roasting. They took advantage of being among the first to get to the s’more station.



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Class III milk prices up but still below a year ago

Farm milk prices continue to recover but more is needed. The October Federal order Class III benchmark was announced by the USDA at \$17.83 per hundredweight, up \$1.30 from September but \$3.78 below October 2020.

Late Friday morning, Class III futures portended a November price at \$17.76 and December at \$17.63, which would result in a 2021 average of \$17.00, down from \$18.16 in 2020, and compares to \$16.96 in 2019.

The October Class IV price is \$17.04, up 68 cents from September, \$3.57 above a year ago, and the highest Class IV since November 2014. The Class IV average is at \$15.44, up from \$13.52 a year ago but compares to \$16.23 in 2019.

One of the measures of dairy farm profitability appears to have turned the corner. A small rise in the September All Milk Price and some relief in corn and soybean prices moved the September milk feed price ratio in a positive direction for the first time since November 2020. The USDA's latest Ag Prices report has the ratio at 1.69, up from 1.50 in August, but down from 2.27 in September 2020.

The U.S. all milk price averaged \$18.40 per cwt., up 70 cents from August and 70 cents above September 2020. The California all milk price, at \$18.80, was up 70 cents from August and \$1.50 above a year ago. Wisconsin's, at \$18.30, was up 90 cents from August and 40 cents above a year ago.

The national average corn price slipped to \$5.45 per bushel, down 87 cents per bushel from August, but still \$2.04 per bushel above September 2020. Soybeans averaged \$12.20 per bushel, down \$1.50 from August after falling 40 cents the previous month, but were still \$2.96 per bushel above September 2020.

Alfalfa hay averaged \$209 per ton, up \$3 from August and \$41 above a year ago.

The September cull price for beef and dairy combined averaged \$72.90 per cwt., down \$3.10 from August, \$6.30 above September 2020, and \$1.30 above the 2011 base average of \$71.60 per cwt.

Quarterly milk cow replacements averaged \$1,340 per head in October, down \$40 from July and even with October 2020.

California cows averaged \$1,300 per head, down \$50 from July and down \$50 from a year ago. Wisconsin's average, at \$1,450 per head, was down \$30 from July but \$30 above October 2020.

Chicago-based Commodity and Ingredient Hedging LLC.'s latest Margin Watch (MW) reports, "Dairy margins strengthened further over the second half of October as milk prices continued to advance in deferred periods which more than offset a similar rise in projected feed costs.

"A significant slowdown in the growth of milk production while demand has stayed strong has been

attributed to some of the recent strength," the MW stated. "The feed markets have been trending higher as strong ethanol demand for corn has helped to limit harvest pressure."

The milk price recovery is too little too late for the large dairies that came up for sale in California and Texas, according to the Oct. 28 Dairy and Food Market Analyst. Editor Matt Gould

talked about it in the Nov. 8 Dairy Radio Now broadcast. He said nearly 28,000 cows were sold in New Mexico since June, 6,800 cows in Texas and 6,150 in California. Of the auctions he tracks, Gould said some 51,000 head have been sold at dispersals over the last four months.

He blames low margins and said, "Dairies in Texas and New Mexico have experienced especially low milk prices so far in 2021. January thru August, prices averaged just \$15.56 per cwt. in New Mexico, \$2.39 below the national average. Texas was the fifth-lowest and averaged \$17.31 per cwt, according to the DFMA.

"Add in elevated feed costs," said Gould, up \$3.16 per cwt. January thru August, and average farm-level margins fell to the lowest level in the United States since July 2013. Typically, when average revenue over feed costs are below \$8 per cwt. for six months or more, it triggers a slowing of growth," he concluded. "Margins have been below that level every month in 2021 and most recently totaled just \$5.46 per cwt. Dairy processors face many of the same issues."

Cheese vats were busy in September, according to USDA's latest Dairy Products report. Cheese output totaled 1.14 billion pounds, down 0.5 percent from August level which was revised up 7 million pounds, but 3.3 percent above September 2020. Year to date (YTD) output sits at 10.2 billion pounds, up 3.5 percent from the same period in 2020.

Wisconsin produced 289.0 million pounds of the September total, down 1.9 percent from August but 1.9 percent above a year ago. California output, at 201.9 million pounds, was up 0.1 percent from August and 4.5 percent above a year ago. Idaho produced 83.3 million pounds, up 6.9 percent from August but 4.4 percent below a year ago.

Italian style cheese totaled 486.2 million pounds, up 0.2 percent from August and 3.5 percent above a year ago. YTD Italian hit 4.3 billion pounds, up 2.6 percent. American type cheese, at 454.2 million pounds, was down 0.9 percent from August but 5.1 percent above a year ago. YTD American was at 4.2 billion pounds, up 5.3 percent.

Mozzarella totaled 379.3 million pounds, up 2.1 percent from a year ago, with YTD at 3.4 billion pounds, up 1 percent from 2020. Cheddar, which is traded at the CME, totaled 313.0 million pounds, down 6.5 million pounds or 2 percent from August, but 9.7 million pounds or

3.2 percent above a year ago. YTD Cheddar was at 2.95 billion pounds, up 4 percent from 2020.

Increased cheese meant less fat for butter. Churns produced 143.4 million pounds, down 4.6 million pounds or 3.1 percent from August, and 7.3 million or 4.9 percent below a year ago. YTD butter stands at 1.6 billion pounds, down 2.3 percent from 2020.

Strength remained in the Nov. 2 Global Dairy Trade auction where the weighted average jumped 4.3 percent, following a 2.2 percent advance Oct. 19. Traders brought 66.0 million pounds of product to market, up from 61.4 million on Oct.5, and the most since Jan. 5.

Cheddar led the gains, soaring 14.1 percent, after a 2.9 percent gain on Oct. 19. Skim milk powder was up 6.6 percent, following a 2.5 percent gain. Whole milk powder was up 2.7 percent, which followed a 1.5 percent increase. Butter was up 4.7 percent, duplicating the gain last time, and anhydrous milkfat was up 4.2 percent, following a 2.5 percent gain. Lactose was up 1.6 percent after gaining 5.9 percent. Buttermilk powder was down 3.8 percent.

StoneX said the GDT 80 percent butterfat butter price equates to \$2.3674 per pound U.S., up 10.6 cents, and compares to CME butter which closed Friday at \$1.9350. GDT Cheddar, at \$2.2941, up 28.7 cents, and compares to Friday's CME block Cheddar at \$1.5850. GDT skim milk powder averaged \$1.6450 per pound, up from \$1.5426. Whole milk powder averaged \$1.7785 per pound, up from \$1.7248. CME Grade A nonfat dry milk closed Friday at \$1.57 per pound.



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Above: By Nov. 2, just 51 percent of Ohio's corn for grain was harvested, but with ideal conditions this past week that number should rise quickly. (photo submitted)

Ohio started with fantastic harvest season; but rains hampering efforts

By **DOUG GRAVES**
Ohio Correspondent

COLUMBUS, Ohio – In what has become a theme for the 2021 harvest season, Ohio corn and soybean harvests were hampered by rains last week.

“Very soggy conditions kept combines out of the fields most of last week,” said Cheryl Turner, State Statistician for the USDA NASS Ohio field office. “There was a very small window where crops could be harvested and some growers were able to get some corn and soybeans harvested.”

Turner says that corn and soybean harvest are both behind their respective five-year averages. Pondering in some winter wheat fields caused drowned out spots. Wheat planting is far behind both last year and the five-year averages.

“Some growers may not get intended wheat planted in time due to the wet conditions,” she said. “Low lying pasture conditions deteriorated.”

The harvest season started out very good in early October following a brief period of wetness to start the month. The first week of October saw well above normal temperatures, yielding near ideal harvesting conditions.

“An early fall week with daytime temperatures in the mid-70 degree

range allowed farmers to get a good jump on fall harvest and winter wheat planting early in October,” Turner said. “There were 5.7 days suitable for fieldwork at that time.”

In a NASS survey of farmers across Ohio's 88 counties, 66 percent of the state's subsoil moisture is rated at adequate, with a 30 percent surplus. The topsoil moisture, though, has a 42 percent surplus. The latter is keeping farmers out of the fields in some areas.

Crop progress is down in some areas from last year. Winter wheat planted stands at 80 percent, down from 95 percent this time last year. Similarly, winter wheat emerged is at 66 percent, down from 76 percent this time last season.

Soybeans harvested stands at 75 percent. It was at 76 percent this time last year. Corn harvested for grain is at 51 percent, up from 40 percent a year ago.

The average temperature for the week was 51.8 degrees Fahrenheit, 2.0 degrees above normal for the state. The statewide average precipitation was 2.22 inches, 1.78 inches above normal. There were just 2.0 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Oct. 31.

The National Weather Service in Wilmington, Ohio, says farmers should make great progress throughout the state as no rain is forecast until late Thursday, Nov. 11. Highs each day should be in the mid-60s.

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Farmers are losing customers due to supply chain issues in California

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — Amid an historic drought posing threats to future harvests, California farmers now say they have no way to export the crops they do have because of a kink in the global supply chain that has left container ships lined up off the Southern California coast with nowhere to deliver their goods.

Problems with the supply chain have retailers worried their shelves — and their customers' online shopping carts — will be empty during the crucial holiday shopping season, prompting emergency actions from state and federal leaders to clear up the logjam.

But the backlog of ships entering U.S. waters also means there are fewer making the trek back across the Pacific Ocean, leaving the farmers in one of the nation's most important agriculture regions with nowhere to send their products.

"We're at the mercy of foreign shipping companies," said Roger Isom, president and CEO of the California Cotton Ginners and Growers Association and the Western Agricultural Processors Association. "We're in a game, somebody changed the rules on us and we have no way to correct it."

California is the nation's biggest supplier of tree nuts — almonds, walnuts and pistachios. Most of them are sold to other countries, totaling more than \$8.1 billion in exports in 2019, according to the California Department of Food and Agriculture.

But last month, Isom said more than 80% of scheduled shipments were canceled. Processors have resorted to paying much more to ship their products to other ports, sending pistachios and walnuts by train to Texas and Maryland and flying bales of cotton to Peru. Isom said they are losing money on these sales, but they have to do it or else risk losing their customers.

It's particularly a problem for walnuts, which are in high demand in Europe for the Christmas holiday. But Isom said California's orders are "now being filled by other countries."

"One of our members lost \$7.5 million in one month of sales because of an inability to fill timely commitments," Isom told state lawmakers during an informational hearing on the global supply chain problems.

One reason for the shortage of ships is the intense demand for products has driven shipping prices so high that many ocean carriers simply hurry back to Asia once they leave Southern California, bypassing the smaller port in Oakland where most of the state's tree nuts are shipped.

Danny Wan, executive director of the Port of Oakland and the president of the California Association of Port Authorities, said one of the port's container terminals was empty of both containers and ships.

