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Above: St. Peter Lutheran Church in Decatur, Ind., held a Live Nativity in the barn of Dale and Leann Busick. Bill and Sandy Werling and family participated with their animals. We wish all our readers and advertisers a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year. Our offices will be closed from Dec. 24-31. There will not be a Farm World paper printed for Dec. 31. Look for us in your mailbox again on Jan. 7. Photo by Leondia Walchle

Ag's opportunities, challenges discussed during INFB webinar

By Michele F. Mihaljevich Indiana Correspondent

INDIANAPOLIS – Representatives of Indiana's pork, poultry and grain industries discussed the opportunities and ongoing challenges in agriculture during a recent webinar hosted by Indiana Farm Bureau (INFB).

The Dec. 8 session was one of three INFB pre-convention webinars. The organization's convention was Dec. 9-10 in French Lick, Ind.

Agriculture contributes more than \$31 billion to Indiana's economy, according to INFB. The state generates \$4.6 billion in agricultural exports. About 80 percent of Indiana's land is dedicated to farms and forests.

Jim Herr, processing, inventory and wholesale manager for Beck's Hybrids in Atlanta, Ind., said agriculture in the state has a lot going for it.

"We're winning in terms of our cropping methodologies," he explained. "The state adopted no-till very early in the scene. This is an early adopter state in sustainable practices. We're got a lot of cover crops in Indiana, we're finding ways to be better stewards of our resources. Our markets are pretty exciting because of our proximity to the population of the U.S. Indiana is really in a great position in terms of innovation, the diversity of production as well as fitting the market as it evolves under the pressure of consumer preference."

Ryan Schnell, poultry production manager for River View Farms in Orleans,

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Top 2022 farm policy issues examined by U of I economists

By Tim Alexander Illinois Correspondent

URBANA, Ill. - The top farm policy topics heading into 2022 include crop insurance, the USDA's Agricultural Risk Coverage (ARC) and Price Loss Coverage (PLC) safety net programs, the future of ad hoc emergency farm payments. the Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill and the proposed Build Back Better (BBB) bill. This is according to Nick Paulson and Krista Swanson, farm economists and colleagues at the University of Illinois, who hosted an online farm policy review to close out the virtual 2021 Illinois Farm Economics Summit.

At or near the top of the list of concerns is whether the recent increase in ad hoc payments to farmers for production losses suffered during emergency conditions – including a trade war and pandemic – will affect the depth of coverage provided farmers through the federal crop insurance program.

"Do some of the things we've seen with ad hoc the last couple of years sort of challenge the design or adequacy of some of the standing commodity programs and crop insurance?" Paulson asked webinar participants. "When the crop insurance plan was bolstered in the 80s and growth took off in the 90s with the introduction of revenue insurance products, one of the longstanding justifications for subsidized crop insur-

ance for farmers is that it should be able to reduce the need for supplemental ad hoc assistance like we've seen over the last four years. Do we now need to rethink (crop insurance) in the light of increased ad hoc payments and more conservation payments, or did we just experience some unprecedented black swan events with the trade war and a pandemic?"

Paulson said there is concern regarding public perception over the amount of taxpayer dollars flowing to farmers in recent years via emergency payments, especially in light of rising commodity prices. A negative perception by some legislators and their constituents may loom as a factor in the policy process moving forward toward the 2023 Farm Bill and could also other programs, he said.

"Public support levels for farmers, including crop insurance, totaled over \$30 billion 2021, \$50 billion in 2020 and almost \$30 billion in 2019. I think there are some important questions about what that creates in terms of public perception about the support point for agriculture, and what's needed," Paulson said.

The economist predicted "no major policy changes" in crop insurance options and coverage for 2022, however. "Some of the newer supplemental products that were made available with the 2018 Farm Bill will still be made available," Paulson said. "Some minor adjustments to crop insurance will come on the endorsement side,

some rule changes and things associated with cover crop practices and how they impact crop insurance. Also, some additional endorsements are coming, but not finalized, regarding coverage for split application nitrogen practices."

ARC and PLC coverage choices are yearly and must be made in March after the annual price discovery period. Projecting the programs' benefit to farmers, Paulson said he doesn't envision "much of a chance" for ARC or PLC program payments being made to Illinois growers for the 2022 season based on benchmark commodity prices for corn and soybeans.

Swanson utilized part of her segment of the webinar to address the \$1.2 trillion Bipartisan Infrastructure Act and the benefits to agriculture that will come into effect during 2022. Around \$52 billion will be directed to surface transportation projects, including roads and bridges, railways, public transit, ports and waterways, and more. Billions more will go to core infrastructure projects such as energy and power, water systems, broadband and environmental remediation programs.

"This new spending will have a direct impact on agriculture," Swanson said. "There are a lot of roads and bridges in need of repair, and \$110 billion was allocated to (them). That's about 10 percent of the entire bill. In addition, railways were allocated \$66 billion and ports and

waterways \$17 billion. You can see the amount of money going to those pathways that are so important to agriculture."

The infrastructure bill will also serve to help bridge the digital divide between rural and urban America. "There is \$65 billion in this bill to expand broadband availability and affordability, particularly targeted to those areas with no access or have poor access," Swanson said, adding that the bill will also stimulate job growth throughout rural America.

Swanson took time during the webinar to dispel some rumors concerning the Biden administration's proposed Build Back Better legislation passed by the House; it is currently before the Senate. "I think more changes are certainly possible as it goes through the Senate," she said, noting that though there are issues to sort out regarding tax provisions, some elements of BBB would stand to benefit agriculture.

"There is \$27 billion allocated to climate smart agriculture, the biggest investment in conservation since the Dust Bowl back in the 1930s. There is \$5 billion for soil conservation related to establishing cover crops for soil health. This would entail payments of \$25 per acre to producers who are doing cover crops on up to 1,000 acres. There is also \$5 per acre for landowners who are allowing farmers to do cover crops on their land."

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Ind., said the poultry industry should be proud of providing the safest food products in the world.

"Taking care of our animals, being good stewards of them, providing the best environment for them," he noted. "We've come a long way over the years. We've made great strides to get on board with everything the consumer demands from us and is just the right thing to do anyway for the welfare of the animals."

Some of Indiana's infrastructure helps to support the agriculture sector, said Dan Sprague, director of sow production for Indiana and North Carolina with Country View Family Farms, headquartered in Middletown, Pa.

"Indiana is certainly very ag-friendly and from a win standpoint, we have a tremendous opportunity to continue to grow across different crops and species," he said. "I think there's excellent collaboration across all the different segments within the ag sector. I think the future is quite bright when you look at the opportunities in Indiana for agriculture and producers, both on the grain side as well as the livestock side."

Working to meet consumer preferences can mean opportunities for producers, Schnell pointed out. The poultry industry, for example, has spent a lot of time and money developing cagefree systems, he said. Those systems should allow the industry to reach new markets. Schnell added.

The pork sector, including Country View Family Farms, has made significant investments to meet the requirements of California's Proposition 12, Sprague said. The proposition set minimum requirements for confining certain farm animals, including hogs. The measure prohibits the sale of noncomplying products in the state. Proposition 12 was passed by California voters in 2018 and will go into effect in January 2022.

Under Proposition 12, gestating sows must have 24 square feet of space, Sprague said. Country View is well into the process of "utilizing pen gestation," he explained. "It was a pretty logical transformation to allocate that square footage. It allows (the company) to move into that California market arena and seize that opportunity and work with the California consumer."

The panelists mentioned labor and broadband access as two challenges facing the agricultural industry.

"Just like most of the United States at present time, just trying to find adequate labor pool, attract new candidates, create retention, is a tremendous challenge for us," Sprague stated. "We have a lot of opportunities to find and hire and retain key people who can be a part of providing for the care and well being of our animals each and every day. That's a big, big challenge. On the

farm, within agriculture, it's 365, it's every day of the week. There's no way just to say, 'OK, we're going to take the day off and nobody has to work today.' It doesn't work that way."

River View Farms tries hard to keep employees, but it's a struggle, Schnell said.

"It doesn't really matter which species you're dealing with on the farm with animals, they're there all the time and we have to have people, good people, that take ownership of their job everyday and treat those animals as if they were their own," he said. "It is a huge investment but it is an animal that you need to take care of and do

your best with. It's been tough to keep people whenever there's so many other job opportunities. We really tried to entice people to come to work and enjoy their job and take pride in what they do every day."

As for broadband, Herr said rural internet access is a key initiative across the board. "Everything in agriculture is becoming more and more engaged in terms of whether it's record keeping, automation or a site specific activity. We have some unique gaps (in broadband) that exist and I don't know how we fully close those but that's something that is a significant issue facing all of us."



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Combat weeds before they have a chance to emerge agronomist says

By Stan Maddux **Indiana Correspondent**

ATLANTA, Ind. — Farmers who try and save money by buying less expensive herbicides or who delay using herbicides due to worry on getting enough product, may be costing themselves more money in the long run, according to Luke Schulte, field agronomist with Beck's Hybrids.

During a December 9 webinar, Schulte presented research showing the cost in yield reduction is more than the money saved from using a less effective and less expensive generic post weed emergence brand of herbicide. Waiting to apply the

herbicides out of fear stores won't have any in stock the next time more is needed eats into profit margins a bit further.

The numbers he displayed from the University of Nebraska findings revealed a \$19 loss in profit margin for every acre from such practices.

"It's significant," Schulte said. Schulte said the best way to save money on weed control is combating them before they emerge from the

New research shows weeds don't just compete with corn and soybeans for water; but how they reflect sunlight and the nutrients they use can also negatively impact yields.

Yields are reduced by light from the sun reflected by weeds, even those just emerging from the soil.

He cited a study by the University of Guelph in Ontario, Canada, that involved soybeans and weeds growing in separate pots. The health of the soybeans diminished just from the pots being moved closer together due to an increase in sunlight reflected from the weeds onto the crop. He said reflected light contains more toxic molecules of oxygen.

"That sunlight that was bouncing off that pot of weeds is actually causing stress to that crop," he said.

He said the crop is further hindered because the plant expends energy to repair the damage to itself and never fully recovers.

He also said weeds injured by things like combine heads during harvest are hardest to kill, which means more herbicide use and risk of greater competition with crops for water and nutrients when they grow

back in the spring. "With this new found understanding of how weeds actually impede yields, to me, it should change our mindset and focus on never allowing weeds to emerge in the first place," Schulte said.

Schulte said another potential cost saver is applying herbicides when they're supposed to be used on the calendar and not by the size or density of the crop.

Typically, he said herbicides designed to keep weeds from popping up are effective for 30 days but gradually start losing strength. Farmers waiting too long for the next application to stretch their herbicide supplies risk weeds emerging and using more chemicals later to kill the weeds, he said.

Schulte said money can also be saved by knowing specifically the kind weeds that need to be controlled and identifying the herbicides most effective on each type of weed.

Other cost savers include finding out if anything needs to be added and using the right amount when mixing herbicides with water to avoid the potential of weakening the chemicals in the mixture.

"Obviously, yield is very, very important always but it's even more important when we're trying to offset high input costs," Schulte said.

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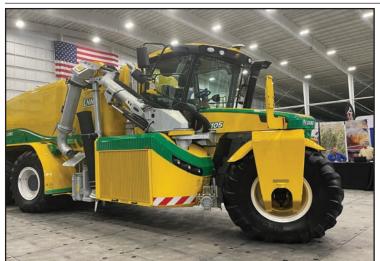






































If you are hoping for snow, look to February says meteorologist Martin

By Connie Swaim Managing Editor

WESTFIELD, Ind. - Ryan Martin knows his audience.

As a chief meteorologist for Ohio Ag Net and Hoosier Ag Today, he is a popular speaker at farm-related events such as the Indiana Farm Equipment & Technology Expo held Dec. 14-16. In a preview article for Farm World prior to the Expo, Martin said he would not touch the topic of climate change with a "10-foot pole,"

Methane tax assessments on farm-

systems, and not to the agricultural

industry," she said. "I've seen videos

on social media about a methane fee

on livestock, and I want to clarify that

it is not included in BBB as it is writ-

A poll of webinar viewers revealed

that 37 percent of attendees would prioritize crop insurance in the 2023 Farm Bill. Another 34 percent chose

conservation, while 21 percent select-

ed commodity programs as the top

concern. Just 6 percent chose the

nutrition title of the farm bill, while

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but promised the topic would come

At the end of his seminar at the Expo he got two questions: one was on which is his favorite weather model, and the second question was "do you believe in climate change?"

Martin quipped, "the climate is always changing." He then got serious and said this year the first killing frost in Indiana was Nov. 2; the year before that it was Oct. 29 and the

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both chambers of congress," Paulson said. "Another big question is whether the farm bill will continue to be bipartisan given that we are living in an increasingly politically polarized country and world. Is this traditional ers and ranchers are not part of the rural-urban coalition we've had in House-passed BBB legislation, place to help us get (farm bill) legislaaccording to Swanson. "There is a tion every four or five years (still methane fee spelled out in BBB that valid)? Political polarization could applies to petroleum and natural gas creep in and affect farm policy, which

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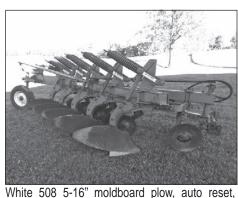


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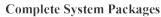
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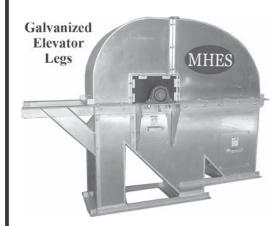


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Balance sheets little changed

MARKET ANALYSIS

By Karl Setzer

Typically, there are very few changes to the domestic balance sheets in the December WASDE report, and this year was no different. No changes were made to the corn or soybean balance sheets from a production or consumption point of view. This left the U.S. corn carryout at 1.49 billion bu (bbu) and the soybean carryout at 340 mbu. Trade has been expecting a slight decrease to corn ending

stocks and a slight increase on soybeans. U.S. wheat carryout increased 15 mbu from November and now stands at 598 mbu as exports have slowed in recent weeks

Only minimal changes took place to the global side of the report as well. Corn ending stocks increased 1.1 million metric tons (mmt) and now stand at 305.5 mmt. World soybean reserves are now projected at 102 mmt, down 1.8 mmt from November. Global wheat carryout is now pegged at 278.2 mmt, up 2.4 mmt from last month. Trade was expecting lower ending stocks on the grains and a higher number on soybeans.

The only real surprise in all of these numbers was the higher world wheat figure. This is mainly from an increase in Australian wheat production of 2.5 mmt from last month to a new record large crop of 34 mmt. The USDA also increased wheat production for Russia, the European Union, Canada and China. This takes some of the concern away from dwindling world wheat stocks, although the current stocks to use is still historically tight.

The USDA also updated its meat production estimates and data was mostly steady as well. For 2022, U.S. beef production was left unchanged at 27 billion pounds. Pork production for 2022 was also steady from last month at 27.6 billion pounds. The USDA left its average hog price at \$60.25 per hundredweight but increased its average steer value to \$135.25 per hundredweight, up \$5.25 from November.

