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Above: These curious cows made for an interesting photo opportunity. Photo by Susanne Shelton

New EPA report on dicamba use shows little change

By TIM ALEXANDER Illinois Correspondent

Friday, January 7, 2022

WASHINGTON, D.C. — A new report on dicamba use from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is leaving farmers wondering about the herbicide's future as an in-season weed abatement tool.

In a Dec. 21 statement, the EPA provided a summary of dicamba-related incident reports from the 2021 growing season obtained from pesticide registrants, states, the public, and non-governmental organizations. "Despite the control measures implemented in EPA's October 2020 dicamba registration decision, the 2021 incident reports show little change in number, severity, or geographic extent of dicamba-related incidents when compared to the reports the Agency received before the 2020 control measures were required," the report said.

"Given the new information

from the 2021 growing season,

EPA is reviewing whether overthe-top dicamba can be used in a manner that does not pose unreasonable risks to non-target crops and other plants, or to listed species and their designated critical habitats. EPA is also evaluating its options for addressing future dicamba-related incidents."

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Nationwide, the EPA received some 3,500 dicamba incident complaints in 2021, resulting in alleged damage to more than a million acres of non-dicamba-tolerant soybeans, as well as off-target damage to other crops and non-agricultural landscapes, including a 160,000 acre wildlife refuge.

Some groups are questioning the data, however.

The American Soybean Association (ASA), National Cotton Council and American Farm Bureau Federation are among the agricultural groups raising. Growers are concerned with the potential of significant

(See EPA policy on page 13)

Travis Cleaver named 2021 Small Farmer of the Year in Kentucky

By DOUG GRAVES Ohio Correspondent

FRANKFORT, Ky. – In the heart of south central Kentucky, one will find Travis Cleaver, a third-generation farmer in LaRue and Hart Counties. Growing up in a multi-generational farm family, Travis learned how to grow tobacco and raise livestock with his parents and grandparents.

While some young people leave the farm, Travis embraced this livelihood and it developed into a passion to provide locally sources produce and meats to those around him. He raises and sells hogs, cows, chickens, rabbits and has an 18-week market garden with produce grown in three high tunnels and via row cropping. He sells his produce all over the area, delivering vegetable baskets to customers in Hodgenville, Elizabethtown, Fort Knox, Lexington and Louisville. "We wrote it down on paper, made it a goal, and slowly, every year, we just got a little bigger and a little better. We've had some years that weren't so successful, but that made the better years even more successful."

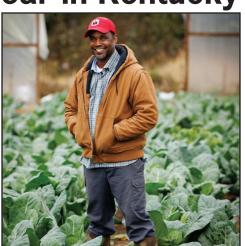
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Cleaver received two Small-Scale Farm Grants from Kentucky State and then attended educational opportunities such as the Small, Limited-Resource, Minority Farmers Conference. He worked closely with multiple Kentucky State employees to obtain grants.

After learning about the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), Travis started working with conservation planners to tackle areas of concern on his property. With assistance of the Environmental Quality Incentives Program, the Cleaver farm now has cross-fenced pastures and installed watering facilities for rotational grazing. He has plans to establish native warm season grasses into the pasture and hay fields. "In the past I watched as mentors of mine were recognized as Small Farmer of the Year, thinking 'man, I want to be like them one day'," Cleaver said. "It's pretty cool to now receive the same honor, to get my name with their name. It just makes me reflect on all of them who did stuff to help me get here. I've found my best resources are people I consider to be mentors."

Today, he still runs and operates Cleav's Family Market, along with his parents, his girlfriend Heather Cooper, his two daughters and employees who he says makes it 'feel like family'.

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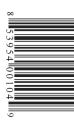
His efforts have now earned him the title 2021 Small Farmer of the Year by the Kentucky State University Land Grant Program.

"It's always been the goal of mine to have my own farm, to have a large farm," Cleaver said in a KSU release. From his time running Cleav's Meat Shack in downtown Hodgenville to operating Cleav's Family Market in Bonnieville, Cleaver has come a long way in 11 years. "It's amazing, the people you put on your team, how they make you better," Cleaver said. "Just make sure that you have somebody on your team that's going to push you and support you."