"The operator tells me this is the first time in the history where they are operating in Oakland where they have not had one vessel call," Wan said. "This is an example of the supply chain dictating this kind of market distortion."

But the solution is not as easy as simply turning some ships around in Los Angeles and sending them north to Oakland. Assemblyman Patrick O'Donnell, chair of the Assembly Select Committee on Ports and Goods Movement, said ocean carriers need relationships with terminal operators, trucking companies and warehouses — all which require contracts to be negotiated.

"That takes time. You can't just turn on a dime," he said.

Mike Jacob, vice president and general counsel for the Pacific Merchant Shipping Association, said "it's important to us" to reestablish shipping connections in ports in both Northern California and the Pacific Northwest, adding three companies have dedicated direct service calls to the Oakland port while two more have plans to start in January.

The Biden administration announced last month the Los Angeles port would soon begin operating 24 hours a day to help clear the backlog of ships. California Gov. Gavin Newsom, a Democrat, has waived some state regulations to allow companies to pack more cargo on trucks.

"In order to solve this problem, every single stakeholder in supply chain have to step up and make difficult choices - including the state," said Dee Dee Myers, a senior advisor to Newsom and director of the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development.

Fruits and nuts are California's fifth-largest export sector, according to an analysis of trade data by Michigan State University, trailing electrical and industrial machinery and motor vehicle and their parts.

California exports accounted for more than 10% of all U.S. exports in 2020. When it comes to agriculture, California accounted for 16% of all U.S. exports in 2019.

"A great deal of attention is on imports and issues confronting these entities bringing in goods which are important," said Assemblywoman Cecilia Aguiar-Curry, a Democrat whose rural Northern California district includes lots of farmers. "However, California agriculture depends heavily on the exporting of its goods and — I cannot overstate this enough — we are in an urgent position."

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Rising fertilizer prices and delivery issues topic of House testimony

By TIM ALEXANDER
Illinois Correspondent

ARLINGTON, VA. — Already burdened with fertilizer prices that have doubled, in some instances, since the fall of 2020, farmers and fertilizer retailers are also dealing with delivery issues. To help ensure the expedited delivery of fertilizers to farmers, The Fertilizer Institute (TFI) President and CEO Corey Rosenbusch submitted testimony to the House Committee on Agriculture on the fertilizer market's critical role in feeding the world's growing population.

Rosenbusch's testimony, part of the House Ag Committee's November 3 hearing on the immediate challenges to the nation's food supply chain, included information on fertilizer's global nature and encouragement to consider fertilizer supply chain challenges in a global context.

"Fertilizers are truly global commodities, as these materials are transported from the limited number of countries which produce them to the global market which requires them," Rosenbusch explained, in a prepared statement. "Nearly 44 percent of all fertilizers produced globally are exported. Moving this material from production facilities to farms requires virtually every mode of transportation, and a carefully orchestrated system of logistics to serve farmers on a just-in-time basis."

Prior to the current container ship backup at major U.S. ports of entry, February ice storms and Hurricane Ida disrupted production of some 60 percent of domestic ammonia production. In addition, COVID-related closures and deferred maintenance at some facilities helped slow ammonia production.

International events, including U.S. sanctions on Belarus, contributed to a slowing in the production of potash, according to TFI. Additionally, China's recent ban on phosphate fertilizer exports and tightening of controls on other fertilizers, including urea, has affected global fertilizer production, Rosenbusch advised the committee.

"Current factors that have most influenced the current fertilizer market are global demand for fertilizer, disruptive weather events, deferred facility maintenance due to the COVID-19 pandemic, international trade sanctions and actions, increasing transportation

costs, and the rising cost of natural gas," he said.

Along with delivery delays, farmers have seen a dramatic increase in fertilizer costs. In his testimony, Rosenbusch said that rising production and transportation costs for certain types of fertilizers led him to question "large cost-saving initiatives and questionable authority delegation to the rail industry." With more than half of all fertilizer tonnage moving by rail, shippers have raised costs for fertilizer deliveries by millions of dollars, he said.

"Rail rates for shipping anhydrous ammonia, the building block of all nitrogen fertilizers and one of the most efficient sources of nitrogen for farmers, have increased by 206 percent over the past 20 years," Rosenbusch testified. "That increase is more than triple the average increase for all other commodities combined."

Mike Steenhoek, executive director of the Soy Transportation Coalition, praised the November 5 House passage of the Biden administration's "Infrastructure, Investment and Jobs Act" as a step towards relieving future supply chain bottlenecks. "The supply chain challenges over the past year have highlighted the reality that we can get supply right, and we can get demand right, but if we do not get infrastructure right, we, as an industry and as a broader economy, will not flourish," Steenhoek said.

"In addition to the overall stress confronting our global supply chain, a number of specific disruptions – Hurricane Ida, the Suez Canal, the I-40 bridge near Memphis, the Colonial Pipeline, etc. – have provided a vivid reminder that if one of our critical junctures goes awry for any number of reasons, the consequences to the broader economy can be profound."

Rosenbusch mentioned in his testimony that without fertilizer, the nation would have to make do with around half of its current food supply.

"Many in the agricultural sector have experienced challenges related to crop inputs and fertilizer has not been spared," he concluded. "We are proud of the industry's efforts to ensure supply while dealing with changing global dynamics so that farmers in the U.S. and abroad are able to grow the food, fuel and fiber our growing world needs."



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Christian County producer named Kentucky's Farmer of the Year

By Doug Graves
Ohio Correspondent

LEXINGTON, Ky. – When you've been farming for nearly half a century and have been a good steward of that land, people take notice.

Wesley Parker, who has been farming 1,650 acres in southern Christian County for 44 years, has been named Kentucky Farm Bureau (KFB) Farmer of the Year.

This annual KFB award recognizes an individual whose efforts not only strengthen the state's agriculture industry but also demonstrate service and leadership both on and off the farm.

"It's very humbling to be named the Farmer of the Year," Parker said. "I have enjoyed being a part of this organization for many years and am proud to be part of Kentucky's farming community. It's a huge honor and I look forward to continuing to do my part to grow and strengthen the agriculture community in Kentucky."

Throughout his farming career, Parker has served on numerous committees and has been a part of a variety of organizations. He has been on the Christian County Farm Bureau Board of Directors since 1988 and has served in multiple roles at Southside Church of Christ in Hopkinsville. He currently serves as a conservation district supervisor, where he said he is exposed to ideas and practices that help conserve land and resources.

"I was raised on a dairy farm and worked with the dairy cattle until it was

time to attend college," Parker said. "I attended Murray State and after I graduated and married my wife, Marsha, I came back to the farm. I didn't realize how much I missed farming until I was away at school. But I soon realized that the dairy cattle business was no good, so I entered the hog business."

But after 20 years in the hog business, Parker discovered his new love: row-cropping. "I learned all about row-cropping from my father-in-law," he said.

Over the years, Parker has seen many successes but also some challenges, especially being the only full-time farmer on his farm. "The biggest challenge I've faced during my tenure as a farmer came in the 1980s, due to the droughts," he said. "I feel like we learned well from those younger year mistakes. Any other problems with the farm are minor inconveniences compared to that."

To this day, Parker raises cattle, corn, tobacco, soybeans, wheat and hay.

KFB's farmer of the year program started in 2006 as a way to reward farmers for their commitment to excellence in the agriculture industry, efficiency in farming practices, sound financial management and leadership in civic organizations.

Parker will be honored during the KFB annual meeting at the Galt House in Louisville in December. In addition to statewide recognition and prizes, Parker will represent Kentucky in the 2022 Swisher Sweets/Sunbelt Ag Expo Southeastern Farmer of the Year contest, the south's most prestigious agricultural award.



Above: Wesley Parker, shown with his wife, Marsha, was named Kentucky Farm Bureau Farmer of the Year for 2021. The couple has two adult daughters and five grandchildren.

The Southeastern Farmer of the Year program was started in 1990 by Swisher International (makers of Swisher Sweets cigars) and the Sunbelt Agricultural Exposition. Since its inception, more than \$1,164,000 has been awarded to state and overall winners of this contest. Ten southeastern states currently participate in this regional awards program.

The Kentucky Farmer of the Year

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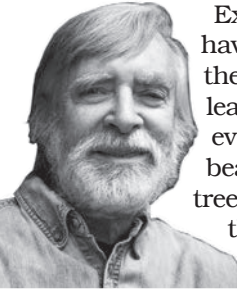
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By Bill Felker

Exciting new vistas have been opened by the wind, and dry leaves are rustling everywhere. How beautiful is a bare tree, a symbol of the tautness and simplicity of winter! — Harlan Hubbard

The Moon, Stars, Shooting

Stars and Planets

The Deer Rutting Moon, new on November 4, enters its second quarter at 7:46 a.m. on November 11. Rising in the afternoon and setting in the early morning, this moon passes overhead in the dark, making the best lunar time for hunting and fishing in the evening

By 5 a.m., the stars foretell their evening early spring positions: Orion fills the south west, and Sirius now promises April instead of December. Overhead, Cancer and Leo announce the March blooming of azaleas across the South, and Regulus advises the setting out of cabbages in the Lower Midwest.

Jupiter and Saturn are Evening Stars in Capricorn. Venus moves once again during November, this time into Sagittarius, visible at dusk deep in the southwest, a third and the brightest Evening Star. Mars in Libra becomes visible as a Morning Star later in the month.

The Leonid meteor shower reaches its best on the night of the 16th- 17th. Expect no more than 30 shooting stars per hour.

Weather Trends

Temperatures are typically in the 40s and 50s now, but certain days bring a greater risk of biting winds than others. The 11th, for example, is the first day so far this fall when the chances of a day in the 30s jump from Middle Fall's two or three percent all the way to 40 percent. And the 13th, although often mild, brings the slight possibility of a high only in the 20s for the first time since April 6. Freezing nighttime temperatures are recorded an average of 50 percent of the time.

Zeitgebers

(Events in Nature that Tell the Time of Year)

Hawthorns, crabapples and many honeysuckles have lost their leaves, branches full of red berries left behind, bright against the dull ground and underbrush. Scarlet rose hips and the buds of pussy willows stand out.

The final white mulberry foliage comes down. Mock orange and forsythia are thinning; their leaf-fall measures the progress of the last phase of autumn.

The height of rutting season for white-tailed deer typically takes place during the second and third weeks of November in the Lower Midwest. The activity level increases for deer during courtship and breeding, especially during nighttime hours.

Mind and Body

The S.A.D. Index, which measures seasonal stress on a scale from 1 to 100, rises into the 80s by November 16, introducing yet another phase in the threat of seasonal affective disorder for those susceptible to the effects darker skies, longer nights and colder winds. It seems counterintuitive, but the best antidote for those symptoms may be to spend more time outside!