The U.S. soy complex continues to find solid demand from the domestic crush market. U.S. crush margins are currently the highest in the past three years at nearly \$2 per bushel. These are being supported by strong demand for U.S. meal. While we are seeing good demand for soy oil as well, stocks of that product have started to build. This is the result of some of the highest oil content levels in this year's soybeans in recent years. Even with elevated demand, this may start to weigh on crush margins if stocks continue to rise.

When it comes to U.S. corn demand, all attention remains on China. China was an active corn buyer last spring and summer but has been absent from the U.S. market since August. A larger corn crop in China and uncertain feed demand has caused the decline in Chinese import buying. China has again started making import purchases but is covering needs with Ukraine supplies as they are considerably cheaper than those from the United States. Trade is still confident China will return to the United States for corn before the end of the year, giving us room for sales prior to the South American crop being harvested.

Trade is closely monitoring the global corn supply and demand situation. Rapid corn planting is taking place in Brazil and much of the initial crop may miss the upcoming window of dry conditions being forecasted. A larger volume

> of double cropping is also expected in Brazil this year given favorable returns and better weather conditions. Argentine officials are also upping their corn crop estimates, as is

Ukraine. Global corn demand is steadily rising though, absorbing much of this elevated production. In fact, the world market will need large crops to prevent significant cuts to reserves.

The grain that may have the most potential for higher values is wheat. The U.S. wheat supply is forecast to fall to its lowest level in the past 14 years before the next harvest takes place. Ukraine has lowered its new crop production estimate and Russia is going to start restricting exports after the first of the year. Production is forecast to rebound in North America next year though, with U.S. plantings expected to increase 2.5 million acres and Canada to expand acres by nearly 10 percent. This is in addition to a large South American wheat crop. This scenario may support wheat in the short term, but start to apply pressure in the new crop contracts.

A considerable amount of disapproval has been voiced on the ethanol blend rate proposal for 2022 by the U.S. EPA. Industry officials claim that by leaving the rate at 15 billion gallons, it does not promote ethanol usage and will hurt expansion. While this is true, ethanol exports have ramped up in recent weeks and supported the complex. Yearly exports are down 18 percent from last year as economies continue to rebound from the Covid outbreak, but volumes are building.

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ARKETS

Blue Grass Stockyards Lexington, KY

Livestock Weighted Average Report for 12/13/2021 - Final

	This Week	Last Reported 12/06/2021	Last Year
Total Receipts:	1,132	2,356	1,077
Feeder Cattle:	997(88.1%)	2,171(92.1%)	909(84.4%)
Slaughter Cattle:	123(10.9%)	185(7.9%)	163(15.1%)
Replacement Cattle:	12(1.1%)	0(0.0%)	5(0.5%)

Compared to last Monday feeder steers sold unevenly steady to 5.00 higher on 4-weight weaned packages. Feeder heifers under 600 lbs sold 3.00 to 6.00 with good demand. Slaughter cows and slaughter bulls sold steady to 1.00 higher. Supply included: 88% Feeder Cattle (44% Steers, 36% Heifers, 20% Bulls); 11% Slaughter Cattle (2% Steers 1% Heifers 81% Cows 17% Bulls): 1% Replacement Cattle (50% Bred Cows, 50% Cow-Calf Pairs). Feeder cattle supply over 600 lbs was 53%.

Groups of 20 head or more:

- 23 head 687 lbs 140.00 Blk Value-Added
- 60 head 767 lbs 163.95 Blk Value-Added 72 head 786 lbs 160.75 Blk-Bwf Value-Added

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STEED	S - Modium a		Per Cwt / Actua	I W+\
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
2	300	300	163.00	163.00
4	375-395	383	162.00-180.00	174.86
8	362-390	367	187.00-193.00	191.08 Value Added
2	405-425	415	158.00-161.00	159.54
19	405-447	426	168.00-190.00	181.64 Value Added
9	457-488	471	160.00-169.00	165.17
8	450-485	463	171.00-179.00	175.69 Value Added
13	517-547	530	151.00-155.00	151.66
6	510-513	512	158.00-169.00	163.52 Value Added
14	570-573	572	150.00-160.00	155.99 Value Added
12	615-630	619	134.50-140.00	139.00
33	603-648	626	140.00-159.00	151.55 Value Added
1	655	655	137.00	137.00
35	655-687	684	140.00-147.00	140.41 Value Added
13	700-730	715	130.00-138.00	132.54
1	740	740	145.00	145.00 Value Added
135	755-768	767	139.00-163.95	161.81 Value Added
23	805-845	810	136.00-152.75	151.13
3	900-940	918	130.00-135.00	131.99
1	1010	1010	120.00	120.00
STEER	S - Medium a	nd Large 2-3	(Per Cwt / Actua	l Wt)
<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	300	300	140.00	140.00
2	430-440	435	135.00-140.00	137.47
1	540	540	146.00	146.00
1	565	565	137.00	137.00
3	625-640	633	125.00-131.00	126.97
5	652-685	661	125.00-135.00	130.46
1	990	990	120.00	120.00
STEER	S - Large 1-2		ctual Wt)	
<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	580	580	140.00	140.00
2	700	700	123.00	123.00
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<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
4	325-340	330	130.00-133.00	131.27
9	318-345	336	140.00-141.00	140.32 Fancy
7	370-395	383	132.00-136.00	134.45
3	360	360	139.00-142.00	140.00 Value Added
3	430-447	441	132.00-135.00	134.03
16	400-435	421	138.00-150.00	144.36 Value Added
11	457-495	471	127.00-136.00	132.99
20	450-494	471	138.00-150.00	142.78 Value Added
12	520-547	532	127 00-135 00	132 //

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16	400-435	421	138.00-150.00	144.36 Value Added					
11	457-495	471	127.00-136.00	132.99					
20	450-494	471	138.00-150.00	142.78 Value Added					
12	520-547	532	127.00-135.00	132.40					
36	500-543	523	135.00-145.50	140.49 Value Added					
22	560-575	568	120.00-132.50	128.70					
23	554-585	564	135.00-139.00	136.83 Value Added					
18	600-645	623	114.00-123.00	120.04					
33	600-645	620	127.00-136.00	129.77 Value Added					
9	669-685	676	114.00-125.50	120.32					
2	650	650	128.00	128.00 Value Added					
4	700-722	711	106.00-112.00	109.05					
1	700	700	109.00	109.00 Fleshy					
1	725	725	118.00	118.00 Guaranteed Open					
4	765-780	774	106.00-117.00	110.96					
1	755	755	123.00	123.00 Guaranteed Open					
HEIFER	HEIFERS - Medium and Large 2-3 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)								
<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price					
1	260	260	122.00	122.00					
3	310-335	318	110.00-124.00	119.46					
2	400 405	400	117 00 101 00	110.00					

<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price		
1	260	260	122.00	122.00		
3	310-335	318	110.00-124.00	119.46		
2	420-425	423	117.00-121.00	118.99		
2	455-495	475	115.00-120.00	117.39		
3	500-530	515	110.00-115.00	112.35		
5	565-595	578	110.00-121.00	118.34		
7	620-642	633	100.00-112.00	103.36		
7	656-695	662	91.00-110.00	105.59		
8	700-745	719	101.00-105.00	103.14		
2	760-765	763	96.00-101.00	98.49		
1	955	955	87.00	87.00		
HEIFERS - Small and Medium 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)						
<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price		

- 1	300	300	07.00	07.00				
HEIFER	HEIFERS - Small and Medium 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)							
<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price				
1	295	295	105.00	105.00				
1	330	330	100.00	100.00				
1	355	355	100.00	100.00				
2	415-440	428	104.00-110.00	106.91				
1	505	505	105.00	105.00				
1	570	570	100.00	100.00				
5	604	604	94.00	94.00				

BULLS - Medium and Large 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)								
<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price				
5	305-330	321	150.00-160.00	156.01				
1	345	345	180.00	180.00 Value Added				
1	375	375	160.00	160.00				
8	350-393	374	177.00-193.00	187.21 Value Added				
4	400-442	425	146.00-155.00	150.80				
5	433-437	435	176.00-179.00	177.21 Value Added				
3	475-495	488	142.00-144.00	143.35				
7	473-490	478	162.00-168.00	163.73 Fancy				
4	471	471	172.00	172.00 Value Added				
10	505-543	532	132.00-147.00	143.20				
3	500-532	521	150.00-163.00	158.84 Fancy				
11	510-522	518	157.00-160.00	158.07 Value Added				
9	550-575	562	136.00-149.00	138.19				
5	587	587	154.00	154.00 Value Added				
21	600-640	616	125.00-131.00	129.64				
13	610-635	631	131.00-135.00	134.24 Value Added				
3	650-685	667	120.00-124.00	122.63				
4	656	656	136.00	136.00 Value Added				
3	730-740	733	115.00-126.00	120.00				
5	765-780	773	119.00-127.00	123.58				
5	850-895	864	115.00-124.00	121.81				
1	1025	1025	110.00	110.00				
BULLS	- Medium an	d Large 2-3 (Per Cwt / Actual	Wt)				
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BULLS - Medium and Large 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

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Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price			
1	330	330	131.00	131.00			
2	350-380	365	142.00-152.50	147.03			
2	460-495	478	136.00-145.00	140.34			
3	517-530	521	125.00-130.00	128.31			
6	565-587	579	125.00-135.00	130.68			
6	605-645	632	109.00-120.00	113.75			
7	650-690	671	109.00-120.00	116.15			
BULLS	- Large 1-2 (I	Per Cwt / Act	ual Wt)				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price			
4	400	400	150 00	150 00			

4	400	400	130.00	130.00				
1	505	505	138.00	138.00				
BULLS	BULLS - Small and Medium 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)							
<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price				
1	270	270	110.00	110.00				
1	420	420	119.00	119.00				
2	560-585	573	119.00-121.00	120.02				
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	SLAUGHTER CATTLE								
STEERS - Choice 2-3 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)									
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing				
2	1125-1295	1210	110.00-115.00	112.32	Average				
HEIFERS	HEIFERS - Choice 2-3 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)								
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing				
1	1115	1115	107.00	107.00	Average				

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing		
1	1115	1115	107.00	107.00	Average		
COWS - E	Breaker 75-809	6 (Per Cwt /	Actual Wt)				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing		
15	1140-1785	1445	53.00-59.00	57.23	Average		
13	1320-1860	1622	60.50-67.00	62.54	High		
1	1535	1535	53.00	53.00	Low		
COWS - Boner 80-85% (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)							
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing		
16	1055-1400	1243	53.50-59.00	57.29	Average		

	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing		
	BULLS - 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)							
	7	950-1385	1114	39.00-49.00	44.43	Low		
	3	975-1150	1063	57.00-58.00	57.31	High		
	12	880-1200	1090	50.00-56.00 5	2.69	Average		
	<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing		
COWS - Lean 85-90% (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)								
	20	1065-1470	1258	59.50-68.00	62.54	High		
	16	1055-1400	1243	53.50-59.00	57.29	Average		

1	300-1000	1117	33.00-43.00	77.70	LUW		
BULLS -	1-2 (Per Cwt / /	Actual Wt)					
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressin		
12	1210-1860	1493	83.00-93.00	88.70	Averag		
4	1355-1910	1710	93.00-102.00	98.89	High		
2	1150-2295	1723	79.00-80.00	79.33	Low		
REPLACEMENT CATTLE							

	REPLACEMENT CATTLE									
BRED	BRED COWS - Medium and Large 1-2 (Per Head / Actual Wt)									
Age	<u>Stage</u>	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price				
2-4	T3	1	1500	1500	1150.00	1150.00				
2-8	T3	1	1575	1575	900.00	900.00				
BRED	COWS -	- Mediur	m and Large	2-3 (Per He	ad / Actual Wt)					
Age	<u>Stage</u>	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price				
2-8	T3	1	1480	1480	775.00	775.00				
>8	T2	1	1170	1170	625.00	625.00				
COW-	COW-CALF PAIRS - Medium and Large 1-2 w/ <150 lbs calf (Per Family / Ad									
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Age	Stage	<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
2-8	0	1	1235	1235	1160.00	1160.00
COW-	CALF	PAIRS -	Medium and	Large 1-2	w/ 150-300 lbs	calf (Per Fam
/ Actu	al Wt)					

I	/ Actual Wt)								
	Age	<u>Stage</u>	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price		
	2-8	0	2	1500-1635	1568	1150.00-1235.00	1190.67		
(COW-CALF PAIRS - Medium and Large 2-3 w/ 150-300 lbs calf (Per Family								
/ Actual Wt)									
	Age	<u>Stage</u>	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price		
	2-8	0	1	1395	1395	900.00	900.00		

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/2n d 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 12/17/2021

Another week of bizarre December weather in the state with several temperature records broke once again. Lack of winter moisture is resulting in several areas getting dry just over 50 percent of the state is listed as abnormally to moderately dry according to the latest drought monitor. On a national scale there isn't a lot left west of the Mississippi River not considered dry at this point. The only plus side to this is famers have got more fall tillage done than they can ever recall. Despite the continued climbing of fertilizer prices many are still getting anhydrous cut in. Here in the state hay movement remains slow as feeding needs just haven't been very high with the current weather. The supply of hay is moderate and demand is light to moderate and prices mostly steady. The Missouri Department of Agriculture has a hav directory visit http://mda.mo.gov/ abd/haydirectory/ for listings of hay http://agebb.missouri.

HAY (Conventional)

Price Range

	I fice ixange
Alfalfa - Supreme (Ask/Per Ton) Medium Square 3x3	200.00-250.00
Alfalfa - Supreme (Ask/Per Bale)	200.00-250.00
Small Square	8.00-12.00
Alfalfa - Premium (Ask/Per Ton)	100 00 000 00
Medium Square 3x3 Alfalfa - Good (Ask/Per Ton)	160.00-200.00
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/	
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	I)

STRAW (Conventional) Wheat - (Ask/Per Bale)

Small Square 4.00-6.00 Source: USDA AMS Livestock

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CALVES

Daily Livestock Slaughter Under Federal Inspection

CATTLE

Friday, December 17, 2021

	CALLE	CALVES	11003	SHEEF
Friday 12/17/2021	120,000	1,000	475,000	5,000
Week ago	121,000	1,000	466,000	6,000
Year ago (act)	116,000	2,000	479,000	7,000
Week to date	599,000	7,000	2,313,000	36,000
Same Period Last Week	610,000	7,000	2,335,000	40,000
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Ryan Martin

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year before that was Oct. 26. "We have extended our growing season by almost two weeks at the end of October," he said.

He added this could mean double-crop beans for some farmers.

Martin uses a variety of weather models as well as his own model to help farmers understand the weather for the upcoming growing season. He is quick to point out he can't tell anyone what the exact weather will be on a given day, but he can talk about patterns.