Like many other farmers today, Travis balances his 80-acre farming operation with a fulltime job with CSX.

In addition to his market garden and the multitude of animals, he tends to a three-acre garden, from which he provides a CSA with three drop off locations and stocks a vegetable in his community. The animal portion of this farm provides locally sourced meat for purchase. Cleaver started offering meat bundles **Above:** Travis Cleaver of LaRue County in Kentucky has a fulltime job with CSX freight transportation yet has time to operate his 80-acre farm. His accomplishments haven't gone unnoticed as he was named 2021 Small Farmer of the Year by the Kentucky State University Land Grant Program. (photo submitted)

with a variety of cuts, eliminating the customers' need to contact the processing facility. This part of his business has now grown, and he takes orders and delivers meat bundles every six weeks.





Second career sees Tennessee farmer raising prime beef -Page 1B



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Ohio farmers will find answers at 2022 regional outlook meetings

By DOUG GRAVES Ohio Correspondent

WILMINGTON, Ohio — Ohio farmers wondering about such things as weather projections, crop values and liability laws will find answers at The Ohio State University Extension Regional Ag Outlook and Policy Meetings scheduled to take place around the state beginning this month and ending in March.

Barry Ward, a specialist in farm tax management, will offer tips, tools and information to help farmers manage their farms. Ward will address farm inputs and land economics, farmland lease issues, crop economics, crop and livestock enterprise budgeting.

Ward is director of the OSU Income Tax School, where he provides tax education on critical issues for Ohio's agricultural sector.

Attendees with questions about



weather patterns and wet conditions next spring will want to lend an ear to Aaron Wilson, a research scientist at the Byrd Polar and Climate Research Center who has a joint appointment in the OSU Extension. Using intricate climate models, Wilson's research focuses on weather patterns and climate changes in Ohio.

"I connect my love of weather and climate with the agricultural community throughout Ohio to provide data when needed and increase the understanding of how changing climate is impacting farmers across the state," Wilson said.

Peggy Hall is an associate professor and field specialist in agricultural and resource law.

"I'm constantly challenged by the increasing social and environmental demands places upon those engaged in agricultural production," Hall said. "GMOs, animal welfare, local foods, sustainability, nutrient regulation – there are so many highly visible and often controversial issues that affect agricultural production."

Hall will be on hand to answer key questions regarding such things as fence laws, property issues, ensuing policies and even legal outcomes as they relate to Ohio's farmers.

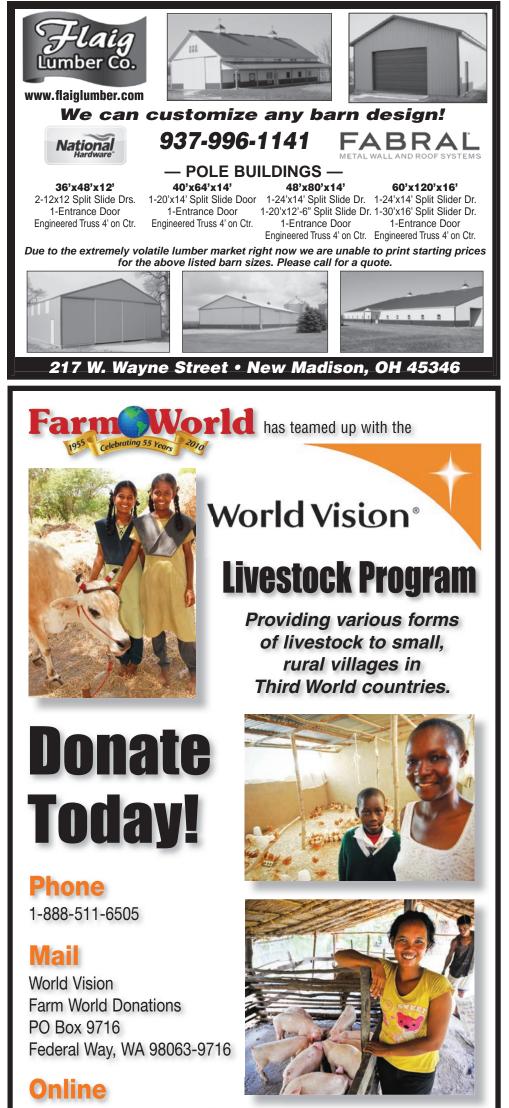
Carl Zulauf, a professor emeritus in the Department of Agricultural,