In the Field and Garden

Clean up all around the yard and garden, split your wood, clear out the hedgerows and haul manure. Plant next year's sweet peas for early April sprouting. Mulch perennials. Finish

repairs to the outbuildings.

Fertilize trees, now that all the leaves have fallen. Don't forget to start paperwhites and amaryllis bulbs indoors for holiday blooms.

Around the yard, stake young shrubs and trees. Parsley and thyme should be brought inside pots for winter seasonings. Wrap young transplants to protect them against frost cracking.

Between showers, work gypsum into the soil where salt, used to melt winter's ice, may damage plantings. In the garden, strawberries can be mulched with straw.

Sometimes the winter wheat is well enough developed by now to turn the fields green again. The poinsettia crop is typically shipped to market this week.

Almanack Classics

Mare Sense

By John S. Eicher

When I was a boy at home, we had a young Belgian stallion, and he was a live wire.

One morning, I hitched him to the manure spreader beside Jean, a calm, sensible mare. I unloaded the first load, and then on the way back, we were coming up the lane, which was about fifteen feet wide and made a sharp 90-degree turn.

Suddenly, this stallion took a jump and in a split second the horses were in

a full gallop. I quickly slid off the seat back into the spreader box and pulled with all my might, but to no avail, and we were fast approaching the turn.

I was probably imagining horses and harnesses, fences and spreaders in one tangled-up and bloody pile, or that maybe when we crashed into the corner post, I'd be some infamous, unsuccessful astronaut.

However, old faithful Jean likely knew this was not a good situation and with perfect timing, she shoved the stallion over and we navigated the 90-degree turn, still at a full gallop, but without a nick or scratch.

Thank goodness for horse (mare) sense.

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The line-up will be headlined by **Machinery Pete**, recognized as the nation's leading expert on farm equipment. From new to used to antique equipment, Pete has the scoop on prices, features, reviews, and the best place to get the best deal. He will lead two seminars on Tuesday December 14, sponsored by Bane Welker Equipment and Farm Credit Mid-America.



Chad Colby, a nationally televised ag tech journalist, will present two programs showcasing the latest ag technology for the farm. His program on Tuesday, December 14, will cover the top 10 technologies you will need to farm in 2022. On

Wednesday, December 15, Colby will moderate a seminar on drones. This program will feature the latest drone research being conducted by Purdue as well as several drone companies demonstrating their units specially designed for on farm use. There will also be the chance for all show attendees to win a drone package valued at over \$900.

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.

Jason K. Powers, Wealth Strategist with Unbridled Wealth, will present a program all three days of the show on a unique approach to financing your farming operation. This program will show farmers how to take control of their finances, increase cash flow and minimize risk. **Your Money, Your Farm** will have farmers looking at credit in a whole new way.

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

The Indiana Farm Equipment and Technology Expo will be held at the Grand Park complex in Westfield, IN. This new location offers easy access and free parking. The modern and open exhibit floor will feature over 150 exhibitors showcasing the latest in farm equipment and technology. Many new products just hitting the market will be on display, and a Precision Planting Zone will showcase a state-of-the-art planter and tractor with the latest precision planting technology. There is no admission charge for the event. A complete list of seminars and exhibitors can be found at **www.indianafarmexpo.com**

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Each hunt runs two days with the first hunt and park closure taking place on Nov. 15-16. The second hunt and park closure is Nov. 29-30. The participating state park properties will close to the general public on the evening before each of the hunts.

Participating state park properties are: Chain O'Lakes, Clifty Falls, Fort Harrison, Indiana Dunes, Lincoln, Ouabache, Pokagon, Potato Creek, Shakamak, Spring Mill, Summit Lake, Tippecanoe River, Turkey Run, Versailles and Whitewater Memorial state parks, as well as Cave River Valley Natural Area and Trine State Recreation Area.

The state park properties will reopen the morning after each two-day hunt. All other Indiana state park properties will be open and operate under normal hours.

Indiana DNR biologists evaluate which state park properties require a deer management hunt each year based on habitat recovery and previous harvest rates at each park. The state parks are home to numerous natural communities serving as significant habitat. The deer management hunts help control browsing by deer to a level ensuring habitat for native plants and animals.

Only individuals selected from the draw may participate at any site.

DNR offers free admission for veterans and military Nov. 11

All veterans and active-duty military personnel and everyone in their vehicle will be admitted free to DNR state parks, reservoir properties, state forest recreation areas and state off-road vehicle riding areas on Veterans Day, Nov. 11. It also includes admission to Falls of the Ohio State Park's Interpretive Center.

"We appreciate the sacrifices and service of our veterans and active-duty military and look forward to recognizing them with a day to explore some of the best outdoor places in our state," said Terry Coleman, director of Indiana State Parks.

Veterans and military personnel should present ID or evidence of military service where entrance gates are in operation. For proof of military status, gate attendants will accept:

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Flooding affects J.E. Roush Lake FWA

Extensive rains have led to flooding concerns at J.E. Roush Lake Fish & Wildlife Area (FWA), affecting recreational access.

J.E. Roush Lake FWA staff and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers management have been working together to maintain the safety of the public. The following areas have been affected by recent rain and are anticipated to stay closed until flooding recedes:

- The Kil-So-Quah campground has been evacuated and closed until

further notice.

- The north boat ramp is currently underwater and inaccessible to water-based recreationists. Visitors should use the south boat ramp as an alternative access point. It is located off Division Road, south of the reservoir.

- Some roads and gates near the river are closed due to unsafe driving conditions. Visitors are encouraged

to avoid the area north of the intersection of 100 S and 300 E.

It is unknown how long water levels will remain an issue. For the most up-to-date information on property conditions, call the property office at 260-468-2165.

Patoka Lake Tranquility Hike

Patoka Lake is hosting a naturalist-led Tranquility Hike on Nov. 13, at 1 p.m. The hike will begin at the Nature Center on Trail 4 and is ¾ mile long. The focus of the hike will be reflection and quiet. Advance registration is required. For more information or to register, call the Patoka Lake Nature Center at 812-685-2447. Patoka Lake (on.IN.gov/patokalake) is at 3084 N. Dillard Road, Birdseye, IN 47513.

Rainbow Trout for Fayette County lake

The Indiana DNR, working in conjunction with the Connersville Parks Department, planned to stock 1,000 rainbow trout an average of more than 7 inches long into Smalley's Lake on Nov. 2. The trout for the fall stocking are surplus fish produced by the Curtis Creek Trout Rearing Station, a DNR facility in LaGrange County.

The DNR also stocks Smalley's Lake annually with channel catfish; however, fishing opportunities for other species are somewhat limited by the lake's low nutrient levels. The trout stocking is being done to increase fishing opportunities at the lake when most native fish are reducing their activity due to falling water temperatures.

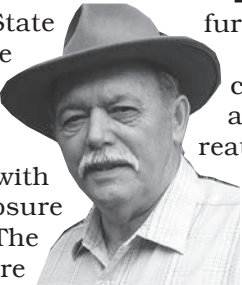
Smalley's Lake is at the southern edge of Connersville in Fayette County on the east side of State Road 121 within the John Conner Nature Preserve Trail Park as shown on the DNR's Where to Fish interactive map at on.IN.gov/where2fish.

For more information on the lake, contact the Connersville Parks Department at 765-825-5244 or parks@connersvillein.gov.

An Indiana fishing license and trout stamp are required to harvest trout, and both can be purchased at on.IN.gov/INhuntfish. There is a 7-inch minimum length limit and a daily bag limit of five trout. There is no closed season for taking trout from inland lakes.

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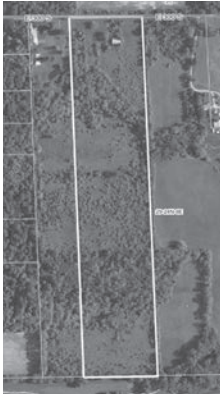
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Wrenching Tales

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a craft, that is why they are a guild. “Now we go to events, historical ones. We have other members too. There is a huge following on Facebook, an international following too. We have

Below: Kent Jansen with his wagon full of corn pulled by his Samson tractor.



202 members. We not only make rope, but knots too and have some that do artistic work and some metal work as well. Jilbert is our president.” Besides the rope making, a group was also demonstrating the art of making sorghum. The sorghum was grown on the show grounds and the process was similar to making maple syrup. The sorghum was run through a press that was powered by mules. The sweet sorghum was then cooked

down with water in a 10-to-1 ratio. There was also a huge pile of apples, and the group was making apple cider as well. The general store was open and Annie Jansen, one of the show members, said that the store is one of the ways, along with the Sunday auction, that the club raises funds. The general store was filled with lots of fun fall items from turnips to apples to cider and more. Visitors could enjoy a buggy ride and see tractors on display as well as

Below: Mobile corn silo at the show.



enjoy a variety of vendors. There was a neat Baker fan where tractors at the fall show test their rpms. Kent Jansen, of Jansen Bro’s Garage in Sigel, Ill., brought a variety of corn shellers, and a wagon of corn that he pulled with a Samson tractor. He also had a cool ear corn crib that kids could play in after hearing corn school. In the corn school, Kent showed kernels of corn explaining that the corn that the kids saw in the fields was the same corn that was used in the various products they used every day. Examples of these products were displayed on a picnic table. The kids could then go up and see the products and get an idea of what corn is and how it is used.

Many of the school children also included a stop at the Illinois Rural Heritage Museum, located across the street from the Thresherman grounds. The purpose of the museum is, “Above all, the museum provides an opportunity for non-agricultural raised individuals (town and city folk to us) to experience the changing rural lifestyle from 1850 forward. The museum’s interactive exhibits, displays and videos also provide an important teaching venue for children and young adults.” Charlie Greer said they have added some new items over the past year. They have a new house showing what life was like at the turn of the century. There was a cool canning display focusing on women and the farm.

There is a lot of farm equipment with several unique pieces. Greer’s 1929 McCormick Farmall Regular, the first tractor his grandpa ever bought, is at the museum. He drove it when he was plowing at 7. “My older brother was 15 and he made a board where I sat,” Greer said, so that he could reach the pedals. There is also a very rare Avery One man Road Razor that the Greer family owns. Greer and his wife, Mary, enjoy showing the museum to the kids that come through. For details about the museum, visit <https://illinoisruralheritagemuseum.org/> The education day offered a chance for kids of all ages to enjoy a bit of “farm” history and learn about the art of farming. For more information about the American Thresherman Association, see <https://www.americanthresherman.com/>.

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By Tim Alexander
Illinois Correspondent

PEORIA, Ill. – Illinois has lower cover crop usage compared with neighboring states in the region, according to the USDA’s Economic Research Service. A recent Zoom meeting with Midwest leaders from American Farmland Trust (AFT) and a few dozen Illinois agriculture professionals sought to address factors that are discouraging growers from cover crop adoption.