The weather models Martin discussed were the Cansips and the European models. He said if someone forced him to choose only one model it would be the European. When he compared the forecasts for both models through April 2022, there was a lot of divergence, especially in how much rain the Midwest might get.

Martin uses patterns to predict what will be coming up weather-wise for farmers. He said his model looks at the last 115 years of weather data for patterns that match certain weather events and then makes predictions based on what happened historically.

Among some of the weather information Martin shared was Indiana had the wettest October since 1986. Most of the state was 150 to 200 percent wetter than normal. If you love snow, you may be disappointed in Indiana this year, but your best bet for a good snow will be February, when he predicts temperatures below normal. "My money is on February being 5 to 15 degrees below normal." December will remain warmer than normal, and he said January would be both wetter and warmer than normal before seeing a dry down in March.

As for when to plant in the spring, Martin was cautious. He said in the last few years April has been warmer than normal causing some farmers to want to get out and plant earlier; however, there is still a real possibility for a May frost.

And one last thing, Martin said what La Nina is doing doesn't matter to those of us living in Indiana so don't worry about it. He said the most important forecast was the 14 to 21 day forecast.

Martin can be heard on the Morning Farm Show and read online at www.ocj.com or www.hoosieragtoday.com.

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Operation Evergreen sends Christmas trees to troops abroad

By Celeste Baumgartner Ohio Correspondent

FRAZEYSBURG, Ohio – Every year since 1995, the Ohio Christmas Tree Association (OCTA) has sent Ohio-grown Christmas trees to American troops around the world. This year's trees went to Central Receiving in Kuwait and will be distributed from there.

"Everything in our part of the program is donated," said Amy Galehouse, of Galehouse Tree Farms, who coordinates the Operation Evergreen program for OCTA. "It costs anywhere from \$98 to\$160 a tree to ship a tree overseas at the military rate. It will be \$12 or \$15 thousand a year to ship 100 trees."

OCTA receives donations from school groups, individuals, Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), American Legion and more, she said. Akers Packaging in Middletown donates the boxes for the trees. "So far we have been blessed and lucky to have enough money to pay for the shipping with a little bit left over to start the next year."

The trees are all gathered in Reynoldsburg where the Ohio Department of Agriculture (ODA) gets an accurate count of the species, does an inspection and issues a phytosanitary certificate, which is important when shipping products into other countries, said Dan Kenny, ODA plant health division chief.

"They send zip-lock bags of handmade ornaments along with the trees," he said. "A lot of the schools that are involved make ornaments and write notes and cards of appreciation for the troops."

Galehouse shared a few of the many letters OCTA has received over the years from troops:

"My name is private first class Ledford (Joseph). I am the public relations official for Alpha Battery 1st/113th Field Artillery, and I personally wanted to thank you for the Christmas tree! Our battery is a part of the North Carolina Army National Guard and we are currently deployed to Kuwait. We have been away from home for a few months now and will not be back in the states until fall of 2020. Having an actual live Christmas tree is a lovely reminder of home and has brought a bit of joy and Christmas spirit to or battery. I have attached a few pho-

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Above: OCTA has received letters describing everything from a tree in front of a communications center that 4,000 or 5,000 people went past, to one in a chapel, sometimes in an office or mess hall.

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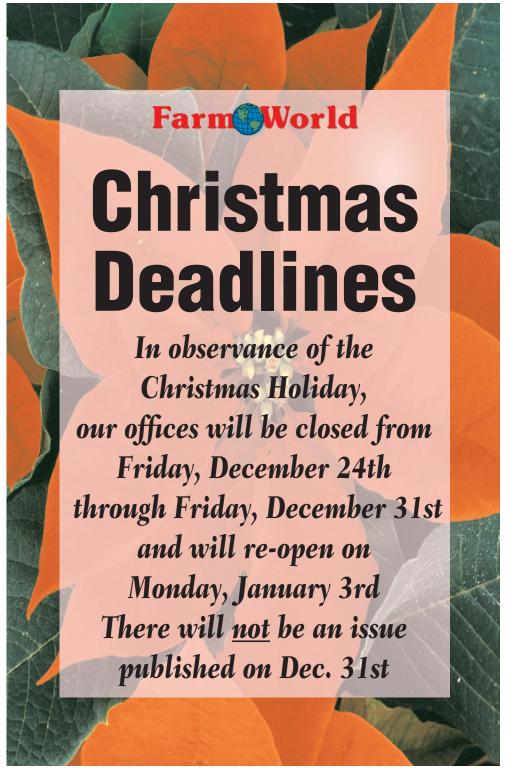
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Christmas tree

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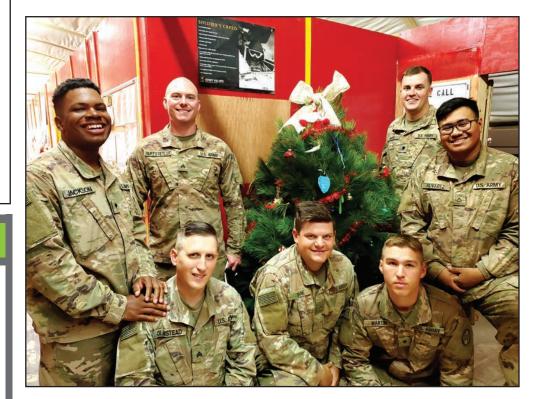
Galehouse said, "Some (troops) don't see the tree but get a Christmas card. It all goes into the 12-by-12-by-84-inch boxes. I've had letters describing everything from a young man sitting in a communications center, they put the tree in front of the communications center where 4,000 or 5,000 people went past and saw the tree, to one in a chapel, sometimes in offices or mess halls."

Donations to Operation Evergreen may be sent to the Ohio Christmas Tree Association, 6870 Licking Valley Road, Frazevsburg, OH 43822. Checks can be made out to OCTA Operation Evergreen.



Above: School kids make ornaments. write notes and cards of appreciations to include in the boxes with the trees. Some troops who are out in the field may not see the tree but will still get a card.

Below: Every year since 1995, the Ohio Christmas Tree Association has sent Ohiogrown Christmas trees to American troops around the world. This year's trees went to Central Receiving in Kuwait. They will be distributed from there.





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Tornadoes destroyed dairy and poultry facilities in Kentucky

By SUSAN MYKRANTZ Ohio Correspondent

HOPKINSVILLE, Ky. — Kentucky farmers are still reeling from the damaging tornadoes that went through the western part of the state on Dec. 10. They are being encouraged to take plenty of photos of damage before they begin the cleanup process according to the Kentucky Department of Agriculture.

According to initial reports from the National Weather Service, the tornado started building in Arkansas, moved across Missouri and Tennessee, and then moved into western Kentucky building up strength until the first one touched about 9:30 p.m. in Graves County. This tornado continued its path across western Kentucky before breaking apart in Central Kentucky in the early morning hours. A second tornado, running almost parallel to the Mayfield bound tornado landed in Bowling Green, Kentucky, and continued its journey across the state before coming apart in the southcentral part of the state in the early morning hours.

In all, initial storm strength rated from EF1 to at least EF 3, possibly EF 4, and could be upgraded to an EF 5, in the hardest-hit areas. Further reports from the National Weather Service show at least two other weaker tornadoes went through the state as well

In a Dec. 17 telephone interview, Sean Southard, Director of Communication for the Kentucky Department of Agriculture said the National Weather Service is continuing to analyze the path and strength of the tornado.

Southard said the Department of Agriculture is also gathering information and analyzing the damage to farms and agriculture's infrastructure in the state.

"We know at least 30 poultry barns were damaged," he said. "Pilgrim's Pride has two hatcheries in the Mayfield area and both were destroyed. Their feed mill also suffered major damage."

"With the damage to the hatcheries, farmers will need to find a way to get chickens to fill up the chicken houses that are still viable.

Mayfield Grain also suffered major damage to its bins and grain handling equipment. Mayfield's local John Deere dealership suffered major damage to its building and equipment on the lot, and the Graves County Food Bank was severely damaged.

The University of Kentucky's Grain and Forage Center in Princeton suffered severe damage to its campus. According to campus staff, almost all the buildings have been condemned, and much of their equipment was damaged or destroyed.

"We won't have a true estimate of the economic damage from the storm for several weeks," said Southard. "But we are encouraging farmers to take pictures and keep records of the damage on their farm before they begin the clean-up process."

Dave Roberts, a consultant for the Kentucky Dairy Development Council in Western Kentucky, said initial reports indicate the damage varies from area to area. Roberts said the biggest concentration of agricultural production is in the western portion of the state, so the storms had a major impact on the agricultural community in the state.

"The areas where the main tornadoes hit have had pretty severe damage," said Roberts. "While the Graves County tornado has been in the news, Christian County also suffered a lot of damage in the tornado."

Roberts said Christian County is home to a large Amish and Mennonite community with a strong dairy industry. He said about 25 percent of the state's dairy farms are in the county.

When the tornadoes hit and destroyed or damaged barns, farmers lost livestock; either the animals were killed directly, or they had to be put down because they suffered major injuries with no chance of recovery.

Roberts added that farmers not only lost cattle, but they also lost workhorses, which are used heavily in their farming operations.

"One of the feed mills in the area may have been heavily damaged, but there are other feed mills in the area that can help out so, farmers will not be out of feed," he said. "Crews have been able to clear the roads for the milk trucks to get in to pick up milk."

While grain may not be an issue, hay and silage may be an issue. With silos damaged or destroyed, silage may be damaged. Farmers are also trying to cover hay to protect it from further

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Above: Severe tornadoes left widespread damage across western Kentucky. The Kentucky Dairy Development Council has established a fundraiser to help dairy farmers in the state; specifically, those in the Plain communities who were impacted by the storm





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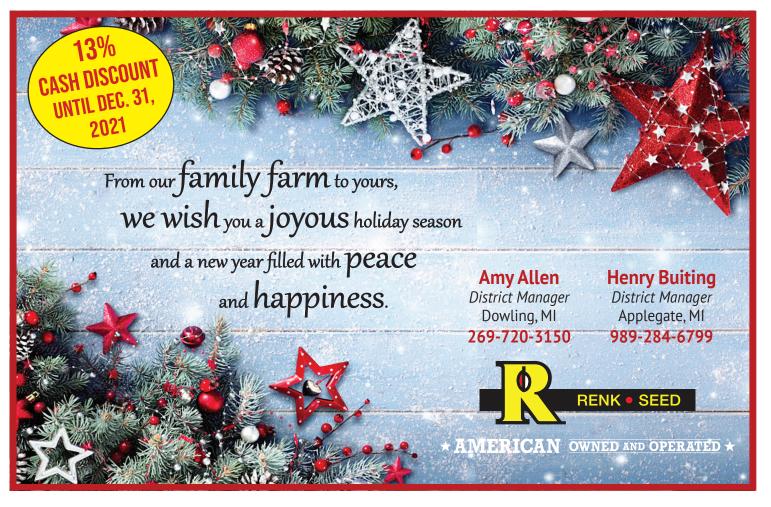
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Farmer's vision connects ag workers and employers

By Tim Alexander Illinois Correspondent

PEORIA, Ill. – A recent report from the USDA Economic Research Service (ERS) detailed how the COVID-19 pandemic affected the U.S. economy, including the farm sector and farm households. According to the report, farm businesses experienced disruptions to production because of lowered availability of labor and other inputs. In November, the employment rate showed little change, the Department of Labor reported.

To help bridge the continuing gap between farm employers and employees, FarmPost founder Michael Schaeffer set up a booth at the Greater Peoria Farm Show, Nov. 30- Dec. 2, in the Peoria Civic Center Exhibition Hall, to promote his self-designed farm employment phone app.

"I developed this app because I am a farmer in eastern Iowa and I could never find help for my own farm," Schaeffer said. "I was also a precision ag specialist for about eight years, and a lot of my customers could never find farm help when they needed it. I decided to go on the hunt for a solution and I ended up creating this phone app."

First introduced as the FarmHand, the new and improved FarmPost app joins an already-crowded field of online or phone app-based farm employment services including FarmRecruitUSA. com, FarmJobSearch.com and JobsInAgriculture.com. More comprehensive job matching services such as ZipRecruiter.com and jobsbear.com also offer agriculture sector



Above: FarmPost founder Michael Schaeffer, an lowa farmer, created the employment app to recruit workers for his farm. He is pictured at the 40th Greater Peoria Farm Show. (Tim Alexander photo).

employment matches. Despite the competition, Schaeffer remains confident his recruitment app offers the best and simplest method for farm employers in all 50 states to find workers – after all, it was created by a farmer, for farmers and farm workers.

"If you are a farmer looking for an employee you can register as a farm owner by providing a few details about the employees you seek. It takes about two minutes to post a job, including key details and pay rates. Workers can apply by clicking 'reply,'" Schaeffer explained.

In its first few years of operation, FarmPost and FarmHand have

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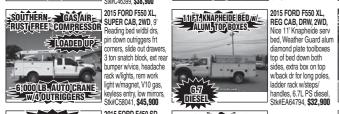




















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Tornado

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moisture.

While power lines have been knocked down in the storms, farmers in the area often rely on diesel engines to operate their milker pumps and bulk tanks. Milk trucks do have a motor on their trucks to pump the milk into the truck.

Roberts said most of the milk produced in the area is shipped into processing plants in Nashville, which weren't damaged in the storm.

"It has been a step-by-step process to clear the roads so that crews can get out and assess the damage," Roberts said. "Even a week after the storm, crews still can't reach some areas of the counties hit by the tornadoes."

Roberts said much of the problem is due to downed power lines, downed trees and branches, and debris from buildings that were damaged or destroyed during the storm.

Roberts said members of the local Amish and Mennonite communities are coordinating the cleanup efforts and determining the needs of the farmers in their areas. As clean-up efforts progress, thanks to the efforts of countless volunteers, Roberts said farmers are assessing their needs. He said fencing and financial donations are the primary needs to help farmers get their operations up and running again.

He said fences have been damaged by wind, debris from trees and destroyed buildings as well as livestock breaking through the fences. With those needs in mind, the Kentucky Dairy Development Council is putting together a fundraiser to provide assistance to farmers impacted by the tornadoes.

Eunice Schleppi is coordinating the fundraiser. Schleppi recently retired as dairy market specialist from the Kentucky Department of Agriculture.

"I didn't set out to be the coordinator," Schleppi said. "I just wanted to help people that I have worked with."

She said many volunteers from other Plain communities are coming in to Kentucky to help with the clean-up efforts.

"This is a time when everyone works together," she said. "This help is a drop in the bucket, but every drop counts and pretty soon the bucket is full."

Primarily the fund will directly benefit Amish and Mennonite Dairies and Agriculture. But money raised will also help other dairies in the state that were affected.

"The Plain community does not use insurance, nor do they accept government funds such as FEMA," said Schleppi. "They are self-funded when disasters like this happen."

She added that early conversations with elders in the Plain communities said the the destruction is extensive and they will have a tough time covering the needs of the Plain community.