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Left: Ben Brown (at left), an agricultural risk management specialist at Ohio State University, will share his outlook for the 2022 grain marketing season. (photo submitted)

Below: Aaron Wilson, a research scientist and climatologist, will talk about weather patterns, climate changes and weather forecasting at the gathering in Clinton County this month. (photo submitted)





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Bane-Welker staff, customers collect 1,800 Toys for Tots

CRAWFORDSVILLE, Ind. — Bane-Welker Equipment recently held a Toys for Tots drive and collected over 1,800 toys to donate the communities they serve.

It was a shared labor of love – both employees and customers got into the spirit.

"This was such a rewarding project for our employees and our customers," said Jason Bane, president of Bane-Welker Equipment. "We had customers and employees who used their Red Zone Rewards points to buy more toys for the children."

This type of project aligns well with the Bane-Welker mission of making a positive impact on the communities they serve.

This year, the Toys for Tots project was initiated by two Bane-Welker employees, Nettie Grubb and Justin Butler, a former Marine, who benefitted from the program himself as a child.

"My passion for helping grew from when I was a child and once received toys from this same program," stated Butler. "It meant a lot to me then, and I wanted to help make a difference in children's lives now. I feel very proud to be a part of a company who makes time for such important community efforts."

The toys are distributed throughout the local communities. Bane-Welker in Remington collected the most, with 550. Local FFA chapters helped with the effort.

Bane-Welker Equipment, founded in 1967 by the late Kenneth and Patricia Bane, is an agriculture equipment company representing

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Above: More than 1,800 toys were collected by Bane-Welker employees and customers for the Toys for Tots drive.

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Environmental, and Development Economics at OSU, will address commercial agricultural policy. His areas of specialization also include commodity futures and options markets.

With solar farm spreading across the state, Eric Romich, statewide energy specialist for the OSU College of Food, Agricultural and Environmental Sciences (CFAES) will be on hand to discuss the Senate Bill 52 Solar Farm legislation. The new state law allows county government to designate restricted areas where utility-scale solar or wind facilities cannot be located. Peggy Hall is expected to weigh in on this discussion as well.

"This bill attempts to address changes in the rural landscape," Hall said. "We have a division occurring across Ohio - those who stand to benefit financially from a lease that would allow for solar and wind development on their land and those who don't want it, at least not in their area. This creates friction."

Robert Moore, an attorney with the law firm Wright & Moore Law Company, will speak about farm transition. He will discuss farm communication issues and lead attendees with strategies in dealing with those communication issues. Most importantly, he will illustrate how to transition the management of the farm to the next generation, how to split the farm when one has both on-farm and off-farm heirs. He will also touch on legal options involving wills and trusts.

Ben Brown, Assistant Professor of Professional Practice in Agricultural Risk Management in the Department of Agricultural, Environmental and Development Economics at Ohio State University, will share his outlook for the 2022 grain marketing season.

"I work with agricultural producers and agribusinesses on risk management topics related to markets, finances and agricultural policies," Brown said. "Solving problems is what drives me.'

Matt Roberts of The Kernmantle Group will also discuss grain marketing. Roberts is a nationally-renowned expert and speaker on the grain and energy markets. He is an active speaker, appearing approximately 50 times per year around the nation on grain. petroleum and biofuels markets. He is an active consultant to the commodity industry.

Shoemaker, Associate Dianne Professor, Field Specialist and expert



in Dairy Production Economics at Ohio State University, has a strong industry relationship and collaboration with Ohio dairy farmers, will provide insight into Ohio's dairy economy and outlook for 2022.