Also included in the conversation: a glimpse into the 200-page 2021 Illinois Nutrient Loss Reduction Strategy (NLRs) biennial report, which showed a 13 percent increase in field phosphorus (P) losses and a 35 percent increase in nitrogen (N) loss from Illinois farm fields compared to the previous report.

“If you go through all the different conservation programs, the cost-share programs, and assessments of where cover crops could go, and add that up you are still not getting quite to the scale of getting close to that 3 million acre implementation goal,” said Max Webster, AFT Midwest policy manager. “This speaks to some of the need to continue to find ways to support and enhance (conservation) programs so they can meet the needs of more producers to adopt cover crops.”

Webster noted that future resources that could encourage more producer participation in cover crops include an expansion of the Partners for Conservation program, increased funding for soil and water conservation districts (SWCDs) and boosting the capacity of the state to improve water quality monitoring. AFT research shows that there are fewer dollars dedicated to the USDA’s Natural Resources Conservation Service’s (NRCS) Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) or Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) in Illinois compared to other states.

In addition, the research suggests that the “close-out” period for EQIP and CSP enrollment can be a barrier in the Prairie State. Conversely, according to AFT, conservation networks in neighboring Indiana have “a strong local culture” in place that helps support farmers as they ease into conservation practices.

“The Partners for Conservation program is a cost-share program that we saw supporting a good number of cover crop acres across the state, (while) increasing funding for county SWCDs and increasing the ability of the state to monitor water quality would really help inform us where practices can best be used,” Webster said.

During the Oct. 25 meeting, Illinois producer Paul Berbaum, a first-year cover crop user who farms on “perfectly flat” cropland, offered an opinion on

why not many of his neighbors have expressed interest in cover crops. “In my area there is no reason to have cover crops for erosion,” said Berbaum, who received technical assistance when starting his cover crops. “I’m getting into it because it is the right thing to do. I don’t know how we are going to convince some farmers, from those I’m talking to. But I am looking forward to getting into it.”

Meeting participants included those from Ohio, Michigan and Wisconsin. They included Ruth Hilfiker, certified technical service advisor for the NRCS in Minnesota.

“It seems to me it is important for technical service providers or consultants like myself to build the cover crops into long term rotations. When it is all set up for a farmer, it is much more likely they will follow the practice. I put cover crops into all of the long-term conservation plans that I develop,” said Hilfiker, who also encourages interseeding wider-row corn with cover crops planted in between them. “That way the (cover crop planting) dates don’t become so important after harvest.”

Stacey Zuber, a state soil specialist for the Illinois NRCS in Champaign-Urbana, noted that because her area of the state has the highest percentage of rented land in the state and in the country, cover crop adoption has been slow. “With long term rotations, cover crops aren’t always a feasible option or aren’t perceived as a viable option for a lot of farmers on one-year leases and verbal leases. That’s an extra challenge,” Zuber said.

Cover crop acres through state and federal programs need to be increased in Illinois, according to Kris Reynolds, AFT Midwest director. At the same time, not all farmers can get their applications approved for EQIP or CSP. Reynolds said that prioritizing the tenets of the Illinois NLRs, including increased emphasis on cover crops, within existing conservation programs could give a boost to cover crop usage.

Most of the meeting participants agreed that much of the problem lies in the fact that many cover crop funding or cost-share programs offer only one-year, one-field payments to farmers for trying out cover crops. When farmers don’t realize an immediate impact, they discontinue the effort.

“What I am seeing is that a lot of farmers are trying it for one year essentially for the payment,” said Pete Fandel, professor of agriculture at Illinois Central College and cover crop specialist. “They are not seeing a positive impact because there might not have been anything they were really trying to fix. And in most cases, one year of cover crops is not going to solve anything. Maybe funding less acres on a more

long-term basis, with more personalized help, might improve the scenario.”

The meeting ended with a reminder for Illinois producers that beginning Dec. 15, applications for the state’s 2021 Fall Covers for Spring Savings crop insurance premium incentive program will be accepted by the Illinois Department of Agriculture. The program, which will be increased from its 50,000-acre maximum enrollment to 100,000 acres this year, had reached capacity less than 12 hours after enrollment was opened last year.

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"The Farmer's Lawyer: The North Dakota Nine and The Fight to Save the Family Farm" by Sarah Vogel c.2021, Bloomsbury, \$28, 432 pages



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Terri Schlichenmeyer

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Everybody in Garrison, N.D., admired Sarah Vogel's father.

He was a lawyer, and when Sarah was small and he opened an office in town, it was cause for celebration. Before Robert Vogel got there, Garrison's citizens had to drive hours to get legal advice and court counsel.

Sarah likewise admired her father but she preferred research rather than courtroom, so upon graduating from law school in the late 1970s, she went to work for the government. Alas, she lost her job after Ronald Reagan was inaugurated but it was OK; by then, she missed home, where there were no beltways, and statewide politics made sense. Wanting to raise her young son in a small city, she put money down on a dream house near Bismarck.

An old friend told her that she should hang out her own shingle, "specializing in farmers," and that didn't sound like a bad idea. Farmers, at that point, were struggling.

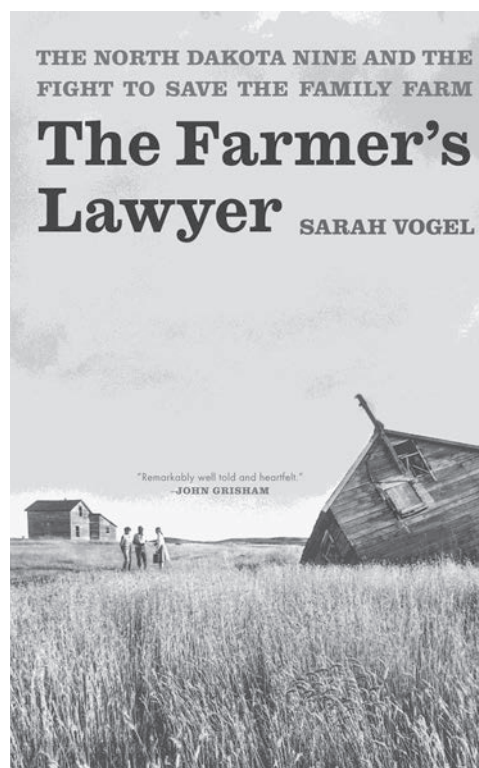
For decades, the Farmer's Home Administration (FmHA) had been assisting farmers around the country by loaning money for equipment, land and livestock, but the Reagan administration changed how the FmHA operated. Suddenly, farmers weren't just having minor troubles; they were being foreclosed on. Vogel knew that laws and lives were both being broken, and though none of her clients could pay her, they needed her. Picking nine of them with the most impact, Vogel launched a class-action suit that would ultimately make history.

"Nine broke farmers against the mighty power of the federal government," Vogel says. "A David and Goliath fight if ever there was one."

The thing about books is that some entertain you, some are informative, some may confound you, while others might outrage you. "The Farmer's Lawyer" does all.

The entertainment comes as author Sarah Vogel writes about her home state: lush and beautiful, Vogel makes readers want to book a flight this weekend. That aspect of this tale slides into the informative side, as she explains some of North Dakota's history and why its people are who they are – which just leaves the rest, much of which consists of legal wrangling with an alphabet soup of government programs, and her quite exciting account of the trial. Vogel helps with explanations, but it can nonetheless be hard to follow if you're not well-versed in law or Washington, though what you will understand will get your dander up and it'll make legal-drama fans swoon.

Vogel follows this slice-of-history story with advice for the future, but you'll be tattered by then. Even so, the national importance of this case is such that anyone who isn't familiar deserves to know what happened, so grab "The Farmer's Lawyer." It's worth checking out.



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- **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 4WWMAFYA6A3615181
- **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

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**JAY & ANN
NUSSBAUM**

EQUIPMENT QUESTIONS:
JAY (815) 848-3874



HIGHLIGHTS: 2012 Case-IH Magnum 340 MFWD tractor, 1,752 hours; 2014 Case-IH Magnum 315 MFWD tractor, 1,377 hours; 2008 John Deere 6430 MFWD tractor, loader, 1,602 hours; 1950 Farmall M 2wd tractor; 2015 MacDon FD75-S 35' flex draper head; 2010 Geringhoff North Star 800 8 row 30" corn head; 2011 Case-IH 1250 16 row 30" CCS planter; Unverferth 2755 seed tender; Fast 9613 1,300 gal. pull-type sprayer; Case-IH NPX 5300 15-knife NH3 applicator; Parker 1048 grain cart; (2) DMI 470 gravity wagons; Landoll 876 Tilloll 30' soil finisher; Landoll 2327 Weatherproofer II 7 shank disc ripper; 2012 John Deere 637 32' 1" disk; McFarlane 30' 8 bar pull-type harrow; International 710 5-bottom; John Deere 400 30' 3-pt. rotary hoe; Bush Hog 12615 15' batwing mower; 2016 Peterbilt 579 day cab, Paccar 430 eng., auto trans., 311,722 miles; 2010 Dakota 41' hopper bottom trailer; 2003 Great Dane 40' liquid tender van trailer; 2013 Chevrolet 2500HD 4wd pickup, diesel, 116,608 miles; Plus more!



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EQUIPMENT QUESTIONS:
RON (309) 824-5743



HIGHLIGHTS: John Deere 9470R 4WD tractor, 1,441 hours; John Deere 8235R MFWD tractor, 2,099 hours; John Deere 4450 2wd tractor, 5,376 hours; John Deere 4230 2wd tractor, 3,229 hours; John Deere 2950 2wd tractor w/loader, 6,915 hours; John Deere 3020 2wd tractor; John Deere 1770 16R30" planter; John Deere 1890 CCS 30' air seeder; John Deere 2210 42' field cultivator; Case-IH 875 9-shank disc-ripper; John Deere 637 32' disk; J&M 875 grain cart; (2) Unverferth 530 gravity wagons; (2) J&M 540 gravity wagons; (2) DMI D470 gravity wagons; Woods 15.50 15' batwing mower; Brunnemac seed blower system; Brillion 3-pt. V-ripper; John Deere 825 8 row 30" cultivator; Kelley 3-pt. backhoe; McFarlane 8-bar harrow; Unverferth 24' harrowgator; John Deere 2700 5-bottom plow; McCormick 10' drill.