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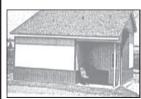
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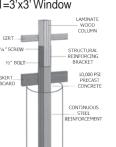






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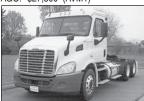
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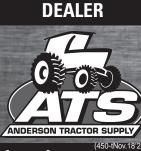
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Used farm machinery prices setting records

By Stan Maddux Indiana Correspondent

WESTFIELD, Ind. – There appears to be no immediate end to the record prices being paid for used farm machinery.

That's according to Greg Peterson, more commonly known to farmers as "Machinery Pete," during his Dec. 15 presentation at the Indiana Farm Equipment and Technology Expo in Westfield.

The long-time market analyst of farm and construction equipment also suggested farmers not wait if they have tractors and other machinery they're

wanting to sell.

In many cases, Peterson said bidders on used machinery are going above the sticker price when the pieces were new.

"If it's in good condition, it's worth more money than what it was," he said.

Peterson said he considers market conditions stable at six on a scale of one to 10, but the rating is 9.5 now and still ticking upward.

He said farmers have been forced into the used market because dealerships in North American have been struggling with low inventory of new equipment.

Peterson said manufacturers have not been able to receive, in a timely manner, the parts and other materials needed to churn out equipment at a fast enough pace due to difficulties in the worldwide supply chain.

Some dealerships with such low inventory have also turned to the used market and are bidding high recently to meet the needs of their customers.

"They're willing and able to pay premium auction prices," Peterson said.

A 2011 John Deere 9330 four-wheel-drive tractor with more than 1,500 hours on it sold at auction for \$194,000. It was just one of many farm pieces he showcased as easily breaking the previous record price this year.

"I'm seeing records all over the place on everything," he said.

Peterson said the market could simmer down just a bit in January as buyers take a step back out of shock from the high prices. He expects things to pick up again in March and April and remain hot throughout the year.

Peterson said new equipment will

likely remain in short supply for a while because correcting the "unprecedented" problems with the supply chain is going to be complicated and time consuming. He said the pandemic blamed, in part, for the shortage of labor to adequately move product is still ongoing.

The strike by John Deere workers that began Oct. 14 hasn't made the situation easier, he said. Nor did the shutdown by CNH Industrial of several Ag production plants in Europe due to supply chain difficulties.

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Peterson said manufacturers have not een able to receive, in a timely manner, that out," Peterson said.

"Nobody knows when it will be solved. It's going to take quite a while to sort that out," Peterson said.

He said the used equipment market rating has gone up for eight consecutive quarters but really took off after supply chain issues started to materialize in February.

Peterson said kinks in the supply chain are also causing delays on when farmers can expect to receive new equipment purchases.

Some farmers who placed an order for a combine recently, for example, are wondering if delivery will be made before next year's harvest, he said.

Peterson also advised sellers of used equipment to capture a drone video of their piece operating in the fields during planting or harvest season.

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connected thousands of farm employers and workers, according to Schaeffer. Agriculture-related job categories included on the FarmPost app include general farm labor, farm management, trucking, livestock, hay, crops, custom field work, machinery operators, co-ops, elevators and infield operators.

Even prior to the pandemic, U.S. farmers were having a hard time finding enough employees to harvest the nation's food commodities, including vegetables in California, cotton in Georgia and pumpkins in Illinois.

"Farmers and ranchers in every state tell me that the shortage of labor is the greatest limiting factor on their farms," said American Farm Bureau Federation President Zippy Duvall, in 2019. "The number of farm workers hired through the H-2A visa program for seasonal agricultural workers has more than doubled in the past five years. Even with the increase, (2018)'s

243,000 H-2A workers filled just a fraction of the more than 2.4 million farm jobs."

Over 73 percent of farm workers are immigrants, primarily from Mexico and South America. Authorized immigrant workers comprise only about 20 percent of farm labor, according to the ERS. In addition, the ERS reported the hired labor force in agriculture is aging, with the average age of hired farm laborers rising from 35.8 years in 2006 to 38.8 years in 2017, driven by aging foreign-born farm laborers. Just 8.39 percent of producers were 34 years old or younger.

"If the current agricultural workforce – the majority of which is foreign-born – is not replenished by people who are interested in doing farm work even when they have other employment options, then the supply of farm labor will dwindle, and the average age of the agricultural workforce will rise," ERS analysts noted in a 2018 bulletin.

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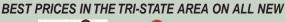




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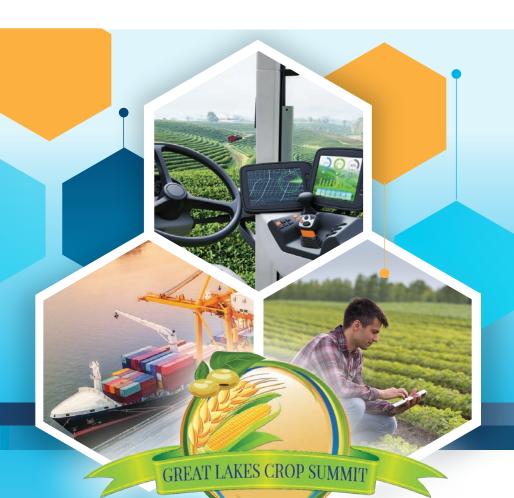


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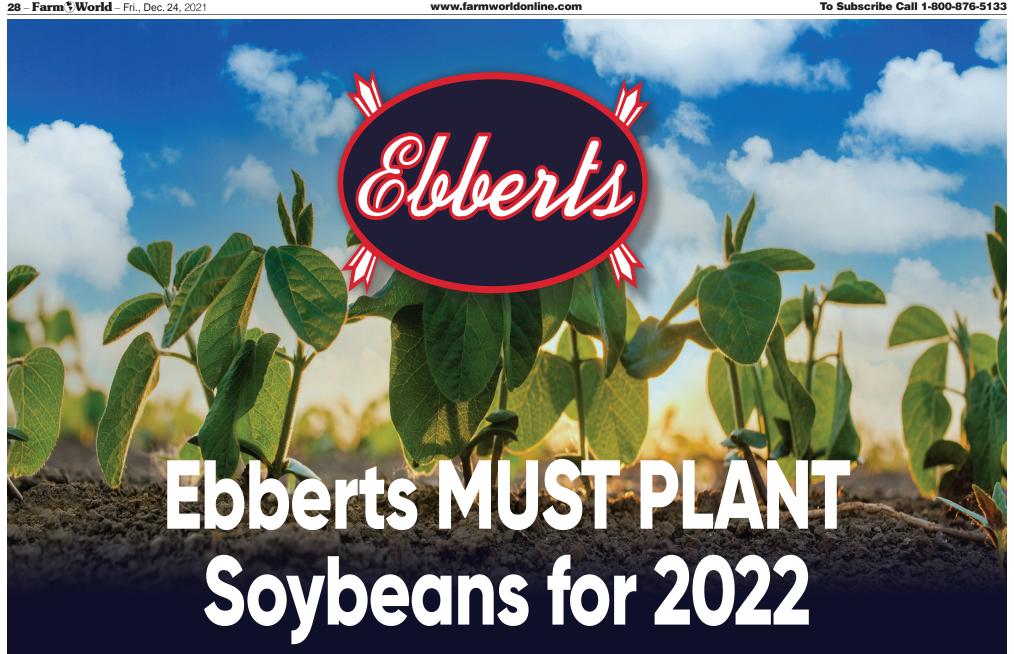
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SECTION B

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Cow respiratory disease test could save millions of dollars

By Doug Graves Ohio Correspondent

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. – Researchers at Purdue University successfully developed an on-site bovine respiratory disease test that provides results within an hour. And in doing so, their research could save millions of dollars and reduce the use of antibiotics.

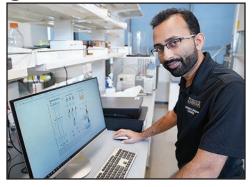
"Bovine respiratory disease is the most common and costly disease affecting cattle in the world," said Mohit Verma, a Purdue assistant professor of agricultural and biological engineering who led the study during this research. "Our goal was to advance the point-of-care technology to address the disease. We wanted to see if the technology was tough enough for the farm and how messy it could get. We weren't overly cautious with cleanliness because we wanted the tests to be easy to use."

Bovine respiratory disease, or BRD, is responsible for half of all cattle deaths from disease in North Americana and costs the beef industry \$900 million annually, Verma said. In the past, such tests for BRD would require sending samples to the lab for analysis, costing time in addition to money.

"Several strains of bacteria and viruses can cause the disease, which makes it difficult to effectively treat," Verma said. "Respiratory disease can quickly spread from animal to animal, and it can be devastating. Quick diagnosis leads to the proper treatment and reduces unnecessary use of antibiotics."

Verma and his team of researchers

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Above: Mohit Verma, professor of agricultural and biological engineering in Purdue University's College of Agriculture, works in his lab. Verma successfully developed an on-site bovine respiratory disease test. (Purdue University photo/Tom Campbell)

added an easy-to-read color change from red to yellow to indicate the test results, giving them point-of-care analysis.

"Unfortunately, because the standard test can take several days to provide a result, the farmers need to treat the cattle before they know the pathogen responsible," he said. "This can lead to use of an ineffective antibiotic or overuse of antibiotics."

Verma's new process is rather easy. A nasal swab collects the needed sample, and the swab is put into a small vial with corresponding primers and reagents developed by the team that serve as biosensors for the bacteria. The vial and its contents are heated in a water bath to enable the chemical reactions. If the bacteria for which the test is designed is present, that mixture changes



Above: Josiah Davidson, a graduate student in Mohit Verma's lab, shows the color change in a new pen-side bovine respiratory disease test. (Purdue University photo/Tom Campbell)

color.

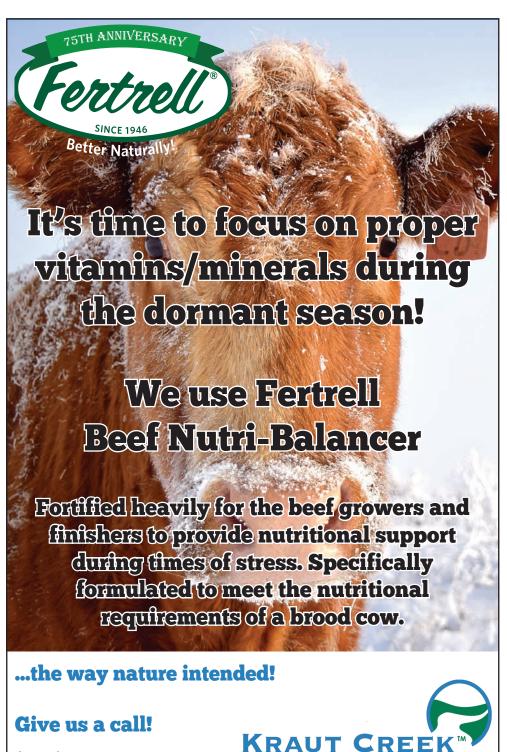
Verma says his technology can identify three strains of bacteria among the top four that cause BRD: Pasteurella multocida, Mannheimia haemolytica and Histophilus somni.

"We've been working to improve our test to get it out of the lab and into the hands of farmers and veterinarians, and it worked very well in the field," Verma said. "One key to achieving this advancement was using a sous vide water bath to maintain the temperature needed for it to work, around 149 degrees Fahrenheit. My brother was doing sous vide cooking and the idea just clicked. It is something easy to bring to a farm, fill with water and allow the test to be run."

Farmers, Verma said, are not as much interested in the science behind the process, just that it is effective and time saving.

"The technology tests for DNA from the bacteria and uses a method of nucleic acid amplification called loo-mediated isothermal amplification, or LAMP," Verma said. "When the bacterial DNA is present, LAMP magnifies it. As the level of nucleic acid increases, it changes the pH of the sample, which triggers the color change. The advantage of LAMP is that it produces results in under an hour."

A paper detailing their work was published in the journal Veterinary Research.



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Foxes, coyotes becoming more active as they begin courtship rituals

The time draws near the birth of Christ: The moon is hid; the night is still. - Tennyson

The Moon and the Meteors

The Sandhill Crane Migration Moon, full on December 18, waned throughout the week, entering its final quarter at 9:24 on Dec. 26. Rising in the middle of the night and $\|\mathbf{P_{OOR}}\ \mathbf{W_{ILL'S}}\ \mathbf{A_{LMANACK}}$ setting near the middle of the day, this moon passes

overhead in the morning. Making that a favorable lunar time for tracking game and cold fishing, especially as the Christmas cold front and New Year's cold front approach.

Weather Trends

Christmas Day is typically the brightest day of the period, bringing a 70 percent chance of sun. The 28th is often the darkest day of December's fourth week, with a 70 percent chance of clouds. Snow falls half the time in my weather history on Christmas Eve and on the two days before New Year's Day. The 26th is typically the coldest day of the week and has a 40 percent chance of highs just in the teens or 20s.

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

Sandhill cranes continue to travel south along their flyways. Orchard grass, goldenrod, Japanese knotweed, dock, virgin's bower, pepper grass, penny cress, garlic mustard, velvet leaf, mallow, Queen Anne's lace, parsnip, milkweed, water horehound, motherwort, bergamot, ironweed, jimson weed, mullein, yarrow, black-eyed Susan, burdock, cattail, dogbane and teasel are some of the most common plants still available for dried winter bouquets.

Mind and Body

The S.A.D. Index, which measures seasonal stress on a scale from 1 to 100, declines slightly into the more moderate 70s this week as the Moon wanes, decreasing the likelihood for fierce weather. These nights, however, are the longest of the year, a major phenomenon related to Seasonal Affective Disorder.

In the Field and Garden

Be sure plenty of grit is available for your chickens if winter is keeping them from foraging for small stones.

In the dark afternoons in December, orchids are often in their prime. Under lights, in a greenhouse. or in a south window, many varieties bloom before Christmas.

Foxes and coyotes are becoming nore active as they begin their courtship rituals. Watch for them frolicking in the fields. And keep the hen house all buttoned up.

If you're going to show animals born in winter next year at the fair, it may make sense to feed them by hand now.

As temperatures get colder, be sure there is a thicker layer of straw or wood shavings on the floor of your chicken house.

Don't let your pigs - especially your piglets and weaner pigs - get caught in late-winter drafts. Wind chill can kill a young pig. And pigs, like people, sometimes catch cold if exposed to temperature changes that occur quickly.

A Natural Calendar for the Progress of Spring

Although winter may seem long and gray, its progress slowly unravels spring. A natural calendar offers reassurance that the coldest days of the year will really and truly lead to warmth.

Jan. 1-26: Deep Winter begins - a six-week period when high temperatures often stay below freezing and the most snow falls.

Jan. 4: The Earth reaches perihelion, its position closest to the

Jan. 1-10: Sunrise is the latest of the year.

Jan. 11: The Sun rises earlier for the first time since the middle of

By Bill Felker

Jan. 23: Average date of the January thaw.