The eight meeting locations include: Wayne County: Jan. 13, Buckeye Ag Museum, Wooster

Clinton County: Jan. 14, OSU Extension Office, Wilmington

Union/Madison/Champaign counties: Jan. 28, Der Dutchman Restaurant, Plain City

Defiance County: Jan. 31, Jewell Community Center, Defiance

Crawford County: Feb. 1, Wayside Chapel Community Center, Bucyrus

Pickaway County, Feb. 2, Emmett Chapel, Circleville

Muskingum County, Feb. 14, Muskingum County Convention Center, Zanesville

Darke County, March 25, Romers Catering, Greenville

For more details including times for each session visit https://u.osu edu/ ohioagma ager/2021/12/27/2022-agricultural-outlook-and-policy-meetings-set-to-kickoff/

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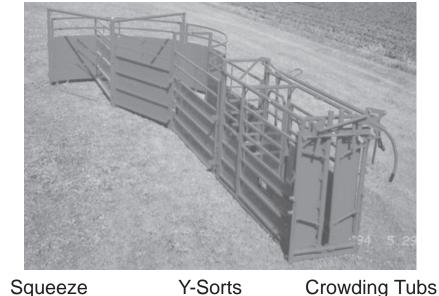
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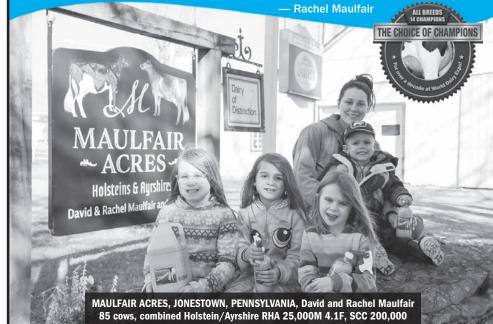


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MGE	Wheat	1009.00 (Mar 22) 1000.75 (May 22) 983.00 (Jul 22) 929.25 (Sep 22) 919.75 (Dec 22) 911.25 (Mar 23)

US #2 WHITE CORN (BULK)