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ADDRESS: 16764 W 3000 S Rd, Buckingham, IL 60917
(Approximately 20 miles west of Kankakee, Illinois)

**MIKE & STEVE
HERTZ**

MIKE (815) 822-0474
STEVE (815) 644-5524



HIGHLIGHTS: 1983 John Deere 4650 MFWD tractor, 4,345 hours; 1981 John Deere 4640 2wd tractor, 7,216 hours; 1980 John Deere 4240 2wd tractor w/loader, 5,534 hours; 1966 John Deere 4020 2wd tractor, 7,386 hours; 2006 John Deere 9560STS 2wd combine, 2,335/1,751 hours; 2005 John Deere 625F 25' platform w/Unverferth HT25 trailer; 1998 John Deere 693 6 row 30" corn head w/trailer; 2005 Kinze 3650 12/24 planter; 2012 Travis HSC2000 2-box seed tender; (2) 2010 Brent 544 gravity wagons; 2009 Brent 544 gravity wagon; 2004 Brent 544 gravity wagon; (2) 1997 Brent 440 gravity wagons; 2005 John Deere 2210 30' field cultivator; 2005 John Deere 512 5-shank disc-ripper; John Deere 235 20' disk; DMI 500 Ecolo-Til 5-shank 3-pt inline ripper; 2013 Woods BW1260X 10' batwing mower; Killbros 475 grain cart; Westfield MK100-71 10"x71' swing-away auger; Westfield MK100-61 10"x61' swing-away auger; John Deere Z445 zero turn lawn mower, 428 hours; (2) 1,000 gal. fuel tanks w/pumps; 110 gal. fuel transfer tank w/pump; Westendorf 3-pt. forklift; 3-pt. head mover; Assorted farm items and more!



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**RICK & RETA
JAMES**

EQUIPMENT QUESTIONS:
RICK (217) 841-6674



HIGHLIGHTS: 2011 John Deere 9430 4wd tractor, 2,684 hours; 2008 John Deere 8430 MFWD tractor, 4,550 hours; 1986 John Deere 4450 2wd tractor, 6,012 hours; 1990 John Deere 4255 2wd tractor, 3,654 hours; 1974 John Deere 4230 2wd tractor, 7,010 hours; 1971 Allis Chalmers 180 2wd tractor, 5,360 hours; 2009 John Deere 9670 STS 4wd combine, 1,923/1,212 hours; 2008 John Deere 608C 8 row 30" corn head w/trailer; 2005 John Deere 630F 30' platform w/trailer; 1992 International 8100 day cab truck, 64,544 miles; 1986 Ford F7000 grain truck, 61,188 miles; 1997 Chevrolet 2500 4wd pickup, 110,503 miles; 1997 Dakota 25' steel hopper bottom trailer; 2003 Kinze 3600 12/24 planter; 2013 Fast 9613N pull type sprayer; 2010 Krause TL6200 36' soil finisher; DMI 11 knife 3-pt. NH3 applicator; 2007 Sunflower 4511 13 shank disc chisel; 2011 Case-IH 2500 5 shank 3-pt. inline ripper; 2000 DMI Tiger-Mate II 32' field cultivator; International 490 24' disk; International 415 26' cultimulcher; Wingfield 34' pasture harrow; John Deere 1350/1450 5-bottom plow; (3) John Deere cultivators; John Deere 400 26' rotary hoe; 1993 J&M 750 grain cart; 2001 Unverferth 630 gravity wagon; (2) DMI D400 gravity wagons; 2009 Mayrath 10"x72' swing away auger; 2007 Hutchinson 8"x33' truck auger; 2000 Grain King 10"x71' swing away auger; John Deere StarFire 6000 receiver, SF1; John Deere StarFire 3000 receiver, SF1; (2) John Deere GS2 2600 displays; John Deere GS2 1800 display, SF1; John Deere ATU 200 Universal Steering Wheel; 2010 Bush Hog 12715L Legend 15' batwing mower; 2007 Cat P6000 forklift; Rhino 1000 8' 3-pt. blade; Farm King Y960Q 96" 3-pt. snowblower; Allis Chalmers 7' 3-pt. sickle bar mower; John Deere VanBrunt 12' grain drill; Misc. farm implements; Misc. farm support items.

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Free tax advice for Illinois farmers will help navigate federal tax code

By **TIM ALEXANDER**
Illinois Correspondent

BLOOMINGTON, Ill. — No one can yet say for certain what changes to the federal tax code and estate transfer laws might be forthcoming under a revised federal tax plan, which is currently under consideration by the Biden administration. Early drafts of the proposal, however, contain elements that contain significant impacts on farmers. As a result, food and agriculture business advisory firm K-Coe Isom is partnering with the Illinois Soybean Association (ISA) to provide free “tax expertise on demand” to support Illinois farmers who might be impacted by the proposed tax changes.

The project, which runs through Dec. 31, provides free tax education and consulting services for farmers with questions about how the new tax plan might impact their operations and families. This is according to ISA CEO John Lumpe, who said farmers who are not prepared for some of the proposed changes face the potential loss of their financial stability.

“We are partnering with K-Coe Isom because we partner with experts, and we want to be able to pass this important information on to farmers. This (proposal) is ever-evolving,” said Lumpe. “The estate tax proposal is ongoing, and to me it is a critical issue. As these proposed changes come about, we just want our farmers to be aware of the things they can do today to get ready in case any of these changes do go into effect.”

The free services include a tax hotline and 30-minute consultations with a K-Coe Isom tax expert. On-demand webinars with updated information on the evolving tax plan are also provided.

“Changes are occurring not quite on a daily basis. Things are moving too fast, and there’s not a lot of people working for the benefit of farmers and for consumers in general on this whole issue. This is where the people at K-Coe Isom can really lend their expertise,” said Lumpe.

In an October 7 webinar hosted by the ISA, K COE ISOM manager Beth Swanson said there are many proposed changes to the federal tax code and estate transfer laws that impact farmers and farm families. She cited a recent University of Illinois study that showed estate taxes currently impact about three-tenths of one percent of Illinois farmers. However, closer to four or five percent of Illinois farmers would likely be impacted by the Biden administration’s reported proposed estate tax exemption of \$5 million,

Swanson projected.

Swanson cautioned that under new oversight measures recommended as part of the House tax plan, the only way to legally remove assets from an estate would be via outright gifts or by transferring assets in irrevocable trusts to certain other trusts. She advised speaking with a financial advisor “within the next 45 days or sooner” to learn how assets can be legally protected under the House-suggested tax code changes.

“We are also concerned because it is unclear from the legislative language whether farm real estate owned by an individual actively engaged in farming but leased to a third party is still considered an asset or a passive asset,” said Swanson. “If you have plans to sell or transfer any of your assets in the next few months or years, we definitely recommend you talk to your advisor as soon as you can about how you can accelerate that timeframe.”

To take advantage of the free resources, Illinois farmers can dial the tax hotline at (800) 768-0056 for the opportunity to have a brief discussion with an expert about the tax legislation. Callers can also schedule a free 30-minute tax consultation with a professional who specializes in a specific area (such as estate planning, trust work, farm programs, farm tax, etc.), to go deeper in analysis and discussion of tax legislation impacts and guidance for the caller.

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Hurricane Ida devastating to Louisiana’s seafood industry

NEW ORLEANS (AP) – Louisiana’s oyster farmers, crabbers, shrimpers and anglers are nothing if not adaptable, producing millions of pounds of seafood annually, often in water that was dry land a generation ago. They’ve fought off a devastating oil spill, floods, changing markets and endless hurricanes just to stay in business.

After Hurricane Ida, though, some wonder about their ability to continue in a seemingly endless cycle of recovery and readjustment.

The Category 4 hurricane that struck Louisiana in late August fractured some parts of the industry even worse than 2005’s Katrina, which cost seafood businesses more than \$1 billion. No one yet knows how many boats, docks and processors were lost because of Ida’s relentless, 150-mph winds. Vessels that made it to the safest harbors fared the best, yet even some of them were destroyed by the storm’s fury.

Lt. Gov. Billy Nungesser, whose office oversees seafood promotion, said some areas, like Lafitte, were all but wiped out. The damage is a devastating blow to people whose entire lives are intertwined with fishing and the Gulf Coast.

“This thing just seemed to beat and beat and beat, kind of mixing it up like a washing machine,” Nungesser said. “I think that slow-moving storm beating these boats against the docks, against each other, caused a lot more vessels to sink and have major damage.”

The story of Ida’s impact on Louisiana’s \$2.4 billion seafood industry, which employs more than 23,000 at last count, is unfolding across places that outsiders struggle to even pronounce: Parishes like Plaquemines, Lafourche, and Terrebonne, cities and hamlets including Pointe-aux-Chenes, Des Allemandes and Houma. There, seafood families go back generations.

The people who make their living off the Gulf bounty are pledging to come back again this time provided another hurricane doesn’t wipe them out first. But there are other challenges ahead as Louisiana tries to save a vanishing coastline, an industry and a way of life, all at the same time.

The ferocious wind from Hurricane Ida tore off so much of the roof of Motivati Seafoods that it rained inside the oyster plant in Houma when squalls from Hurricane Nicholas blew through two weeks later, ruining expensive processing equipment. Across a parking lot, Ida reduced the company’s maintenance shop to a crumpled heap of metal.

“This is at least 20 times worse than we’ve ever had,” said Steven Voisin, who runs the 50-year-old family business founded by his late brother and father. “It could have been worse, but it doesn’t matter. The buildings are to the extent of not really being able to be reused.”

Oyster production already was down in Louisiana because of hurricanes and the BP oil spill of 2010, and several years of bad flooding virtually wiped out some areas where the shellfish grew, partly because a major spillway had to be opened in 2019, Voisin said.

“Where this state was out-producing all other states combined in the past, now we’re just another state with a few oysters,” he said.

Then, the coronavirus pandemic forced restaurants around the country to close last year, killing demand for a product that’s best served fresh. While Motivati Seafoods employed as many as 100 people in the past, Voisin said, the current payroll is around 20 people, at least some of whom will help determine how to move forward after Ida.

“We’re going to have to consolidate things, become smaller, use what we can and hope to get up and running,” he said.

Voisin said he has yet to compute a dollar estimate for damage to the company, which also operates boats that harvest oysters, but it’s substantial. “We hope that we’re able to have the vision and the wisdom to continue. It’s going to be a battle,” he said.

Unable to speak for a decade since cancer surgery, Dale Williams gets by on disability payments of \$1,300 a month. Living in a mobile home at Port Sulphur on the west bank of the Mississippi River, he supplements his income by catching shrimp with a little boat he parked in his front yard for Hurricane Ida.

Ida’s Category 4 winds flipped Williams’ trawler on its side, bending the frame and tearing nets, but it should be ready to go after about \$1,500 in repairs, he said in an interview conducted by written notes. The goal is to get back on the water by October, he said, either with the damaged boat or another one that fared better.

Still, Williams felt fortunate after seeing what happened a few miles down Highway 23, toward the tip of Louisiana’s boot. There, dozens of shrimp boats were sunk or damaged at a commercial marina off Bay La-naux; workers tried to salvage one at dockside the day before Hurricane Nicholas followed Ida.

About half the shrimping fleet was destroyed by Ida in some coastal parishes, Acy Cooper, president of the Louisiana Shrimp Association, said. That amounts to hundreds of boats.