Jan. 26: Cardinals begin their spring mating songs and deep winter

Jan. 27: The day's length (now growing at the rate of two minutes each 24 hours) reaches 10 hours, and Late Winter begins - a threeweek transition to Early Spring.

Jan. 28: Average temperatures start to rise one degree per week.

Jan. 30: The earliest robins and bluebirds arrive in the Lower Midwest.

sunrise.

Feb. 2: The first snowdrops and aconites could blossom in the sun.

Feb. 4: Now there is one hour more daylight than on Dec. 26. Feb. 14: Red-winged blackbirds

arrive in regional wetlands. Feb. 17: Today is winter's Cross

Quarter Day: The sun is halfway to equinox.

Feb. 18: Average date for the start of Early Spring, a six-week period that gradually brings the landscape

Feb. 22: The day's length reaches 11 hours for the first time since October.

Feb. 25: Red peony stalks emerge from the ground.

Feb. 26: Salamanders mate when the rains are warm.

Feb. 27: Average temperatures now rise one degree every three days - a pattern that persists until the middle of summer.

March 1: Woodcocks begin courtship.

March 4: Pussy willows are usually completely open.

March 8: Earliest daffodils bloom. March 11: Honeysuckle leaves are opening.

March 17: The day's length reaches Feb. 1: Doves start to call after 12 hours, three days before equinox. March 20: Equinox occurs at

11:32 a.m.

March 21: Pollen appears on pussy willow catkins.

March 24: Touch-me-nots sprout in the swamps.

March 25: Cabbage butterflies come looking for nectar.

March 26: Leaves grow on skunk

cabbage. March 30: May apple spears are up in the woods to prophesy morel

mushroom time. The first buckeye trees leaf out. March 31: The first hepatica, bloodroot, bluebells, Dutchman's britches, twinleaf and toothwort all

month vigil for Middle Spring. Poor Will's Almanack for 2022 is still available

come into bloom, ending the four-

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Top 10 list of favorite EPD characteristic

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EPD's I'd like to see:

#10 Loadability - How many pounds have we run off and how much personal anguish has been suffered just because every time you struggled to get a cow or calf up the chute the animal blew up, kicked you in the shins and destroyed your loading chute?

#9 Sleepability - Thanks to EPD's we've eliminated many hard calving cows, but they still don't tell us what time a cow will calve. I'd much rather know if a cow is going to calve at 3 a.m. so my wife will be ready than I would the angle of some animal's foot. I'm sure my wife would appreciate it too.

#8 Drinkability - When you're in the middle of the worst drought in memory and you're hauling water to your herd every day it makes a big difference if your cows drink 35 gallons a day versus 25

gallons. We're ripping out lawns, taking showers every other day and flushing our toilets less, shouldn't we also be identifying those animals with a drinking problem?

#7 Livability - I always hated buying replacement heifers or worse yet, trying to breed my own. That's why I appreciate cows that live a long time. If animal scientists can come up with an EPD for ribeye area, surely they can collect data on how long a cow's teeth will last. Shouldn't the animal scientists be trying harder to identify the cattle with better dentition?

#6 Respectability - What good does it do if you breed the best set of yearlings in the country, if on shipping day one of them charges you in the alley and stand her ground while plugging a hole breaks your pelvis, leg and both arms? No premium in the world is going to pay your hospital bill. Who cares if your calves grade 90 percent choice if one of your bulls kills your best dog, impales your horse or puts your significant other in the hospital so you have to do housework?

#5 Vet Visitability - Have you ever noticed that you're always calling the vet for the same cow? First, it's a caesarean, then a prolapse and finally, to cut out a cancer eye. I'd like to have some idea how much I can expect to pay in vet bills for the offspring of any bull I buy.

#4 Drivability - There's nothing worse than a herd-quitting cow, unless it's more than one. It's like trying to herd ants, pigs or cats. The really cagey cows will wait for just the right moment to explode through the middle of the herd so you have to start all over again while the trucks wait to ship your calves. It can be very costly because you have to buy faster horses and can lead to a divorce if your wife isn't the type to

in the fence.

3 Digestibility - There's great work being done to determine the efficiency of our animals but it's usually in a feedlot setting with concentrated feeds. After watching the same old cows pig out on supplement tubs I want to know how much supplement they eat. I used to use blocks but went to tubs when I saw one old glutton with a half a block in her mouth trying to swallow the whole thing.

#2 Perfectability - The best cow I ever owned wouldn't weigh 950 pounds but she never failed to bring a 650 pounder to the weaning pen. She was gentle as a lamb, babysat the calves while their 1,400 pound mothers went to gorge on water and eat supplement, always stood still in the chute and did all this until she was 13. She was a mongrel crossbred cow that looked like a bag of bones.

#1 Lovability - I want lovesick cows that chase bulls, calve early and never miss, so give me immoral floozey cows and horny bulls.

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Police ask for help in 2012 killing of retired Indiana farmer

investigators have renewed their plea for information about the unsolved

SULLIVAN, Ind. (AP) - Police 2012 killing of a retired farmer found shot to death in his western Indiana home.

was found fatally shot on Dec. 8, 2012, following a burglary at his rural

Eight-five-year-old Lowell Badger Sullivan County home about 30 miles south of Terre Haute.

> The new request for tips comes a year after police released photos showing vehicles that may have been in the area around the time Badger was killed. Those photos were taken from a gas station's security video in nearby Graysville, a few miles east of the Illinois state line.

> A reward of about \$30,000 is available for whoever provides information leading to the arrest and conviction of those responsible for Badger's death.

> "Be the one to help bring some closure to the Badger family," state police said in a statement.

> Detectives have investigated more than 275 tips, conducted nearly 170 interviews, and searched many areas of land and water in the Sullivan County area as part of the still-open investigation, police said.

Poor Will

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USDA is providing additional assistance to hog producers

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The USDA ers and producers.' has announced a new program to assist hog producers who sold hogs through a negotiated sale during the period in which these producers faced the greatest reduction in market prices due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Spot Market Hog Pandemic Program (SMHPP) is part of USDA's Pandemic Assistance for Producers initiative and addresses gaps in previous assistance for hog producers. USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) will accept applications through Feb. 25, 2022.

SMHPP provides assistance to hog producers who sold hogs through a negotiated sale from April 16, 2020, through Sept. 1, 2020. Negotiated sale, or negotiated formula sale, means a sale of hogs by a producer to a packer under which the base price for the hogs is determined by seller-buyer interaction and agreement on a delivery day. USDA is offering SMHPP as packer production was reduced due to the COVID-19 pandemic due to employee illness and supply chain issues, resulting in fewer negotiated hogs being procured and subsequent lower market prices.

"Previous pandemic assistance used flat rates across the hog industry, and this didn't take into account the various levels of harm felt by different producers," said FSA Administrator Zach Ducheneaux. "We worked closely with industry partners and USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service to target assistance to hog producers who were hit the hardest during the pandemic. This is one more example of our efforts to provide new, broader, and more equitable opportunities for farmers, ranch-

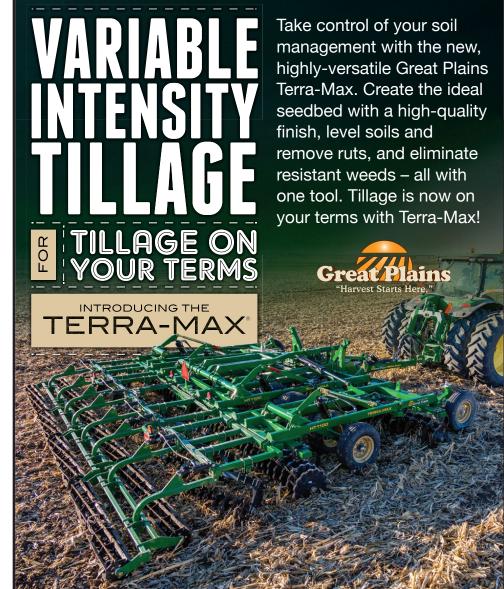
USDA has set aside up to \$50 million in pandemic assistance funds through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act

Eligible hogs include those sold through a negotiated sale by producers from April 16, 2020, to Sept. 1, 2020. To be eligible, the producer must be a person or legal entity who has ownership in the hogs and whose production facilities are in the United States, including U.S. territories. Contract producers, federal, state and local governments, including public schools and packers, are not eligible for SMHPP.

SMHPP payments will be calculated by multiplying the number of head of eligible hogs, not to exceed 10,000 head, by the payment rate of \$54 per head. FSA will issue payments to eligible hog producers as applications are received and approved.

Eligible hog producers can apply for SMHPP by completing the FSA-940, Spot Market Hog Pandemic Program application. Additional documentation may be required. Visit farmers. gov/smhpp for a copy of the Notice of Funds Availability, information on applicant eligibility and more information on how to apply.

Applications can be submitted to the FSA office at any USDA Service Center nationwide by mail, fax, hand delivery or via electronic means. To find your local FSA office, visit farmers.gov/service-locator. Hog producers can also call 877-508-8364 to speak directly with a USDA employee ready to offer assistance.



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Looking for a good luck meal? Try some pork

I don't know about the rest of you, but I am ready to be done with 2021 and look ahead to 2022. I have been doing some research to find foods that will bring good luck for the new year and I am planning to incorporate them into my diet in the coming days. I figure after the past few years, I need all of the help and good luck I can get. Topping the list are pork and greens, especially sauerkraut. I have to admit that in spite of my German background, I am not a big sauerkraut fan. But I found that spinach, broccoli and even Brussel sprouts can also fill the spot as a source of green for good luck and prosperity. I love cooked spinach with butter and onion. I prefer fresh or frozen spinach over canned spinach any day. Greens are a subject for another time.

Pork is a classic New Year's Day food as it represents prosperity and progress. Pigs are known to be plump, so eating pork is supposed to make someone chunky, not with weight gain, but cash. Pork can also bring progress since pigs "root forward" when they eat. The average American consumes about 50 pounds of pork per year, and 18 pounds of that pork consumption comes in the form of



bacon.

Even though pork is a favorite for New Years, it is good any time of the year. Not only is it rich in taste, but it is rich in nutrients as well.

While this week's Cook Simply features pork roasts, there is a cut of pork for any recipe in your recipe box. It is a healthy, tasty addition to your menu. But no matter what cut you select, always keep food safety in mind. Always follow the recommended cooking temperature for the cut you're preparing and aim for an internal cooking temperature of 145° F for fresh pork cuts. Wishing you and your family a happy, healthy new year and remember food is love. So until next time, Simply Cook..

Apple & Spice Pork Roast

- 3 to 4-pound boneless pork roast 1 cup apple sauce
- 1/3 cup brown sugar

1 teaspoon mustard

- 2 tablespoons vinegar
- 1/8 to 1/4 teaspoon ground cloves
- 1 tablespoon flour
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon sugar
- 1/8 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1/8 teaspoon black pepper

Heat oven to 350 degrees. Mix apple sauce, brown sugar, mustard, vinegar, and cloves in a small bowl. Refrigerate half of the applesauce mixture and set aside the other half of the mixture. In another small bowl, combine the flour, sugar, salt, garlic powder, and black pepper.

Place the roast on a rack in a shallow baking pan and pour the flour mixture evenly over the roast. Place the roast in a preheated oven and roast uncovered until the internal temperature reaches 140 degrees. (Always use a meat thermometer to check for ideal temperatures.) Spoon the reserved apple sauce mix over the roast. Return the roast to the oven and continue cooking until the temperature reaches 150 to 155 degrees internally. This is about medium doneness and about 1 to 1 ½ hours of cooking time. Transfer the roast to a serving platter and cover with foil. Let the roast stand for about 15 minutes before slicing. Heat the chilled apple sauce mixture in a small sauce pan until it reaches a gentle boil. Boil for about 1 minute and spoon mixture over pork roast slices.

Herb Rubbed Roast Pork

- 2 tablespoons sugar
- 2 teaspoons rubbed sage
- 2 teaspoons dried marjoram leaves
- 1 teaspoon salt
- ½ teaspoon celery seed
- ½ teaspoon dried mustard
- 1/8 teaspoon pepper
- 1 5 pound boneless pork roast Fresh parsley

In a small bowl combine sugar, sage, marjoram, salt, celery seed, dried mustard and pepper. Rub the mixture over the entire surface of the pork roast and place it on a rack in a shallow baking pan. Cover and refrigerate overnight or at least 4 hours. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Place a meat thermometer in the thickest part of the roast. Roast until internal temperature reaches at least 145 degrees for medium rare and

150 to 155 for medium. Cover with foil and let stand for 15 minutes for easier carving. Serve with pan juices.

Marinade For Pork Loin

- 2/3 cup soy sauce
- 2 tablespoon lemon juice
- 2 tablespoon water
- 2 tablespoon brown sugar
- 1 teaspoon ginger
- 34 teaspoon garlic powder

Combine ingredients and pour over pork loin and marinate in refrigerator overnight. Remove meat and roast loin as normal.

Slow Cooker Pork Tenderloin

- 1 2 pound tenderloin
- 1 envelope dry onion soup mix
- 34 cup red wine
- 1 cup water
- 3 tablespoons minced garlic Ground pepper to taste

Place the pork tenderloin in a slow cooker with the soup mix, water, soy sauce, and red wine. Turn the pork loin over in the mixture to coat. Carefully spread the minced garlic over the top of the pork, leaving as much on top of the pork loin as possible during the cooking process. Sprinkle with pepper and cover. Cook on low heat for about 4 hours or until meat is tender. Serve the meat with the cooking juices on the side as au

Saucy Bacon Wrapped Pork Loin

- 4 pounds pork loin (center roast, boneless,, untied, fat and silver skin
 - 1 1/2 teaspoons kosher salt
- 1 teaspoon black pepper (freshly ground)
- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil
- 9 slices bacon
- 1 cup barbecue sauce (purchased) Preheat oven to 450°F. Sprinkle pork with salt and pepper.

Heat oil in large skillet over mediumhigh heat. Add pork and brown on all sides, about 6 minutes. Transfer to plate and cool for 10 minutes.

Wrap bacon slices vertically around pork roast; do not overlap bacon. Tie lengthwise and crosswise with kitchen string to hold bacon in place; tuck loose ends of bacon under string. Place on a rack in a roasting pan, tucked-bacon side down. 10 servings

Source: National Pork Board

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Two hunters survive after boat sinks on Webster Lake

SPAULDING OUTDOORS

By Jack Spaulding

On Dec. 11, a hunter was hospitalized after his boat sank on Webster Lake.

About 11:16 a.m., the Kosciusko County Dispatch Center was contacted by a residential alarm company after they were alerted to an unauthorized residential entry to a home on Webster Lake.

Despite frigid temperatures and wind gusts forecast to reach up to 50 miles

per hour, Trenton Stackhouse, 27, of Milford, and Darick Stiles, 27, of Warsaw, set out to waterfowl hunt on Webster Lake near Epworth Forest. After getting underway, the men quickly realized the conditions were too difficult to overcome.

The men attempted to gather their decoys and return to the boat ramp, when large waves overtook their Jon boat, and it began to sink.