Barge Loading Elevators - Conventional							
Region/Location	Basic (¢/Bu)	Basis Change	Price (\$/Bu)	Price Change	Average		
Purchase	85.00H	UNCH	6.9050	UP 0.0075	6.9050		
		US #2 YELLOW	CORN (BULK)				
Country Elevators - Co	onventional	00 #2 1222011	John (Bolin)				
Region/Location	Basic (¢/Bu)	Basis Change	Price (\$/Bu)	Price Change	Average		
Purchase	-6.00H to 0.00H	UNCH	5.9950-6.0550	UP 0.0075	6.0250		
Green River	0.00H	UNCH	6.0550	UP 0.0075	6.0550		
Pennvrile	-10.00H to 0.00H	UNCH	5.9550-6.0550	UP 0.0075	6.0050		
Louisville	-16.00H to -15.00H	UP 8.00-UP 1.00	5.8950-5.9050	UP 0.0875-UP 0.0175	5.9000		
Bluegrass	-30.00H	UNCH	5.7550	UP 0.0075	5.7550		
Barge Loading Elevate	ors - Conventional						
Region/Location	Basic (¢/Bu)	Basis Change	Price (\$/Bu)	Price Change	Average		
Ohio River - Upper KY	-11.00H	UNCH	5.9450	UP 0.0075	5.9450		
Ohio River - Lower KY	-5.00H to -3.00H	UP 1.00-UNCH	6.0050-6.0250	UP 0.0175-UP 0.0075	6.0150		
Purchase	-11.00H to 10.00H	UNCH	5.9450-6.1550	UP 0.0075	6.0275		
		US #1 SOYBE	EANS (BULK)				
Country Elevators - Co	onventional						
Region/Location	Basic (¢/Bu)	Basis Change	Price (\$/Bu)	Price Change	Average		
Purchase	0.00F	UNCH	13.5650	DN 0.0275	13.5650		
Green River	-15.00F	UNCH	13.4150	DN 0.0275	13.4150		
Pennyrile	-20.00F to -5.00F	UNCH	13.3650-13.5150	DN 0.0275	13.4400		
Louisville	-39.00F	UP 17.00	13.1750	UP 0.1425	13.1750		
Bluegrass	-50.00F	UNCH	13.0650	DN 0.0275	13.0650		
Barge Loading Elevate							
Region/Location	<u>Basic (¢/Bu)</u>	Basis Change	Price (\$/Bu)	Price Change	<u>Average</u>		
Ohio River - Upper KY	0.00F	DN 8.00	13.5650	DN 0.1075	13.5650		
Ohio River - Lower KY	7.00F to 13.00F	DN 3.00-DN 10.00	13.6350-13.6950	DN 0.0575-DN 0.1275	13.6725		
Purchase	-7.00F to 25.00F	DN 21.00-UNCH	13.4950-13.8150	DN 0.2375-DN 0.0275	13.7050		
		NG SOFT RED WINTE	ER WHEAT FOOD G	RADE (BULK)			
Country Elevators - Co							
Region/Location	Basic (¢/Bu)	Basis Change	Price (\$/Bu)	Price Change	Average		
Pennyrile	25.00H	UNCH	8.1275	UP 0.0425	8.1275		
Pennyrile	0.00N	UNCH	7.8550	UP 0.0175	7.8550		
		US #2 SOFT RED WIN	NTER WHEAT (BULK)			
Country Elevators - Co							
Region/Location	<u>Basic (¢/Bu)</u>	Basis Change	Price (\$/Bu)	Price Change	<u>Average</u>		
Green River	-40.00N	UNCH	7.4550	UP 0.0175	7.4550		
Pennyrile	5.00H	UNCH	7.9275	UP 0.0425	7.9275		
Pennyrile	-45.00N	UNCH	7.4050	UP 0.0175	7.4050		
Louisville	-60.00N	UP 2.00	7.2550	UP 0.0375	7.2550		
Bluegrass	-30.00N	UNCH	7.5550	UP 0.0175	7.5550		
Barge Loading Elevate							
Region/Location	Basic (¢/Bu)	Basis Change	Price (\$/Bu)	Price Change	<u>Average</u>		
Ohio River - Upper KY	-8.00N	UNCH	7.7750	UP 0.0175	7.7750		
Ohio River - Lower KY		UNCH	7.7550-7.9350	UP 0.0175	7.8175		
Purchase	0.00H	UNCH	7.8775	UP 0.0425	7.8775		
Purchase	-5.00N to 5.00N	UNCH	7.8050-7.9050	UP 0.0175	7.8450		

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CATTLE	CALVES	HOGS	SHEEP
117,000	1,000	463,000	6,000
117,000	1,000	454,000	7,000
94,000	2,000	418,000	7,000
475,000	6,000	1,890,000	31,000
478,000	6,000	1,874,000	32,000
447,000	7,000	1,822,000	30,000
Cow and Bull			
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Revised Wednesday Hog Slaughter...474,000 New Week to Date...1,427,000