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Michigan tax breaks help boost agriculture in the state

By Stan Maddux
Indiana Correspondent

HOLLAND, Mich. – A tax abatement program in Michigan is being used again to add strength to the state's agriculture community.

Agricultural Processing Renaissance Zones (APRZs) offer tax breaks to new or expanding companies primarily using raw goods from farmers to make food products. APRZs are also a tool to help keep companies from leaving for better incentive packages elsewhere.

In 2018, there were 10 active APRZs in the state for 11 companies representing just more than \$1.2 billion in new investment since 2006, according to the Michigan Strategic Fund (MSF).

MSF and the Michigan Department of Agriculture & Rural Development (MDARD) are involved in deciding applications for an APRZ.

The latest recipient is Request Foods, Inc., one of the largest family-owned and operated co-manufacturing food companies in the nation. The firm makes food products for retail, club store and food service customers under their national brands and private labels.

According to MSF officials, the Holland-based firm will save \$11 million in taxes from a \$205 million expansion projected to create nearly 200 jobs. About 900 people already work at one of the largest employers in the western part of the state with more than 600,000 square feet of manufacturing space.

"While we received enticing officers to expand in other states, our commitment to Michigan, coupled with our desire to ensure Holland is recognized as an area of choice to live and work, precipitated our decision to expand locally," said Request Foods Chief Financial Officer Menaka Abel.

MDARD Director Gary McDowell said the expansion illustrates that Michigan is a "food and agriculture powerhouse."

He also said the significant

investment in food processing will serve "our production agriculture value chains for decades to come while bringing the latest in food manufacturing technology to the state."

According to company officials, the project involves additional manufacturing capacity, a new cold storage warehouse, construction of a Ready to Eat plant along with expansion and upgrading of its wastewater pre-treatment plant.

In 2011, Request Foods used tax abatement under the same program on a \$114 million expansion producing more than 100 new jobs, MSF officials said.

Initially, companies designated an APRZ don't have to pay most state and local taxes on real or personal property. The discounts are gradually reduced until full payment is due once the APRZ expires after a specified number of years, MSF officials said.

Under the program, an agriculture processing facility is defined as a facility that transforms, packages, sorts or grades livestock or livestock products, agricultural commodities or plants and plant products into goods for consumption and non-food use, according to MSF.

Other state-funded incentives for the company included a \$2 million Michigan Business Development Program performance-based grant and \$6.9 million in Community Development Block Grant funds for things like machinery and equipment.

Products from Request Foods include custom entrees, side dishes, heat and serve portions and other varieties.

According to the company's website, Request Foods was started in 1990 by Jack De Witt. De Witt was instrumental in the success of Bil Mar Foods, a major turkey processor started by his father and uncle in 1938 with a small flock.

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2005 I.H.C. 5600 tri-axle dump truck Cummins ISL eng., 8LL trans., 16 ft. bed w/power tarp 520,000 mi.-nice truck!; 2004 Case 70XT skid steer 5 ft. bucket 1700 hrs.-nice; J.D. 750 diesel tractor w.f., 3 pt., 841-one owner hrs.-nice; Ford 600 gas tractor w.f., 3 pt., good tires-nice; 2010 Dodge Charger SXT 3.5 L. H.O. red, rear spoiler, all power, 147,500 mi.-nice; 1999 Ford F-350 7.3 L. diesel, new trans., s.r.w. 4x4, flatbed w/g-neck, work lights, new tires, Curtis snow plow, Meyer salt box-sharp; 2005 Honda Odyssey van, leather, all power runs/looks good 214,000 mi.; Woods Dixie Cutter MD160 5 ft. bushhog; 3 pt. 5 ft. grader blade; **Also Selling:** Tools, Shop Items, Lawn and Garden Items, Video Arcade Machines, Workout Equip., Furniture **Seller:** Bill and Sherry May

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BULLDOZER, SKID STEERS, MINI EXCAVATOR, TELEHANDLER

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2015 Dodge 4500 Cummins diesel truck 88,000 mi. reg. cab, steel flatbed; 1993 Ford L8000 tandem axle dump truck diesel, 10 spd., good tires, 14 ft. bed; 2014 Big Tex g-neck trailer 35+5, 48 in. spread axle; 1987 Forest River Wildcat 28 ft. pull type camper; Benche UTV-needs work **Seller:** State of Indiana-Van Willis, Receiver for Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita



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20 TRACTORS • 7 OLIVER/CLETRAC DOZERS • FARM EQUIPMENT SHOP TOOLS • HOUSEHOLD & COLLECTIBLES

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TRACTORS * John Deeres – 4430, 5020, 4320 4 WD, 4020, 2 – 3020's, 2020,1020, IH 3588 2+2 4WD, White 2-150, Case 580 Backhoe, Case 1835C skid steer loader, Owatanna 330 skid steer - ANTIQUE TRACTORS: Baker 25-50 tractor w/Wisconsin Type B-3 gas engine (C2889); MM Mod. Z, MM mod. KT 100-A (in the middle of restoration); Case SC gas tractor Cockshutt 30 (T9207X), Massey Harris, AC WC; AC WD, Oliver. Large old threshing machine (Stencil – Baker Swanton, OH).

EDSEL & 7 CLETRAC DOZERS: '59 Edsel Ranger 4 door Sedan; Cletrac w/shopmade winch & 7'blade, 6 cyl flathead gas engine, 12" tracks; Olicer/Cletrac w/cable winch 7'6" Heil blade, 16" tracks, 6 cyl flathead gas engine; Cletrac w/7' Heil blade, 6 cyl. flathead gas engine & 14" tracks; Cletrac w/diesel engine, 9' Heil blade & 16" tracks; Oliver/Cletrac mod. HG68 orchard crawler w/pto, draw bar, 10: tracks (43GA532); Oliver/Cletrac dozer w/Hercules Diesel, 11' 6" blade, 22" tracks; Cletrac dozer w/flathead 6 cyl. gas engine, no blade, 16" tracks. These crrawlers have set idle for several years and are not currently running. All engines are free and all undercarriages roll.

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Maybe it's time to go back to the 'Old West' that wasn't

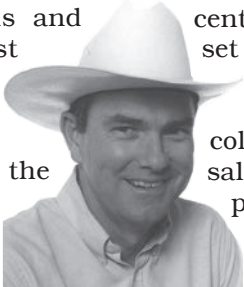
I was reading a “Legends and Lies” book about the old West and it stated the toughest town west of Chicago was Palisades, Nevada. I found it odd that as a student of the West I'd never heard of the place. According to the book the town had more than 1,000 showdowns, bank robberies and Indian raids in three years in the mid 1870s. Then the book explained that all those incidents were fake, meant only to scare weak-kneed Easterners who came in on the stagecoach. Then the eastern dudes went home and told newspapers and anybody who'd listen about the dangerous West.

There were a lot of myths about the West created by people who'd never been here. Henry David Thoreau wrote about the wonders of the West but he'd never been west of the Mississippi River. Little Miss Sure Shot, Annie Oakley, performed before Kings and Queens in Europe portraying herself as a woman of the West but she'd never been here either.

The myth making continued unabated. When I was a little tyke with my Roy Rogers six gun and chuckwagon lunchbox, half of all motion pictures were westerns and there were 37 westerns on television. Gunsmoke was a television series that ran for an unheard of 20 seasons from 1955 to 1975. Cecil Smith, of the LA Times said, “Gunsmoke was the dramatization of the American epic legend of the west. Our own Iliad and Odyssey, created from standard elements of the dime novel and the pulp Western as romanticized by Ned Buntline, Bret Harte and Mark Twain.”

All those movies, TV shows and dime novels were mostly about a wild West that wasn't.

For 150 years Easterners have looked down their snooty noses at the West even though it was our gold and silver that paid their debts accumulated during the Civil War. They thought of us as new kids on the block when in fact the West had been explored by white men half a



It's THE PITTS
By Lee Pitts

century before the first colonists set foot on Virginia's beaches. The West was portrayed as nothing more than a sad collection of miners, cowboys, saloonkeepers, gamblers, prostitutes, con men, mule skinnners and bull whackers. Easterners thought of Westerners as the dregs of society who in the East probably would have been in jail. Sadly, that's how they still see us.

Owen Wister who wrote the classic book “The Virginian” said the West was full of “horses better bred than the women who ride them and dogs with pedigrees better than their masters.”

It was said the West was a dangerous place where no one died naturally. Elmer Kelton, wrote, “It was man's country good for men and mules but Hell on women.” The West was portrayed as a place “30 miles to water, 20 miles to wood and 10 miles to Hell.”

And the characterization stuck. Today America really is two countries. There's the West where 93 percent of all federally owned land lies in 12 western states and the feds in Washington DC control more than 50 percent of most states west of the Rockies. Whereas in northeastern states it's less than 1 percent. How would easterners like it if the boot was on the other foot? The Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management employ 40,000 people to manage 446 million acres in the West and the words written in the Declaration of Independence regarding King George III could easily apply to Westerners today: “He has erected a multitude of New Offices and sent hither swarms of officers to harass our people and eat out their substance.”

Maybe it's time we take a page out of the history books and do what they did in Palisades, Nevada, and greet every plane full of easterners with a welcoming committee of murderers, desperados, lawyers, con men, mountain lions and gunslingers so they'll get scared and stay in Washington DC and leave us the Hell alone.

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Behavioral health perils for many dairy producers continue

Economic stress and its accompanying behavioral health perils are persistent for many dairy producers, which makes this form of agricultural livelihood more troublesome than for most segments of agriculture. According to USDA data, the number of certified dairy producers in the country has declined from 136,000 in 1992 to 34,000 in 2019.

The loss of dairy farms has occurred mostly among family-sized operations, although several large operations with more than 5,000 cows have also left the industry. According to U.S. Department of Labor data (<https://www.usinflationcalculator.com/inflation/milk-prices-adjusted-for-inflation/>), from 2000-2020, the market price for milk has been mostly at or below break-even prices, with only brief episodes of profitability.

There were upsurges in calls and emails from stressed dairy farmers and family members to farm crisis hotlines in a seven-state Midwestern region (Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota and Wisconsin) whenever prices for milk dropped significantly below break-even for more than a few months. The hotline managers provided monthly reports to AgriWellness, Inc., a nonprofit entity which I direct (www.agriwellnessinc.org).

Suicides by dairy farmers also increased during the worst economic episodes for dairy producers. A June 2019 Matter of Fact television program hosted by Soledad O'Brien examined the high rate of suicide by dairy farmers, including a Wisconsin farm-

er who was marginalized out of a multi-generational family operation.