Moments before their boat became fully submerged, Stackhouse and Stiles unsuccessfully attempted to don their lifejackets. They were forced to grab several waterfowl decoys and a floating gun case for buoyancy to swim the several hundred yards to shore.

Once on shore, Stackhouse became unresponsive due to severe hypothermia. Stiles then entered an unoccupied home to find shelter to save Stackhouse.

Stackhouse was transported to Kosciusko Community Hospital with severe hypothermia. The incident was still under investigation at press

Indiana Conservation Officers remind the public Indiana law requires life jackets to be readily accessible and in good condition for all boat occupants while underway. Hunters utilizing watercraft should also plan for severe environmental conditions associated with strong winds and

Responding agencies included North Webster Police Department, North Webster Fire Department, North Webster EMS and Indiana Conservation Officers.

Patoka Lake waterfowl resting area hunt dates

Wildlife Management staff at Patoka Lake have selected the 2021-2022 waterfowl resting area access dates for the 2021-2022 Migratory Waterfowl Hunting Seasons. Patoka Lake's 8,800-acre body of water and 17,200 acres of land offers waterfowl hunters abundant opportunities to hunt open water, tributaries, marshes and fields for various migrating waterfowl. Patoka Lake has three managed Waterfowl Resting Areas (WRAs) which can offer distinctive opportunities for hunters.

Similar to past years, the Sycamore Creek WRA will be closed to all forms of waterfowl hunting through Feb. 28, 2022. In addition, the Sycamore Creek WRA will have public access restrictions. There will be no legal access for hunting, fishing, trapping or boating (motorized or non-motorized) within Sycamore Creek WRA through Feb. 28, 2022. The intent of the public access restriction is to allow Sycamore Creek WRA to act as a temporary wildlife refuge for waterfowl, offering them a place of minimal disturbance.

Wall's Ramp WRA and Allen Creek WRA will be open to hunting (including waterfowl hunting), fishing, trapping and boating (motorized or non-motorized) on the following specific days through Feb. 28, 2022.

December: 25, 26, 27, 31

January: 1, 2, 7, 8, 9, 12, 13, 17, 18, 22, 23, 27, 28

February: 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 11,

All hunters must sign in at one of the 19 hunter signin stations on the property. Failure to sign in and return a One-Day Hunter Check-in Card properly may result in a fine. All game taken must be recorded on a One-Day

Hunter Check-in Card to be carried with you as you hunt. The card is to be turned in at the end of the day, even if no game was harvested. Please be sure to return the card to the same hunter sign-in station where you originally signed in. The system provides valuable wildlife management information.

Special federal, state and property regulations must be followed - visit Hunting.IN.gov for details. Hunters are encouraged to contact DNR Law Enforcement at 812-837-9536 regarding specific questions on federal or state laws, statutes and/or rules. Maps of the Waterfowl Resting Areas may be picked up at the Patoka Lake main office.

Hunters may find additional information by visiting the Division of Fish & Wildlife Migratory Game Bird Seasons and Regulations webpage at wildlife.IN.gov/hunting-and-trapping/waterfowl-and-migratory-game-birds/migratory-gamebird-seasons-and-regulations. They may also call Patoka Lake at 812-685-2464 from 8 a.m-4 p.m. and ask to speak to the property wildlife specialist. Patoka Lake (on.IN.gov/patokalake) is at 3084 N. Dillard Road, Birdseye, IN 47513.

Fishing in the cold

The air may be cold, and winter is here, but open-water fishing season isn't quite over. Fish move slowly in cold water, but they will bite because they still need to eat.

An occasional twitch of a jerk bait or a sinking, fluttering crankbait or spoon can imitate dying baitfish and may trigger strikes. If these lures are not working, cast smaller lures with light line and reel in slowly. Try small jigs with hair, feathers, tiny spider-like legs or a soft plastic tail. Live bait on small hooks under small bobbers can also result in success.

Mid-to-late afternoon is the best time to fish in winter; stop at a city park lake for a few minutes after work or make a few casts at the neighborhood pond when you get home. Dress warmly, keep your toes and fingers dry, and be patient. Enjoy the day's last rays of sunshine and the fresh crisp air. Getting outside is good for the body and the mind.

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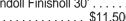
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There's a reason why barns are painted red

By Doug Graves Ohio Correspondent

COLUMBUS, Ohio - There are some things in this world that everyone wonders, but not many people really know the answer to.

Anyone who's ever lived in or driven through a rural part of this country has probably asked the following question: why does everyone paint their barn red?



Above: Building a barn into a hillside as shown in this photo albetween the lower lowed for easy access to the second floor for the farmer. (photo logs kept cold winds submitted)

First, a small history of the barn itself. According to those at the Ohio Academy of Science, there were no blueprints for barns. The builder often brought knowledge of construction from his home country and also gained knowledge from neighboring

The farmer's barn had to be built wisely because invariably it housed his greatest assets. This agricultural building was more important than

> his own house. Without a way to protect farm animals or store crops, early settlers had few ways to survive. Barns, then, were about common usefulness sense, and economics, not style.

The Farmer's Almanac informs us that early log barns typically had a thatched roof. Mortaring the spaces out. Upper spaces

were left open for the circulation of air. In early barns, an open central hall provided a workspace to process grains and a breeze for "winnowing."

Once sawn lumber was easily obtainable in the early colonies, most barns were of braced frame construction, which allowed larger and more adaptable structures.

In the early 1700s, farmers needed more room, according to the Almanac. Adding more stories in a new barn providroof area and on the same size foundation. Access to the barn was greatly improved if the barn could be situated on a hillside, allowing the

farmer to drive in at several levels. Doors at opposite ends offered good cross-ventilation and allowed wagons to drive through. Rows of windows over the door became a popular method of letting in more light.

During the 1700s and early 1800s, barns on family farms in the northeastern part of the United States were typically covered with thick vertical boards. When they were left



ed more space under the same Above: This red barn in southern Indiana has stood since 1888. The linseed oil in the pigment has helped preserve the wood and help the earth pigments soak into the wood. (photo submitted)

> unpainted, the boards would slowly weather to a brownish-gray color.

> During the mid-1800s, the barn was often built to resemble the farmer's house. Eventually, brick barns became popular during this period, being similarly sided in boardand-batten or clapboard and paint. During this time, experimental barns, such as the round barn, generated interest among farmers.

> In the 1800s, to improve the efficiency of their barns by reducing drafts to help keep their animals more comfortable in winter, many farmers tightened up their barns by having wooden clapboards horizontally nailed on the outside barn walls. These clapboards were sawed quite thin, so painting them provided needed protection and dressed up the appearance of the barns.

> According to Albert Way, of the Agricultural History Society, the red color given to barns began to occur in the 1800s. It was common for farmers to make their own paints by mixing pigments with linseed oil made from flax seeds and other ingredients. Some utilized a mixture of skimmed milk, lime and red oxide earth pigments. By using the latter method, it created a plastic-like coating that hardened quickly and lasted for years. Linseed oil was subsequently added to the recipe to provide the necessary soaking quality.

> Pigments are dry materials that add color. They were available in various hues, but the tint so often on older American barns was called Venetian red. The color got its name because historically this pigment was produced from natural clays found near Venice, Italy. The clays contained an iron oxide compound that produced this red color. The red oxide protected the wood from mold and moss.

> Red pigment penetrated well into wooden barn boards and resisted fading when exposed to sunlight, so it could age gracefully for generations.

> By the late 1800s, Way added that, in addition to red, it became fashionable to paint barns with other color schemes, especially those designated to complement the architectural styles and finishes of owners' houses. These included various hues of yellows, greens and browns. Also, white paint commonly was applied to barns and houses. But red was the farmers' color of choice, and by the 1920s such earth pigments used to make red paints were being dug in Georgia, Pennsylvania, Virginia, Alabama, California, Iowa and Vermont.

Today, many modern barns don't resemble classic versions, Way said. Very large barns that hold hundreds of cows or pigs look more like hangars or warehouses, and may be built of metal. Some are even painted white.

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Poinsettias add a rainbow of color options to holiday décor

red blooms, Poinsettias are a holiday tradition, but buyers don't have to limit their selection to one color. This winter, celebrate and decorate with a rainbow of Poinsettias.

University of Illinois Extension Horticulture Educator Andrew Holsinger says there are plenty of new hues to choose from.

"Beyond the traditional natural shades of red, there are many other colors that can be sought after when purchasing a Poinsettia," Holsinger says. "If you are like me, you don't want to limit your selection to the traditional red."

A number of natural colors are available including pink, white, yellow, and salmon. Any blue and purple Poinsettias are actually cream-colored varieties that have been spray painted.

Poinsettia's color comes from bracts which are actually modified leaves. These bracts are prompted to change color in response to shorter winter daylight. While bracts of some varieties of Poinsettia are uniformly colored, others offer patterns that add to the uniqueness of these plants.

Some new and unique varieties to look for are 'Orange Spice,' 'Ice Punch,' 'Peppermint Twist,' 'Winter Rose,' 'Red Winter Rose,' and 'Red Glitter.'

Poinsettias are compact plants that when properly cared for have a long-lasting display of color. Keeping them at the ideal temperature of 65°F to 70°F during the day will keep the plants healthy and colors more vibrant. Single plants can be used as a

URBANA, Ill. - With their bright tabletop floral display. A mass display of Poinsettias makes a stunning wave of holiday color.

> "After the holidays are over Poinsettias can be kept for the next season," Holsinger says. "To 'rebloom' a Poinsettia, bring it inside after summer and provide the proper lighting conditions to trigger the coloring."

Artificially colored plants will not carry over their dyed color.

When choosing plants, select Poinsettias with cyathia that are green-tipped or red-tipped. Instead of the colorful bracts, the cyathia are the true flowers of these plants. The greenish-yellow flowers are clustered at the center of the bracts. The cyathia can be examined when purchasing a Poinsettia to determine freshness and duration of bloom. Plants with yellow cyathia or pollen indicate that the plant is past its prime.

A healthy plant will need an appropriate location. Provide adequate light but not direct sun. Avoid drafts from windows or heating vents. Make sure that adequate drainage is provided. Foil wrappings often foil the success of keeping Poinsettias for the duration of the holiday season since they keep the container from fully draining.

When decorating your home, a



Above: Beyond the natural shades of red, Poinsettias come in many color options. Natural colors include pink, white, yellow, and salmon. Any blue and purple Poinsettias are cream-colored varieties that have been spray painted. Photo credit Sarah Vogel.

fun crafty project can be to paint spray paints. Poinsettias. Start with a cream-colored variety and obtain a dye suited for floral application. Make sure to protect tabletops when applying special floral

Explore more about how to care for Poinsettias with a University of Illinois Extension infosheet at go.illinois.edu/ PoinsettiaCare.

Tennessee **Corn Promotion Board to meet**

NASHVILLE - The Tennessee Corn Promotion Board will meet Jan. 18-19 in Granville and Riddleton.

The meeting will begin at 1 p.m. and conclude at 4:30 p.m. CST on the 18th at Wildwood Resort and Marina, 316 Granville Hwy, Granville. The meeting will reconvene on the 19th at Catesa Farms, 780 Dixon Springs Highway, Riddleton, from 9 a.m.-11 a.m. Both meetings are open to the public.

The agenda includes adoption of by-laws, program updates, a review of board finances, and selection of submitted funding proposals.

The board was created in 2018 by state law to oversee the collection and use of assessments paid by producers to promote the increased production, consumption, use and sale of Tennessee corn products.

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Midwest cheesemakers report active retail sales

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The USDA gave us the latest on U.S. dairy product demand. Starting with cheese, October disappearance totaled 1.18 billion pounds, up just 0.7 October percent from 2020, with strong exports overcoming weaker domestic disappearance, according to HighGround Dairy's Lucas MIELKE MARKET Fuess in the Dec. 20 'Dairy Radio Now' broadcast. It was By Lee Mielke the weakest October domestic disappearance since 2017, according to HGD.

American-style cheese disappearance, at 458.8 million pounds, was down 4.1 percent from a year ago and down for the second consecutive month. Fuess warned that, if the domestic disappearance decline persists, we could see prices drop after holiday demand subsides.

disappearance Butter totaled 209.8 million pounds, down 1.3 percent in total and down 3.6 percent domestically, first year over year decline since June following impressive gains in third quarter. Exports were up 91.4 percent but only totaled 9.8 million pounds.

Fuess speculated that holiday butter demand may have been front loaded in August and September as buying appeared earlier than normal. He's said that's not overly concerning because butter output is weaker and inventories are declining at a pretty quick pace.

Interestingly, the Dec. 15 Daily Dairy Report pointed out that Canada is the top market for U.S. butter and milkfat, accounting for more than 30 percent of U.S. exports in the past five years and 28 percent so far in 2021. Canada is also the primary market for U.S. cream. In the first 10 months of 2021, three out of every four loads were sent to Canada, according to the DDR, and through October, Canada imported a record-breaking 43 million pounds of butter, 30 percent more than in 2020.

Nonfat dry milk-skim milk powder disappearance hit 227.6 million pounds in October, up 9.3 percent, though exports were down 12.3 percent. The increase follows two consecutive months of weakness, said HGD, and the strength was driven by domestic demand. Exports year to date however are up 10.6 percent from a year ago and Fuess said we're probably looking at another record year for powder exports.

Meanwhile, the big topic of the recent American Dairy Products Institute's Dairy Ingredients Seminar in Santa Barbara, Calif., was inflation, according to the Dec. 3 Dairy and Food Market Analyst. Editor and analyst Matt Gould wrote that attendance was high and so were spirits, as most attendees were bullish.

However, "Virtually everyone is experiencing significant cost pressure and, looking into 2022, will raise prices and overages on their customers," Gould wrote. "The million-dollar question: How much of a cost increase can we pass on? Answers that we heard ranged from 5 percent to 15 percent."

Dairy product prices are soaring in Europe, according to the DFMA. European 82 percent-fat butter traded above \$3 per pound the week of Dec. 6, and Cheddar cheese traded between \$2.20 and \$2.30 per pound.

European milk production is crashing, the DFMA reported, and the latest period saw output down 3.7 percent in the big-three milk producing regions of Germany, France, and the United Kingdom.

Things aren't much better 'down-

under.' DMN reported that Australian milk output through October, the fourth month of the season, continued to be disappointingly low. "October is the usual high point of seasonal milk production.

While there are more seasonal months to follow than have occurred so far, production will be trending lower, so making up for the past will be a challenge in the future."

Season to date, the DDR says Australian milk production is down 2.9 percent, compared to July through October 2020.

"New Zealand milk production through October is also termed disappointing," DMN said. "While hopes are for a recovery, the typical trend of lower production month after month through the rest of the season will require a decent rebound to overcome the deficit so far. Early observations of the November results are said to suggest that when official results are released, November will offer little help." Back on the home front: CME dairy prices were mixed the week before Christmas. The markets didn't have a lot to feed on as regularly monitored USDA reports were few, however traders were anticipating Monday's November Milk Production report. The last Global Dairy Trade of 2021 is Tuesday and the November Cold Storage report is released Wednesday.