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	Delivery				Delivery		
Corn	Month Mar 22 May 22 Jul 22 Sep 22 Dec 22	Last \$ 598-2 \$ 600-2 \$ 598-6 \$ 567-2 \$ 549-6	Change + \$ 5-0 + \$ 5-2 + \$ 5-2 + \$ 4-4 + \$ 3-6	Wheat	Month Mar 22 May 22 Jul 22 Sep 22 Dec 22	Last \$ 772-6 \$ 776-0 \$ 766-2 \$ 767-4 \$ 771-0	Change + \$ 2-0 + \$ 1-6 + \$ 1-6 + \$ 1-0 + \$ 1-0
Soybeans	Jan 22 Mar 22 May 22 Jul 22 Aug 22	\$ 1348-4 \$ 1359-6 \$ 1369-0 \$ 1374-2 \$ 1356-2	+ \$19-6 + \$20-4 + \$20-0 + \$19-2 + \$19-0	Oats	Mar 22 May 22	\$ 689'0 \$ 655'0	+ \$ 6'0 - \$ 5'2
Soybean	Jan 22 Mar 22 May 22 Jul 22 Aug 22	\$ 417.0 \$ 406.5 \$ 403.6 \$ 403.5 \$ 399.6	+ \$ 5.3 + \$ 7.4 + \$ 6.5 + \$ 5.9 + \$ 5.0	Live Cattle	Feb 22 Apr 22 Jun 22 Aug 22 Oct 22	\$139.700s \$144.825s \$139.200s \$138.200s \$141.625s	+
Soybean Oil	Jan 22 Mar 22 May 22 Jul 22 Aug 22	\$ 57.21 \$ 57.07 \$ 57.12 \$ 57.00 \$ 56.76	+ \$ 0.91 + \$ 0.54 + \$ 0.55 + \$ 0.49 + \$ 0.66	Lean Hogs	Feb 22 Apr 22 May 22 Jun 22 Jul 22	\$ 81.475s \$ 86.725s \$ 91.500s \$ 97.550s \$ 98.075s	- \$ 1.225 - \$ 1.100 - \$ 0.925 - \$ 0.925 - \$ 0.750
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Finally starting to feel more like winter, and it sounds as if a major cold front is coming for the weekend. Forecast of snow and sleet for that could be significant for the northern half of the state along with wind chills below zero is not quite the start of the New Year anyone wants. Rains for much of the state even has some areas talking about Mud for the first time in a long time as the ground has yet to freeze thus far. Feeding has picked up quite a bit over the last week as most producers have used up the last of any stockpiled pastures. A few more hay inquires with the projection of some winter weather but for the most part business is still made up of mostly equine interest. The supply of hay is moderate and demand is light to moderate and prices mostly steady. The Missouri Department of Agriculture has a hay directory visit http://mda.mo.gov/abd/haydirectory/ for listings of hay http://agebb.missouri.edu/haylst/

HAY (Conventional)

Alfalfa - Supreme (Ask/Per Ton) Med. Sq. 3x3 200.00-250.00 Alfalfa - Premium (Ask/Per Bale) Sm. Sq. 8.00-12.00 Alfalfa - Premium (Ask/Per Ton) Med. Sq. 3x3 160.00-200.00 Alfalfa - Good (Ask/Per Ton) Large Round Alfalfa - Good (Ask/Per Bale) Sm. Sq. 120.00-160.00 5.00-9.00 Alfalfa - Fair (Ask/Per Ton) Large Round 100.00-125.00 Alfalfa/Grass Mix - Good/Premium (Ask/Per Bale) Small Square Mixed Grass - Good/Premium (Ask/Per Ton) 6.00-8.00 Large Round 80.00-140.00 Mixed Grass - Fair/Good (Ask/Per Ton) Lg. Rd. 60.00-100.00 80.00-140.00 4.00-6.00

Mixed Grass - Fair/Good (Ask/Per Bale) Sm. Sq. Mixed Grass - Fair (Ask/Per Bale) Lg. Rd. 25.00-55.00

STRAW (Conventional)

Wheat - (Ask/Per Bale) Small Square 4.00-6.00

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looking toward 2023 Farm Bill Farmers and ag groups begin

By TIM ALEXANDER Illinois Correspondent

BLOOMINGTON, Ill. — A variety of legislative factors will influence the 2023 Farm Bill as preliminary discussions begin in early 2022. However, the results of the 2022 midterm elections will hold the most influence over shaping the next farm bill, which is the primary driver of federal farm policy.

This is according to James Glueck, vice president of Michael Torrey and Associates, who discussed 2023 Farm Bill legislative influences during a December 14 meeting and webinar hosted by the Illinois Sovbean Growers (ISG). In addition to the 2022 midterm elections, Glueck listed new agriculture committee leadership, climate change, trade challenges, racial justice in agriculture, COVID-19 and cost expenditures among the top legislative factors that will influence the 2023 Farm Bill.