The International Dairy Foods Association reported on Oct. 8, 2021 (<https://www.idfa.org/news/u-s-dairy-exports-volume-sets-all-time-high-mark-in-2020-according-to-usda>) that the marketing segment of the dairy industry achieved record exports of dairy products in 2020, as well as the overall highest annual consumption ever of dairy products per capita in the United States, even though fluid milk consumption has dropped gradually for many years.

The record consumption of dairy products in 2020 was due largely to the highest ever use of butter in the United States, while consumption of cheese, ice cream and yogurt also remained high.

Yet, dairy farms have declined 75 percent since 1992. Why?

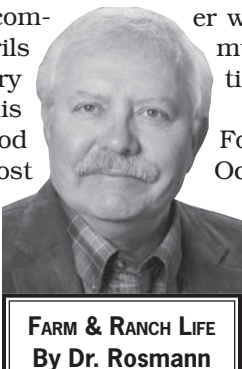
Several factors contribute to the demise of family-sized dairy operations. Economy of scale is a major factor.

Large dairy operations with well-financed investors gain contractual advantages by supplying set amounts of milk year-round. They have more leverage in negotiating favorable prices than smaller operations.

Major milk processors prefer large dairies because of lower transportation costs when their milk delivery trucks can make a single stop, whereas the haulers must make multiple stops at smaller dairy operations for a truckload.

Moreover, large operations that con-

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FARM & RANCH LIFE
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TRACTOR”; 1990 C/IH 7120 2 WD Tractor, 4 Reverse, 7,250 Hrs., Power Shift, 6 Frt. Wts., 3 Remotes, 18.4-42 Tires w/ Hub Duals, 14L-16.1 Frt. Tires; 1994 Massey 261 Diesel, ONLY 1788 Hrs., W.F., Open Station, 8 Speed Trans, 16.9-R30 Tires 80%, 7.50-16 Frt. Tires, “NICE ONE OWNER UTILITY TRACTOR”; Oliver 66 Tractor, NF, 11.2-38 Tires, “Runs”, “RESTORE SPECIAL”; 1987 Plymouth Horizon Tow Vehicle, 100K Miles.

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ons on UM 13 Ton Gears w/ Brakes & Small Mixer Tires; (2) KB 350 Gravity Wagons on JD 1063 Gears; KB 275 Gravity Wagon; Small 150 Bu. Gravity Wagon; M&W 15' Pull Prairie Cutter Field Chopper; NI 10' Pull Sickle Mower; JD #400 15' 3 Pt. Rotary Hoe; JD 603 6' 3 Pt. Rotary Chopper; Mayrath 8x62 Hyd. Raise Swing Auger; Westfield 8x56 Transport Auger; Sonic 6x32' Transport Auger; Du-All 9' 3 Pt. HD Rear Blade w/ Hyd. Angle; Kewanee 18' Manual Fold Disc; Gehl 6' Flail Chopper; Ford 4x16 Plow; 500 Gal Utility Sprayer w/ 45' Booms; Lincoln 225 Welder; Shop Vac; Portable Air Compressor; Dole Moisture Tester; Portable Moisture Tester; Just a Few Small Items “PLEASE BE ON TIME JUST A FEW SMALL ITEMS”

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Behavioral

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fine cows continuously in pens and barns, feed them the same purchased diet daily, and breed them to freshen year-round, can supply a consistent amount of milk, whereas most family-sized dairies favor cows that freshen in the spring and summer when they produce more milk and utilize pastures for grazing but taper off their production as winter approaches. Consumers purchase fewer dairy items during the winter months.

Additionally, the amount of milk produced per cow has increased due to improved genetics, which gives large operations an advantage by breeding and purchasing highly productive, albeit expensive, cows. Small dairy farms usually can't afford such rapid genetic improvements to their cow herds.

Large dairy units also rely heavily on the cheapest sources of laborers, such as immigrants from foreign countries who will work for low wages, whereas family-owned dairies generally rely on little hired help and often support more than one farm family.

Generally, family-sized dairy operators are unfavorably positioned in most raw milk markets unless they find a profitable niche. How can their economic and behavioral well-being be protected?

Drawing on reports from many dairy farmers, as well as my consultations with dairy organizations, several recommendations emerge:

- Niches in the dairy industry are developing, especially for certified organic milk producers as consumer preferences shift increasingly toward organic foods.

- Although it takes three years to transition from conventional to certified organic production, it's easier for family-controlled operations to convert to certified organic milk production because they can usually furnish their own pastures and other feed, as well as the labor, and "know-how."

- There are shifts in consumer preferences for filtered milk, specialty cheeses and ice cream, especially when these products meet organic standards. Even vodka can be made from the lactose in whey; it has been described as clear in appearance, tasty, not highly sweet, and with a smooth creaminess that is delicious.

- Dairy producers benefit from the formation of community support groups that bring together teams of advisors to assist farmers with their dairying decisions and psychological trauma. Social-emotional understanding from others greatly alleviates the anxieties of troubled producers.

- Useful information about dairying options and behavioral health management can be obtained from a number of dairy producer organizations, such as the Center for Dairy Excellence, the Dairy Girls Network, the Dairy Farmers of America and regional organizations such as the Midwest Dairy Association.

Although suicides by farmers overall appear to be declining, suicides by dairy farmers remain high. It's not easy being a dairy farmer today.

Dr. Rosmann is a farmer and psychologist at Harlan, Iowa. Contact him at: mike@agbehavioralhealth.com.

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Food is not getting more expensive

This is the beginning of the holiday food buying binge. Family gatherings at Thanksgiving and Christmas baking extravaganzas will send shoppers to the store with long lists. Most will get sticker shock at the end of the checkout line when their total is higher than last year.

In fact, this has already been happening as beef prices have increased all year long, sparking howls of protests from shoppers. According to one report, beef and veal prices have gone up 6.5 percent so far this year versus the same period in 2020, with prices in September up 17.6 percent from a year ago. Pork prices are up 6.3 percent so far in 2021 versus the same period in 2020. The media has been quick to jump on this story and blame farmers, corporate consolidation, China and the pandemic for the rise in food costs. But one Purdue economist sees things differently.

Headlines have claimed that this will be the most expensive Thanksgiving dinner in decades. If you simply compare year on year prices, this is true. But Jason Lusk, head of Purdue's Department of Ag Economics, said that is not the best way to measure food costs. He said inflation makes the price of all goods go up year after year which includes food. "What we want to know is whether food prices are rising at a faster rate than other items that we might care about. One key economic variable



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many households care a lot about is their income. Income and wages also increase over time because of inflation. But, by comparing prices to income, we can get a sense of whether food items are, in fact, more expensive for a worker."

Lusk compared average income with food prices and found that many traditional Thanksgiving items are actually more affordable today than in 1980. "Back in 1980, a worker earning the median weekly salary would have to work about 175 minutes (almost 3 hours) to earn enough money to buy a 20 lb turkey. By 2019 (this is the latest data available because the BLS unfortunately stopped reporting retail turkey prices in 2019), the median worker only had to work about 80 minutes (1 hour 15 minutes) to buy a 20 lb turkey," Lusk said. A similar trend was observed for other holiday items.

So, this holiday season when your non-farm friends and relatives sit down to a food-laden table for a feast and complain about the high cost of food and how big farmers, big ag, meat industry consolidation and demand from China are driving up the cost of food, remind them of these facts. Even at higher prices, food today is more affordable than it was four decades ago, and our modern agriculture system provides the most abundant and safest food supply in the world.

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FARM TRACTORS: JD 4430, power shift, cab heat/air; Case 2470 w/duals, 2-owner tractor, has had lots of work done to it, clean, orig. tractor; MF 231 w/loader; Kubofa BX2660 w/loader, 60" mower deck, PS, 4WD; JD 1010 utility, PS, repainted, new tires; JD 2240, dsl., w/loader; MF 1643 w/DL 120 loader: 4WD, PS, 250 hrs., LN; IH 806, gas, restored, 3 pt., WF; MF 205; MF 2675 w/loader (loader sells separate); MF 1135 w/cab, new rear rubber; MF 399; JD 1020, dsl., new engine & clutch; Ford 4610, dsl., new engine; IH 434 utility tractor; MF 65 dsl. tractor; Ford 3930; Cockshutt 20, WF; Zetar 5211 tractor w/394 Allied loader; Ford 1801 salvage parts tractor; Ford 1801 w/PS.

ANTIQUE/COLLECTOR TRACTORS: MH 44 Special (restored); Ford 8N, repainted; Farmall M; Cockshutt 30, very orig., has not run in sev. yrs.; JD 50, restored; Farmall Super C; Farmall M, restored; Allis Chalmers CA; IH Cub Lowboy; MH 33 (older restoration); JD 1951 MT.

CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT: Case 580 backhoe w/Extend-A-Hoe; NH L170 Skid Steer; JD 450 dozer, 6-way blade, engine and final drives rebuilt; Bobcat 5185 Skid Steer.

SKID STEER ATTACHMENTS: Bale spear; Bobcat 709 backhoe attachment; Extreme HD stump grapple; Extreme HD log splitter; trailer mover; 8' snow pusher; Tomahawk 84" smooth bucket, unused; (2) Tomahawk 48 pallet forks (unused); Tomahawk 42 pallet forks, unused; 84" rock bucket; 78" rock bucket; 72" rock bucket; Titan 6' HD rock bucket; 78" HD rock bucket; 72" grapple, dbl. cyl.; 48" single grapple.

COMBINES & CARTS: N5 Gleaner combine; no heads; Gleaner 6x30" com head, off M2 Gleaner; Gleaner 15' platform, off an M2; homemade header cart; (2) IH 1440 combines; IH 820 15' grain head; Cox header trailer; JD 213 grain table.

LAWN & GARDEN: Yard roller; RedMax 61" Kawasaki engine unused zero-tum mower; RedMax 72" Kawasaki engine unused zero-tum mower; Jazee Pro Country Clipper 60" mower.

HAY TOOLS: NH 68 square baler; sev. flatbed wagons; Sitrex 2-basket pull-type hay tedder; (2) Ranch Rite drum mowers, unused; (4) NI round balers, make 4x4 bale; NI side delivery rake, hyd. driven, w/dolly wheel; bale elevator w/transport wheels; NH 575 hay baler; Kuhn 4220 IH rotary rake, LN; MF 1359 discbine; NH 268 baler; Farm King 7' sickle mower, new; new Farm King 10-wheel bat rake; NH 310 square baler w/kicker, nice; NH 630 round baler, makes 4x4 bale, used this year.

SPREADERS: MF 110 PTO spreader, very nice orig.; NI 3709 PTO, single-beater spreader, LN; JD 54 PTO spreader, nice orig.; NI PTO spreader; NI manure spreader.

HARVEST EQUIPMENT: Killbros 385 wagon w/auger; 10"x62' Mayrath swing-away auger; sev. gravity wagons; Unverferth 6x20 gravity box auger; Oliver 8-ton running gear; (2) DMI hopper wagons; auger - 30' - 8"; grain auger, 4'x6"; Danco running gear; flatbed wagon on NI gear; flatbed wagon on NI gear, nice.