The Cheddar blocks appeared to make an attempt at \$2 per pound and got to \$1.9475 per pound on Wednesday, highest since Jan. 12, 2021, but closed Friday at \$1.8875, 2.25 cents higher on the week and 27 cents above a year ago.

Retail cheese orders are very busy, according to several Midwest cheesemakers. Curd and barrel producers, particularly, told Dairy Market News that demand is strong, supplies are limited, and do not foresee a change in upcoming weeks. Spot milk pricing mirrored the previous week, at Class III to slightly over. That said, some plants are already getting offered milk for the upcoming holiday weeks at slight discounts. Cheese market tones remain on similar ground to the past few weeks. It's not a necessarily bearish sentiment, DMN said, but the block-over-barrel price gap "keeps the bulls corralled."

Butter, after jumping 12 cents the previous week, suffered a melt-down Monday, dropping 6.25 cents, but rallied to close Friday at \$2.0925 per pound, down 3 cents on the week but 63.75 cents above a year ago, on 42 sales on the week.

Bulk butter remains notably tight in the Midwest, according to DMN, and producers say customer interest is very active. Cream is available, at least from Western suppliers, however freight costs and general limitations are tribulations for plant management. Cream, regionally, was not as available as the previous week but demand is expected to trend lower Christmas week and the final week of 2021. Butter market tones continued to shift bullishly on tight quantities and demand health, according to DMN.

One more story on demand. U.S. fluid milk sales unfortunately offer no holiday cheer to the dairy industry. The USDA's latest data shows October sales of packaged fluid products at 3.8 billion pounds, down 5.2 percent from October 2020.

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Annie's Project sessions available through Purdue Extension in 2022

By Doug Graves Ohio Correspondent

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. - There is a cultural movement on farms across the nation these days as more and more women are either becoming sole operators or better business partners on their farms.

Assisting farm women in this movement is Annie's Project, a six-week, discussion-based workshop dedicated to strengthening women's roles in modern farm and ranch enterprises.

Launched in 2003 by Illinois Extension Educator Ruth Hambleton, Annie's Project is a tribute to her mother, Annette Kohlhagen Fleck. The program honors Annie's entrepreneurship and her goal of raising a family and being an active partner in the family farm operation.

Surveys from previous Annie's Project sessions have indicated that taxation is huge concern for many women on the farm.

"Taxes is a huge concern when running a farm," said Bryan Overstreet, overseer of the workshop and agriculture and natural resources educator with Purdue Extension in Jasper County, Ind. "If you don't have your i's dotted and your t's crossed, you can get into a lot of trouble. But there are many other things we'll look at. We'll take a look at all the risks, such as personal risks, financial risks, marketing risks, legal risks, production risks and others.'

Purdue Extension will offer Annie's Project classes from Jan. 25-March 1, 2022. The virtual program will be Tuesday evenings from 6-9 p.m. EST.

According to Overstreet, the target audience for Annie's Project is farm women with a passion for business and involvement, adding that they will learn about human resource issues, business plans, financial documentation, property titles, cash and crop share leases, marketing plans, retire and estate planning and types of insurance.

"We even tell them they need to have a plan going in and look at all the kinds of expenses they will have," Overstreet said. "For example, they may have a goal of selling, say, 5,000 pounds of beef or chicken, so they'll need to know how much that will cost to produce. They'll even need to find the markets before even getting started. It can be overwhelming for some. One topic we'll

stress in the series is that of stress, because there can be a lot of stress with farming."

Stress was one criteria that Deb Klemp of Wheatfield, Ind., is all too familiar with. Annie's Project, she said, has helped her get through tough times. Klemp took the Annie's Project sessions 10 years ago.

"My husband and I have been farming for more than 35 years and farming is becoming more and more stressful," Klemp said. "And over the years the stress of farming has gotten worse."

Klemp and her husband raise hogs through majurity for seven different farms on their 3,800-acre premise. Klemp found the Annie's Project sessions to be very helpful.

"The parts dealing with marketing and taxes were by biggest fears and at first I was overwhelmed by it all," Klemp said. "Annie's Project gave me a base to start with so I could at least start to understand things. I was also given places where I could go to learn more. One may know about parts of farming and may know a little bit about the financials, but with Annie's Project you get an entire scope of what farming encompasses. It will give you information about the parts of farming that you do not know about."

Katie Olthoff, who has a new turkey farm in central Iowa with her husband, said, "As a new farmer, I wanted to participate in Annie's Project to learn about farm finance and record keeping. The most valuable part of the class for me was learning how to do cash flows and balance sheets, and planning for the future. I would recommend this class to anyone in any phase of their farm career. There is information for everyone."

Overstreet emphasizes that Annie's Project is for farm women who are either new or experienced, that participants will learn to understand all five areas of agricultural risk, will learn how to analyze agricultural spreadsheets, and other necessary skills.

"They'll learn them in a friendly environment where questions and discussion are welcomed, allowing the learning process to flourish," Overstreet said. "There will be plenty of time for questions, sharing, reacting and connecting with presenters and fellow participants. It's a relaxed, fun and dynamic way to learn, grow and meet other farm women."

Annie's Project courses have successfully reached more than 9,000 farm and ranch women in 33 states.

The cost for the course is \$75 per person, which includes a workbook and support materials for all sessions. Registration ends Jan. 14. Register at https://cvent.me/0105AB.

For more information, contact Overstreet at 219-866-5741 or via email at boverstr@purdue.edu, or Beth Vansickle at 765-641-9514 or vansickle@ purdue.edu.

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Kentucky ag economy this year to exceed \$6.7 billion in receipts

By Doug Schmitz **lowa Correspondent**

LEXINGTON, Ky. - Kentucky's 2021 agricultural receipts will exceed \$6.7 billion, according to a group of University of Kentucky agricultural economists.

If realized, this will be a new record, surpassing the previous record of \$6.5 billion set in 2014, and the \$5.5 billion average over the past five years, the group said.

In fact, they expect net farm income to approach \$2.5 billion, which is the highest since 2013.

"Despite the impactful events of the pandemic, the U.S. farm economy has not only survived, but has experienced remarkable growth, initially on the heels of government financial support, followed by significant export gains, impressive crop yields and a growing global demand for meat products," said Will Snell, UK extension professor of agricultural economics.

The group recently presented their forecast during the Kentucky Farm Bureau's 102nd annual meeting at the Galt House in Louisville.

"We follow the commodity and macro trends constantly as part of our extension assignment," Snell said. "We provide our situation and outlook message annually at the Kentucky Farm Bureau annual meeting. It's a group effort by the various state extension specialists and Kentucky farm business analysis specialists in our agricultural economics department, plus our colleague in forestry."

Despite COVID-19 challenges, the Bluegrass State is in the midst of tremendous economic growth due to increases in grain exports, strong crop yields and a high global demand for meats, the group's report said.

The report said Kentucky corn and soybeans are tied with poultry as the state's top agricultural commodities in 2021, with each comprising 18 percent of all projected sales.

"Nationwide, grain inventory was lower at the beginning of 2021, and with increased exports, our stocks dropped even more as the year progressed," said Greg Halich, UK associate professor of agricultural economics.

"This led to higher prices throughout 2021," he added. "For the upcoming 2022 crop season, prices are predicted to hold steady or may even increase, but profits will tighten due to rising input

Moreover, the state's equine industry had a strong sales season and has a 16 percent market share, with cattle at 11 percent of projected sales.

"In 2021, the equine market made a huge recovery, and Keeneland (the largest thoroughbred auction house in the world) sales were up 35 percent from 2020," said Kenny Burdine, UK associate extension professor of livestock eco-

"Beef exports are expected to set a record in 2021." he added. "After several frustrating years for cattle producers, another decrease in beef cow numbers and continued global demand should lead to improved prices for calves and feeder cattle in 2022.'

The report also said Kentucky's agricultural economy is consistent with national trends, with U.S. farm exports likely finishing 2021 at record levels reaching \$175 billion. As of September, corn exports had more than doubled. beef exports were up 37 percent, and forest products were up 29 percent on

According to the report, the USDA is

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from a year ago. Organic products, at 224 million pounds, were down 5.4 percent, and represented 6 percent of total sales for the month.

Whole milk sales totaled 1.2 billion pounds, down 3.9 percent from a year ago, with year-to-date consumption down 6.3 percent. Whole milk represented 33.1 percent of total milk sales for the 10-month period.

Skim milk sales, at 205 million pounds, were down 11.6 percent from

a year ago and down 13.1 percent year to date.

Total packaged fluid milk sales for the 10 months amounted to 36.6 billion pounds, down 4.5 percent from 2020. Conventional product sales totaled 34.3 billion pounds, down 4.7 percent. Organic products, at 2.3 billion, were down 2.6 percent, and represented 6.4 percent of total milk sales for the period. The figures represent consumption in Federal milk marketing order areas, which account for approximately 92 percent of total fluid milk sales in the United States.

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Farmers challenged to try new technology

Indiana Correspondent

WESTFIELD, Ind. - Trying the latest in technology should be a New Year's resolution of farmers to avoid falling further behind the rapidly changing

That was the challenge issued for 2022 by Chad Colby during his Dec. 14 presentation about the latest in technology needed on farms in the future at the Indiana Farm Equipment and Technology Expo in Westfield.

"Today you have to be more efficient than ever and to do that you're going to use some technology," he said.

Colby, an expert on future advancements in technology, said everything from high performance electric cars, trucks and farm machinery are beginning to hit the market and growing in popularity.

He said there's even a waiting list to purchase the new electric Ford F-150 pick-up truck just starting to roll off assembly lines.

"They drive unlike anything you have ever seen before. They can't build enough of them" he said.

He said buyers are attracted more than ever by the ability of electric engines nowadays to provide just as much power as motors burning traditional fuel and less maintenance.

Colby said even hand-held batteryoperated tools like chain saws and lawn mowers are hitting the markets in states like California. He said the implements perform just as well, if not, better than gasoline models and are easier to use just by flipping a switch.

"The power they have now, not so much five years ago, it's really amazing in these hand-held tools," Colby said.

Colby said automation in farm machinery like tractors, planters and combines is becoming more advanced and simpler to use even for people less skilled with computers.

He said just a slight percentage of farmers a few years ago had turned to automation but that is quickly changing because of the advancements. He then played a video of a newly developed automated machine powered by two 500 horsepower engines capable of harvesting, spraying and tilling by switching attachments.

"There's a lot of people using automation because it works very good. These are things we just didn't have 10 years ago," he said.

He also said drones used for monitoring the health of crops in an entire field are much smaller but cover a lot more ground - with their high-resolution cameras and sensors – over a shorter period of time.

Colby said drones are also less expensive with some models about the size of a pop can priced \$800 or

He also suggested using cameras to keep an eye on things like cattle, instead of spending time and money on driving to check on the well-being of animals.

Colby said he understands how people, initially, don't trust technology and the fear of failure that can discourage them from trying something new.

However, he said technology that once seemed impossible is here and its footprint on how society, in general, operates is growing.

He said even a few steps forward by farmers behind the times moves them closer to the future.

"When it comes to technologies, you got to push those limits and I understand that can be a challenge. You got to think a little differently," he said.

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care of his equipment. Marv has decided to retire from farming and has commissioned Rollo Juckette and Brad Neuhart Auctioneers to sell tractors, farm equipment, support equipment, tools and more in an ONLINE ONLY auction. There is some extremely CLEAN, field ready equipment in this auction just in time for you to get those end of the year purchases in. The auction will open for bidding on Monday, December 20, 2021 at 8am and remain open for bidding until items begin to close on Monday, December 27, 2021 @ 7pm. We will be hosting an open house to view equipment on Wednesday, December 22, 2021 from 10am - 3pm. ITEM PICK UP AND PAYMENT - Wednesday, December 29, 2021 from 10am - 4pm ONLY @ 40807 Riggs Rd., Belleville, MI! All times are eastern.
TRACTORS: 1992 John Deere 4455 Tractor - 5980 hrs. PS, Duals, Weights, QH, NICE!; 1994 John Deere 8570 - 5693 hrs.; Quad, 3 Rem.,



overhaul, Syncro, Frt. Weights, Duals; John Deere B. COMBINE & HEADS: 2009 John Deere 9570 STS - Hours posted online after harvest, 4wd, Chopper, Very Good Machine; 2008 John Deere 693 - Hyd. Deck Plates & Height Control. Single Pt. Hookup. Gone Through in 2019; 2013 625F Flex Head w/ Air Reel: UM Head-er Cart. SEMI TRUCK & GRAIN TRAILER: 1995 White GM Day Cab - Detroit 60 Series, 9 Spd.; 2009 Lime City 39' Dbl. Hopper Bottom Trailer w/ Tarp. FARM EQUIPMENT: 2006 John Deere 1750 Planter 6R30, Liq. Fert., 3bu. Boxes, Corn/Bean Meters, New Front Iron & Bearings, ONE OWN-ER; 2000 John Deere 1560 - QH w/ Dolly & Tongue; 2013 Sunflower 6630 24' VT Tool; John Deere 220 15' Disk; Demco 1000 gal./ 60' Boom Sprayer; John Deere 960 24' Field Cult., Rear Hitch & Hyd.; John Deere 1450 5bt. Plow; 6R 700 Gal. Applicator; Killbros 490 Grain Cart; HD Yale Trencher Plow; Seed Tender Trailer; John Deere 1600 12 Shank 3pt. Chisel Plow; John Deere 5' Rear Blade; John Deere 506 Rotary Chopper; John Deere 825 6R Cultivator; Unverferth 225 Rolling Harrow; MORE. WATER/FERTILIZER TANKS & PUMPS: 1000 Gal. Nurse Tank w/ Pump; 1000 Gal. Water Tank w/ Pump; (2) 2500 Gal. Tanks; 1000 Gal. Tank

CLEAN; 1983 John Deere 8450 - hrs. posted online after harvest, 3pt., QH, 3 Rem., 1k PTO, NICE; 1968 John Deere 4020 - 1343 hrs. on













OWNER: MARVIN LANGE See pics, videos, info & REGISTER TO BID at: www.rolloandbrad.com

TERMS: Cash, wire transfer or acceptable check with proper ID. OUT-OF-STATE CHECKS AND CHECKS OVER \$3,000 REQUIRE A BANK LETTER OF GUARANTEE (see website for example) or must clear before removal. 5% Buyer's premium in effect. Property settled for BEFORE removal. NOT RESPONSIBLE for accidents. Auctioneers/Clerks assume NO liabilities or guarantees. See website for any other terms per-



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predicting a 23 percent increase in net farm income, which will only be surpassed by the all-time record high of \$123.7 billion set in 2013.

In 2020, producers' incomes increased by nearly 20 percent, mostly due to Coronavirus Food Assistance Program payments designed to help farmers work through the challenges of the pandemic, and the Market Facilitation Program payments to help export losses evolving from the trade war.