"At this time, I think we can identify a couple of key themes looking at the playing field," said Glueck, Washington, D.C.-based whose government relations firm specializes in agricultural issues. "I think the first factor is the people: the new ag committee leadership and the new ag committee membership, and the new members of Congress. A necessary piece of the puzzle is making sure members know what issues they're going to have to wrangle with."

Under the Biden administration and the current balance of power in Congress, a couple of "givens" stand out heading into the new year, Glueck noted. "A lot of focus on things like climate, through the reconciliation process particularly, (and) the equity issues have been big themes for the secretary," he said. "You've seen the administration weigh in on those issues already, and they are likely to be farm bill signals as well."

The next farm bill negotiation process will also be heavily influenced by discussion on disaster relief payments for farmers under the crop insurance title, according to Glueck. "It will focus on disasters whether extreme storms or drought, and whether current farm bill language addresses the needs of farmers suffering losses due to severe weather disasters," he said.

In addition, trade issues that have resulted in ad hoc government payments to farmers since the crafting of the 2018 Farm Bill are likely to play a prominent role in the development of the next farm bill. "When you look across the trade front, you continue to see tariffs and

challenges with customers around the world. Some of these challenges are several years old at this point, but are likely to influence the farm bill conversation," Glueck said.

"And you've also got the pandemic. Almost two years from the start, the lessons learned about the supply chain and changes in demand, and how that rippled through the farm economy, will (be factors). And are there flexibilities - or maybe less flexibility, in some instances - in some of these programs that would provide the administration the tools to respond in the future?"

The farm bill negotiation process likely will begin in early 2022, when House and Senate agriculture committees announce field hearings with stakeholders in order to receive suggestions on priorities. Around the middle of 2022, a series of more highlevel hearings and discussions will likely be scheduled in the nation's capital. After receiving stakeholder input, the separate committees will begin drafting the content of the 12-title farm bill, which includes commodities, conservation, trade, rural development, research and energy titles, along with nutrition, credit. forestry, horticulture, crop insurance, and a "livestockmiscellaneous commodities" title.

After mark-up and negotiations over language and content, the writing of the final draft of the farm bill could take a year or more to craft. Debate over the farm bill's massive budget (The Congressional Budget Office projected the 2018 Farm Bill budget at around \$90 billion) is usually the most divisive and determining factor in its writing, Glueck commented.

"We've seen some great expenditures in the past several years: trade payments, COVID payments, climate-related payments. How that plays into Congressional spending and the farm bill discussion will be a factor," he said.

Relatively tight majorities in the House and Senate will influence how the 2023 Farm Bill advances through its processes, Glueck added, along with the influence of new leaders, ranking members and membership in their respective ag committees.

Protecting and preserving crop insurance could be the biggest concern for the membership of the ISG and Illinois Soybean Association (ISA), according to Tara Smith, Executive Vice President of Michael Torrey Associates. "Typically, where we see challenges to crop insurance is when we see folks go after premium assistance to farmers, so that crop insurance discount that you receive

back," Smith said. "Cuts to private sector delivery systems is another common theme. It could be cuts to the agencies in the private sector delivery program, (or) it could be cuts to the actual crop insurers and what they get for delivering the program."

Following the webinar, Mike Levin, Senior Director of Government Affairs for ISA, said there are currently more questions than answers available at this early stage of 2023 Farm Bill consideration. "That's why it's important that we actively engage in conversation with our farmers and do a lot of listening. We want to know what our farmers want from this Farm Bill, what they're concerned about, where we should focus our efforts, and where gaps exist," Levin said, in a news release following the meeting and online listening session.

"These imperative discussions are adding up and preparing us for what's ahead. We will continue to collect farmer feedback, solicit expert legislative advice, and collaborate

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3 solar projects announced in Michigan **Bv Kevin Walker** "As a farmer-founded company,

JACKSON, Mich. - Consumers Energy has announced three major solar projects that will add almost 400 megawatts of energy for Michigan homes and businesses in the southcentral portion of the state by 2023.

Michigan Correspondent

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"Increasing clean energy for our customers shows our commitment to being a force of change for clean energy that benefits the people of Michigan and protects our planet," said Dennis Dobbs, Consumers Energy's vice president of enterprise project management and environmental services, in a press release.