SPRAY EQUIPMENT: Cagle 300 gal. pull-type sprayer; 500 gal. sprayer.

PLANTING EQUIPMENT: JD 750, 15' no-till drill, w/dolly wheel; JD 3 pt. 2X corn planter; JD 7000 6X Conservation w/dry fert., no-till corn planter; Kinze 4X planter w/no-till & dry fert.; Case IH 5100, 21x7 press wheels, grass seed, very nice drill; IH 56 4X planter; nice orig.; JD 8300 grain drill; Buffalo 3 pt. 4X com planter; JD 8300 18x7 grain drill, double disc, nice; JD 1240 4X planter.

BUSH HOG/FINISH MOWERS: Bush Hog brand 10' - 3 pt., shows very little use; Bush Hog brand 5' rotary mower, 1 yr. old, only used ? times; 7' pull-type Bush Hog; Kubota 4' Bush Hog; 5' pull-type Bush Hog; 4' 3 pt Bush Hog.

FEED GRINDERS: NH 357 grinder mixer.

TRUCKS/TRAILERS: Chevy grain truck w/title & hoist; 16' tandem-axle utility trailer; '87 Chevy V-20, 3/4 ton, 4x4, 350, fuel injected, 4 spd. auto., 165,000 actual miles, two-owner, Bought new at Troutwine's, Arcanum.

SHOP TOOLS: Wagon full of hand tools.

HAY & STRAW: 100 small, square bales of straw.

TILLAGE EQUIPMENT: JD 400 rotary hoe; IH 133 6X row cult, Danish tine; Oliver 314 pull-type plow (restored); IH 470 disc; MF 3X plow; IH 10' wheel disc; Tarter 6' 3 pt. disc, new; IH 6500 disc chisel; 9-shank, new paint; JD 714 9-shank disc chisel; Glencoe 15' soil finisher w/5-bar harrow; DMI 24' rolling basket w/weight kit, nice; JD 2800 5X ARS plow; White 5X ARS plow; Ford 2X plow; JD 400, 15 ft., rotary hoe; IH 720 5X ARS plow; JD 1710A 9-shank disc chisel; IH 710 3X ARS plow; M&W 15' rotary hoe, later model; Landoll 9-shank disc chisel w/buster bar; Brillion 14' packer; MF 82 3X plow, very nice; Ford 101 3X plow, spring reset, very nice orig.; IH 10' 37 disc, nice orig.; White 226 field cult., 21' - nice; J&M TF2 12' double rolling harrow, LN; White 598 5X ARS plow (can reduce & make a 4X); harrogator; Glencoe 18' soil finisher; Dunham Lehr 12' cultimulcher; JD 8X flat-fold RM cult; Pittsburg 288 2X plows, LN; JD BWF 18' disc; Dunham 18' harrow; Brady 10- shank chisel plow, pull-type; 24' Glencoe field cult.; JD 3X pull-type plow; AC field cult.; 8' packer; Oliver 3-14 pull-type plow.

MISCELLANEOUS: Rhino 3 pt. posthole auger w/10" - 16" - 24" bits; 6' 3 pt. Landscape rake; PTO-driven generator, works good; unused Tennessee River 3 pt. bale spear; Tennessee River unused bucket bale spear; JD 7' angle blade; Leon rock picker; pallet forks; (2) new Titan 18.4x30 Hi-Power 8-ply tires; Ford 6' 3 pt. flail mower; Woods 8' HD blade; milk cans; antique gas cans; 8' box blades; (2) Industrias America 7' pull-type box blade.

TOYS: Orig. dealership MH clock; JD skid loader; JD w/loader; JD Barge Wagon; MH 44 Special, 1/16 scale; MH 55, dsl., 1/16 scale; MH 55, 1/16 scale; (2) MH car banks; MH Pony tractor, 1/16 scale; JD 6140, 1/16 scale; JD toy tractor w/no remote; bulldozer, 1/43 scale; McCormick WD9, 1/16 scale; MH 44 w/man, orig., 1/16 scale; MH Clipper orig. combine, 1/16 scale; IH tractor, 1/32 scale; orig. sickle bar mower; IH 1/16 tractor; Ford Dearborn w/2X plow, 1/16 scale; 1/32 car; Ford 960, 1/16 scale; MH 26 grain drill w/box, 1/16 scale, LN; Case-O-Matic 800, dsl., w/box; Toy Farmer, 1/16 scale; MH 101 w/box, 1/16 scale; (2) MH 44's w/box, 1/16 scale; Ford "Pheasants Forever" truck w/box; Ford Raptor Push & Go truck, in box; Ford NAA, 1/16 scale; NH 1/32 scale; Ford 7710 toy; AC D-17 toy; AC tractor; JD 2030 toy; Ertl 1/16 scale disc; IH baler; JD Model D w/box; Big Blue Barge Wagon, 1/8 scale; Ford 800 tractor, 1/8 scale; Ford flatbed, 1941, w/certificate; AGRO Allis, w/box; AC roto-baler, 1/16 scale; White American 60 tractor; Ford Push & Go truck, in box; NH haybine; IH 856, 1/32 scale; JD tire clock; JD 620; Fisher-Price tow truck; IH Farmall 350, w/box; Precision #8 Little Genius plow, w/book & coin, in box; spec. cast IH 544, w/box; JD semi w/2 tractors, 1/64 scale; Model A, 1/64, in pkg.; box of 1/64 scale tractors (11); AC dealership clock; Strand ski sled model; "Been Farming Long?" plaque; Tru-Scale spreader; (2) Ertl spreaders; Tru-Scale tractor, 1/16 scale; JD 730 Precision tractor w/coin; AC D-10 1990 collection; Farmall F-20 Precision w/coin; JD 630 propane; Ford 621 Workmaster; JD 3010; Ford 901 Select-O-Speed; JD BW; JD A w/man; Fordson Super Major, 1/16 scale; Farmall 460 Precision w/coin; JD 520, W/F, 1/16; JD 40, WF, 1/16; JD BW w/ umbrella, 1/16; 200 B-Day Model; AC 170, 1/16; Farmall #1 Precision, w/coin; JD 70 dsl. Precision, in box, never opened; MH Pacemaker, 1/16; JD MT 1/16; JD Precision 4020 w/picker, in box, never opened; McCormick-Deering on-full steel, 1/16 scale; Ford 1/16 scale w/2X plow; JD 1938 thresher, 1/28 scale, in box; JD GP w/flare box wagon, 1/16 scale, in box; IH 1466 Prestige, new, in box, 1/16 scale; IH 1566 Prestige, new, in box, 1/16 scale; IH 786 Prestige, new, in box, 1/16 scale; IH 1456 Wheatland Demonstrator, 1/16, new, in box; Grandma & Grandpa porcelain dolls; JD 440 crawler, in box; JD 3010, used; JD baler, 1/16 scale, used; MF 690 Collector Series, 1/16 scale; (2) MH 44, 1/16 scale; Ertl 1/16 Barge Wagon; JD 4X plow, 1/16; MF 699, 1/16; Ford w/2X plow, 1/16; JD 2440 w/loader, 1/16; Farmall w/Barge Wagon, 1/16; IH 966, 1/16, used; IH 1066, 1/16, used; Case 1270, 1/16, used; MF 2805, 1/16; JD 348 baler, 1/16; Hubley 1/16; Case Agri-King, 1/16; Tonka backhoe, 1/16; Farmall Cub tractors, several, 1/16; 1/64 Big Bud 16V - 747; Case 800, in box, 1/16; 50th Anniversary 6 pc. tractor set, 1/64 scale; Cub Cadet Lawn & Garden Collector Series, 1/16; IHC 66 Series, 1/64; Farmall F20; JD loader backhoe, 1/32; Kinze semi spec. cast; Kubota Roadshow semi; Case FFA mural semi; Stihl mural; semi Woods 18-wheeler; JD 3020, in box, 1/16; Ertl collectible winter scene; Farm Toy Museum JD 70 high crop, 1 /16, in box; '07 collectible JD 530, 1/16, in box; '08 collectible JD 430, 1/16, in box; Toy Farmer MH, 1/16, in box; Firestone Collection MH 55, 1/16, in box; National Toy Farm Show 4010, in box, 1/16; '06 Expo JD 730, WF, 1/16, in box; Maytag Washer toy; Ertl com sheller toy; Precision 77 Oliver, in box, 1/16; JD 420 crawler, 1/16, in box; industrial JD 40 utility, WF, 1/16, in box; misc. Tru-Scale toys.

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Wilmar 500 fertilizer spreader; 1999 Ford F-550 dump truck w/title, 7.3 diesel, approx. 87,750 actual miles; Butler trailer 20 ton, has pintle hitch w/title; 8" auger, 10" auger; Kato Lite 28kw generator; New Holland 411 discbine, good rolls; Marliss 10' no-till drill; JD 7000 6x planter, no-till liquid; Artsway feed grinder; Hesston 1090 haybine; JD 410 round baler; Ford 4000 SU gas tractor w/Freeman loader; Krause 9-shank disc chisel; JD running gear; JD 8300 grain drill w/ grass seed & markers, nice orig. double disc & press wheels; Skeleton hay auger; NI 2x picker, wide rows; JD 54" snow blade; large selection of gravity wagons; (2) duals 16.9x30 w/Calcium; JD 7000 cons. planter; large selection of bush hogs; IH 350 disc; drag disc; JD; Pittsburg spring shank cult.; IH cult.; 6' disc; Ferguson 2x plow; Dearborn 2x plow; posthole digger; JD 1710A 9-shank disc chisel; J&M TF2 12' rolling harrow; a couple nice 1x horse-drawn walk-behind plows & cultivator; JD 400 RM cultivators; JD 2810 tail wheel assembly for plow; Case 830 Comfort King, restored; Farmall Cub 1958 w/breaking plow & cultivators, orig. one owner; MF orig. lawn cart (no wheels), yard rollers, aerator; NH 57 hay rake; (4) JD Moco rollers for haybine; NH 630 round baler; JD hay rake; NI hay rake; straw chopper; fuel pump; fuel tank 300 gal. on stand; Top Links; some misc. tires & rims; gates; chicken feeder (1); roll barbed wire; closing wheels; planter; opening discs; box 4" 900 series reel tines; new 6620 bin loader auger; new bin load housing for 6620; new elevator chain; DMI quick hitch for pickup truck; 120 pump for fuel tank; John Deere 6620 Titan II combine; JD 918F grain table; JD 693 Polly corn head; Ford 1977 F-600, 2 speed axle, 5 speed, Louisville cab, hoist, 15' bed, has title; GMC 1967 50 series, 2 speed axle, 13 or 14' bed, hoist, has title.

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