While government payments are projected to be 40 percent lower in 2021, the report said they continue to make up about one-fourth of U.S. net farm in-

Jerry Pierce, Kentucky Farm Business Management coordinator, said clients in the program saw record net farm income in 2020, and 2021 profits are expected to exceed those.

"The average, commercial-size crop farm is in excellent financial health in terms of solvency and liquidity," he said. "Farms in the bottom third of net farm income made huge gains in financial health in 2020 and are poised to solidify their position in 2021."

The state's forest industry, which includes logging, primary wood manufacturing, secondary wood manufacturing, pulp and paper, paper converters and wood residue, continues to trend up-

In 2020, the sector added nearly \$14 billion to the state's economy, with high demand for Kentucky hardwood continuing to outpace harvest and processing, which has led to a seller's market for timber.

"Prices for important species, such as white oak and yellow-poplar, have increased over 50 percent this year," said Jeff Stringer, chair of the UK Department of Forestry and Natural Resources. "While supply and demand are closer for other species, pricing will remain on an upward trajectory in 2022.'

The report said higher prices and good yields in specialty crops, which includes produce and nursery, will likely allow the sector to exceed the record revenues of 2020, but rising input costs will limit profitability and sector growth.

Tim Woods, UK extension professor of agricultural economics, said cash receipts for 2021 are expected to be \$16 million for fruit, \$44 million for vegetables, and \$118 million for nursery and greenhouse production.

"Strong competitive pressures will continue from outside of the U.S. in the produce market," he said. "While Kentucky growers benefit from strong local demand, and strong local prices may remain in direct markets, import supply will continue to rise. Labor costs are a big constraint for this sector."

The economists predict commodity prices will continue to be relatively high going into 2022, but increasing input costs will tighten farmers' profits in the next year.

Snell said farm input costs will likely be up double-digit percentages in 2022, with much higher fuel, fertilizer and feed

"Labor costs and supplies continue to be a concern, not only among farmers, but throughout the entire food supply chain, and the rest of economy," he said. "Farmers will be advised to monitor input and commodity markets closely in developing purchasing and marketing strategies amid this turbulent, volatile and uncertain farm economy.'



Above: Kentucky corn and soybeans are tied with poultry as the state's top agricultural commodities in 2021, with each comprising 18 percent of all projected sales, according to a group of University of Kentucky agricultural economists (photo courtesy of Steve Patton, University of Kentucky agricultural communications).

McFarland Farming Retirement Online Equipment Auction

Bidding: 12/28 thru 12/30 @ 1:00 p.m. Preview: 12/29 11-3:00 p.m. Auction Pickup: 12/30, 3-5:00 p.m., 12/31, 10-3:00 p.m., 1/3, 9-4:00 p.m.

Auctioneer's Note: Harmeyer Auction Company-Hartford City Location is holding an Online Winter Farm Equipment Consignment Auction with a new twist. The bidding for this auction will be conducted online, however, After a lifetime of production agriculture Mr. McFarland (Kent) has decided to retire from the crop production side of his farming operation and has elected to market most of his row crop equipment at auction. We are excited to work with Kent and offer his excellent line-up of equipment for sale via our online bidding platform. Most all of Kent's equipment has been stored inside, well maintained and used this crop year. Equipment location: Lewisville, IN 47352 Please contact Rusty @ 765-570-8118 if you have questions regarding the equipment, terms of the auction or need assistance with transportation. For details, inventory, photos and bidding, visit: www.harmeyerauction.net







Tractors: Case IH 310, ACGO 180, International 1086, Combine; JD 9570 Heads; JD 630 grain Platform, JD 606 & 608 corn head, Grain Cart & Wagons: Brent 782 grain cart, Demo 550 Wagons (2), Brent 544 wagons (2), IH 1900 grain trucks Omaha beds (2), **Planting:** JD 7200 Planter, JD Greenstar 3000 GPS Globes (2), **Tillage:** JD 200 Finisher, MF 6630 Vertical tillage, JD 630 Disc, AC 9 shank chisel plow, Disc Ripper, Ag System 11 Shank anhydrous applicator, Misc.: Woods S.105 Q side ditch mower.



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TRACT 1: 34 Miles southeast of the intersection of N. Centerville Rd. & US 35 at Williamsburg, IN. TRACT 2-4: 5936 Davis Meyers Rd., Williamsburg, IN 47393.

Wayne County, Green Township, Section 5 (N. US Hwy 35, Williamsburg, IN)

TRACT 1: 78± AC w/ 70± FSA tillable acres. Frontage on N. US Hwy 35. This is a good cropland investment tract including Treaty, TRACT 4: 31± AC mostly tillable acres. Miami, & Crosby soils. Good frontage & a

Wayne County, Green Township, Section 32 (5936 Davis Meyers Rd., Williamsburg, IN)
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Tractors: 2008 John Deere 8530 MFWD IVT with Only 2907 Hours! ILS front suspension, 4 SCV's; 480/80R50 Rear tires; Dual fronts 420/85R34 fronts; 2013 MT 855C Cat Challenger **Only 1368 Hours,** 1 Owner with only 1368 hours; (32) 100lb Front suit case weights; Powershift , 4 SCV's, Back Up cam, 30" tracks, Topcon display and X30 Guidance & auto steer; 2000 John Deere 8410T Only 2488 HRS, Powershift; (4) SCV's; 24" wide track; 1991 John Deere 4455 MFWD Only 3251 Hours!, Original tractor to the farm! 14.9xR28 Fronts, 18.4XR42 Rears; I.H. TD6 diesel restored, runs; I.H. Dresser 412B Motor Scraper new rear tires, runs & drives.

Combine & Heads: 2016 John Deere S680 4WD Combine Only 1222 Engine Hours & 823 Separator hours; Stalk chopper, Premium cab, GS3 2630 Mounted display, PRO DRV Trans, 5 speed feeder house; Power Folding Extension, 28ft. Unload Auger, 650/85R38 Dual Fronts; 750/65R26 Rears; 2013 John Deere 640FD 40' Draper Platform, Single point connection; Hydra Flex SCH; Unverferth AWS-42 All Wheel Steer Header Cart; John Deere 608C 8 Row Corn Head, 30" row; Single point connection; Lankota stalk stompers; includes Hawkins down corn saver; Unverferth G8 20' Header Cart.

Semi & Grain Haulers: 2005 International 9400i with Wet kit, N14 Cummins, Eaton 10 speed, 28.5x75R24.5., 322,376 miles; 1995 Kenworth T800 Semi Tractor, N14 Cummins 372,416 miles, 10 speed Spicer 11Rx24.5; 2000 Wilson Pace Setter 34' Grain Hauler, Model DWH-400 Shur Loc Tarp, 11Rx24.5 Tires; 1997 East 30' Aluminum Dump Trailer, Aluminum frame, Air Gate, Shur Loc Electric roll top, 11R24.5;

1984 45' Fontaine Drop Deck Trailer. Planters, Seeder & Grain Handling: 2018 Kinze 3700 ASD

24 row Forward Folding Planter, 24 row 20" spacing 1 Owner! 1121 lifetime acres, backup camera, scales, pneumatic down pressure; 2008 John Deere 1770NT 16 row planter, computer track 350 monitor, MaxEmerge XP, 30" row spacing, Martin free floating spike tooth openers, 2005 John Deere 1890 air seeder comes with Vanguard VM-2500 monitor and CCS seed meter, 30' working width 7 1/2" spacing; 2016 Behnke 2000 gallon Tank trailer 18,000 GVW, Used for fertilizer, Honda

Pump, 30 gallon Induction tank; Unverferth 3750 seed runner hand crank tarp, 375 bushel, self-contained w/Honda 340 gas engine, tri-axle, 18' conveyor, scale & remote, 1 owner; John Deere 2510H Applicator anhydrous fertilizer with liquimatic ANH3 injection 3 point, Like New! 15 shank, 30". 1 owner; Brent Unverferth 572 Corner Grain Cart, roll tarp, 1000 P.T.O.; Unverferth 530 Gravity Wagon ShurLoc Roll tarp; Rear Brakes, Lights; Hutchinson 10"x 62' conveyor with 10 hp Dayton 1ph 230V motor; Batco PS2500 Pit Stop Truck conveyor with Baldor 7 1/2hp 1 PH, 18"w conveyor, 12' wide ramp; *Hutchinson 6"x 30' electric auger*.

Tillage: 2011 Kuhn Krause Dominator 4850 Ripper 15' working width; 9 shank; 9" disc spacing; LED lights; 2015 Kuhn Krause 30' Excelerator 8000 Vertical Till 30' working width; 8" disc spacing; LED lights; Adjustable gangs; John Deere 48' 220 Field Cultivator Walking tandems, Floating Hitch, 48' working width, comes with accu depth display; Artsway 2400 land plane 3 point, cat 3,

Rotary Cutters & Blower: Woods 32400 Batwing Rotary Cutter 1000 RPM, 20' cutting width; Woods BW126 series 3 rotary cutter, 540 P.T.O., 10' cutting width; Land Pride RCPM3060 Boom Mower Self Contained, 1000 P.T.O. 6' cut width, Very Clean, like new! 1 owner; Scan for Woods SS108-2 Snow Blower 3 Point, 1000 P.T.O. 108" width. catalogue.

Trailer: Fuel trailer 9'x5' tandem trailer.

Precision Ag: John Deere Starfire 3000/450 RTK; (2)John Deere 3000 Starfire; (2)Jo Display; Topcon GX-45 Display; Green Star processor w/card.

Planting: 2000 gallon + 1625 gallon tanks on frames.

Weights: 22 J.D. 47kg suitcase weights; J.D. 65 & 205 Kg wheel weights.

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Fertilizer plant, announced for Illinois 7 years ago, still not built

announced that Cronus Chemicals would develop a \$1.4 billion fertilizer plant west of Tuscola.

Exactly when this project is going to be built is a question Brian Moody, Tuscola's chamber and economic development director, said he still gets asked frequently, The News-Gazette reported.

And it's a question he can't answer, Moody said, though Tuscola continues to have a relationship with the company and is in support of the development. "I guess I would tell you economic development is a long road," he said.

And a longer road, still, in the midst of a pandemic that has brought, along with a public health crisis, labor and supply shortages and higher construction costs.

"COVID has, obviously put, I guess you could say, a delay on the project," Moody said. For one thing, it's no longer a \$1.4 billion project. The last update Tuscola had on the project cost was that it would run \$1.762 billion, he said.

Plans to build the new nitrogen fertilizer plant west of Tuscola were announced in October 2014, when Pat Quinn was Illinois' governor.

The project was announced with \$52 million in economic incentives to help persuade Cronus investors looking at 76 different sites in nine states to ultimately decide to choose the Tuscola site.

Cronus Fertilizers, the name of the proposed plant and a project of Cronus Chemicals, announced in 2018 that it had executed a contract Thyssenkrupp Industrial with Solutions for the engineering, procurement and construction of the Tuscola plant.

Cronus announced in December 2020 that there were important changes made to its partnership with Thyssenkrupp Industrial Solutions "that will enhance the success of Cronus' proposed Tuscola, Ill., fertilizer plant."

Cronus said in that announcement a year ago that the facility in Tuscola would produce up to 2,300 metric tons of ammonia per day, "giving

TUSCOLA, Ill. (AP) - It's been regional farmers access to locally more than seven years since it was produced ammonia and largely eliminating the need for imported products."

> Along with Tuscola, the Urbana and Champaign Sanitary District is also still waiting for this plant to be under development.

> sanitary district periodically extended its contract to supply wastewater - need for use in the fertilizer manufacturing process to the future Cronus plant in Tuscola.

> In a memo to the sanitary district's board in July, Executive Director Rick Manner said Cronus had not yet secured financing for the project, and he recommended that the district "formally advise that we do not intend to terminate before July 1, 2022. This would confirm the availability of UCSD's water supply for Cronus while they attempt to finalize their funding for the project," Manner said in the memo.

> Cronus needs about 6 million gallons of water a day, and the sanitary district has estimated it will net about \$1 million a year from the arrangement, Manner said.

> Cronus officials could not be reached by The News-Gazette.

> Moody said he was in touch with company officials via email this week, and was told Cronus is continuing to move the Tuscola project forward and anticipates being able to provide an update in about a month.

> Illinois Environmental Protection Agency spokeswoman Kim Biggs said the agency received a new permit application for the Tuscola plant in March 2020, and it's still pending.

> Moody said its likely incentive agreements would have to be revisited for the Tuscola plant, but Cronus continues to have an option on the property for the plant and labor agreements with unions in place.

> And for Cronus, the economic opportunity for the plant "has clearly been there," he said.

As for the city of Tuscola, Moody said some legwork has been done, but no money has been spent. "Now, it's a matter, as it always has been, can Cronus align all the stars to do their project," Moody said. "So far, that hasn't happened."

2021 Winter Virtual Farm **Equipment Online Consignment** Auction

Auction Begins to Close: December 31st @ 11:00 a.m.

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Tractors: 1964 Allis Chalmers XT190, 1962 JD 3010, 1957 JD 720, 1957 JD 620, 1948 JD G, 1943 Farmall MTA, 1941 Far-mall H, Farmall F20, 1948 Farmall Cub, 1953 Farmall Super MD, 1958 JD 730, 1951 JD A, Massey Ferguson 1135. Implements: Mayrath Transfer Auger, JD 8300 Drill, JD 494A 4 row Planter, Holland Transplanter Tobacco Setter, White 508 5 Bottom Plow, JD 1100 3pt Field Cultivator, Allis Chalmers 499A Forklift, JD Planter Units, 2 discs, 7 shank Glencoe Disk Ripper, Yetter 5 Shank Sub Soiler, DMI Rolling Basket, Kewanee Grader Blade. Wagons: Gravity Wagons, Flatbed Wagon. Trucks & Accessories: Ford F250 Truck, Ford Truck Utility Bed. Lawn, Garden, & Maintenance: Ber-Vac 655 3 pt Snow Blower, JD X724, Ex-Cell Pressure Washer, 5' Rotary Mower, Lazy Boy 5 Tiller, Stihl FS85 String Trimmer, 3 pt Snowblower, Allis Chalmers

Snowblower, Allis Chalmers PTO Tiller, Bush Hog Grader Box. Tools & Shop Related Items: Century Wire Feed Welder, Hydraulic Cylinders, Boom Pole, 2 Tn Hydraulic Floor Jack, Metal Car Ramps, Milwaukee Grinder, Craftsman Toolbox. Misc: Exhaust Fan, Electric Fence Chargers, Cultivator Shovels.

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Owners: Kenneth and Martha Pittsford Trusts

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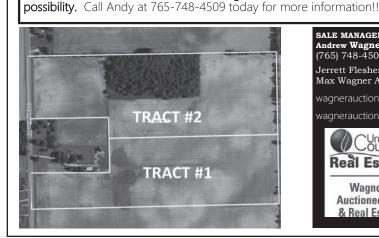
PROPERTY LOCATION:

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