The three developments are the Washtenaw Solar Energy Project, a 150-megawatt project to be developed by Invenergy before ownership would be transferred to Consumers. The plant will be near Ann Arbor in southeastern lower Michigan. According to Invenergy, the project will generate \$16.7 million in local earnings to Saline Township, add 216 temporary positions during construction and generate \$9.7 million in total school district revenue.

The second project, Cereal City Solar, is a 100-megawatt project developed by NextEra. It will be located in southwestern lower Michigan near Marshall in Calhoun County. "Things are going quite well with the project," said Brvan Garner, a spokesman for NextEra. "We have a permitting hearing scheduled for February in Marshall Township."

The third project, Jackson County Solar, will be built by National Grid Renewables. Consumers will buy electricity from the facility for 20 years. The project is slated to be near Consumers' headquarters in southeastern lower Michigan.

National Grid Renewables excited to expand our investment in Michigan with the Jackson County Solar project," said Lindsay Smith, a spokesman for National Grid Renewables. "Jackson County Solar is located in Parma Township and will provide significant economic benefit for the local community."

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Smith said the project will generate \$29 million in direct economic benefit to the rural community over the first 20 years of its operation. There will also be landowner payments, though Smith would not specify any amounts involved.

These solar developments are part of Consumers' Clean Energy Plan, which aims to dramatically increase renewable energy in Michigan, eliminate coal as a fuel source for electricity by 2025 and achieve 'net zero' carbon emissions by 2040. Although both solar and wind developments in Michigan have provided revenue to landowners as well as local governments, they haven't been without controversy.

Aesthetic and other issues have often swirled around renewables projects. Consumers Energy spokesman Terry DeDoes said, "Communities have different sensitivities about these projects and they vary from community to community." He added that the land these projects are built on are "quite often" farmer owned.

A proposed solar development from last year, the Carroll Road Solar Farm in Lenawee County, met with some resistance, according to a local report. Karlene Goetz, an elected official in Riga Township said, "I have a hard time buying the notion that this is a good idea. This is very good, productive farmland. We're trying to preserve our farmland."











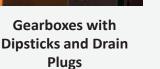


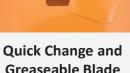
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Beck's acquires new facility

ATLANTA, Ind. — Beck's recently announced the acquisition of a new facility in Goehner, Nebraska. Located on 150 acres, the site will provide western farmers with sales support, distribution, and Practical Farm Research, as well as educational and agronomic opportunities.

"The purchase of the Goehner facility represents our commitment to farmers in our western territory," said Scott Beck, president of Beck's. "As we expand west, we are dedicated to investing in opportunities that will allow us to bring agronomic research, diversity in genetics and traits, and industry-leading localized service to western farmers. This new facility will support our farmer-focused mission and allow us to expand our Practical Farm Research program for farmers in western Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska, and South Dakota."

Situated off I-80, Beck's Goehner facility will bring superior visibility and recognition to the area, with new buildings and reconstruction. The facility will be partially operational in 2022 but is expected to be fully operational in 2023. Beck's will add multiple new full-time employees to operate the facility and bring farmers localized service and high-yielding, region-specific products. In addition, this facility will have over 100 acres of land dedicated to Practical Farm Research. Beck's PFR studies are designed with the farmer in mind and highlight different management practices and inputs to help farmers to make better decisions on their farms and increase profitability.

"Over the past 55 years, we've experienced an average of 10 percent growth per year," said Sonny Beck, CEO of Beck's. "That's a direct result of the hard work, faith, and innovation of our family and family of employees. Helping farmers succeed is more than a mission; it's a passion we feel privileged to live out each day."

To support growing demand, Beck's continues to establish roots to support their western expansion. In August 2021, Beck's purchased a processing facility in Beaman, Iowa, for the use of soybean processing and production. On Jan. 1 acquired the Hartung Brothers facility in Coon Rapids, Iowa, for the use of corn and soybean production, processing, and distribution.

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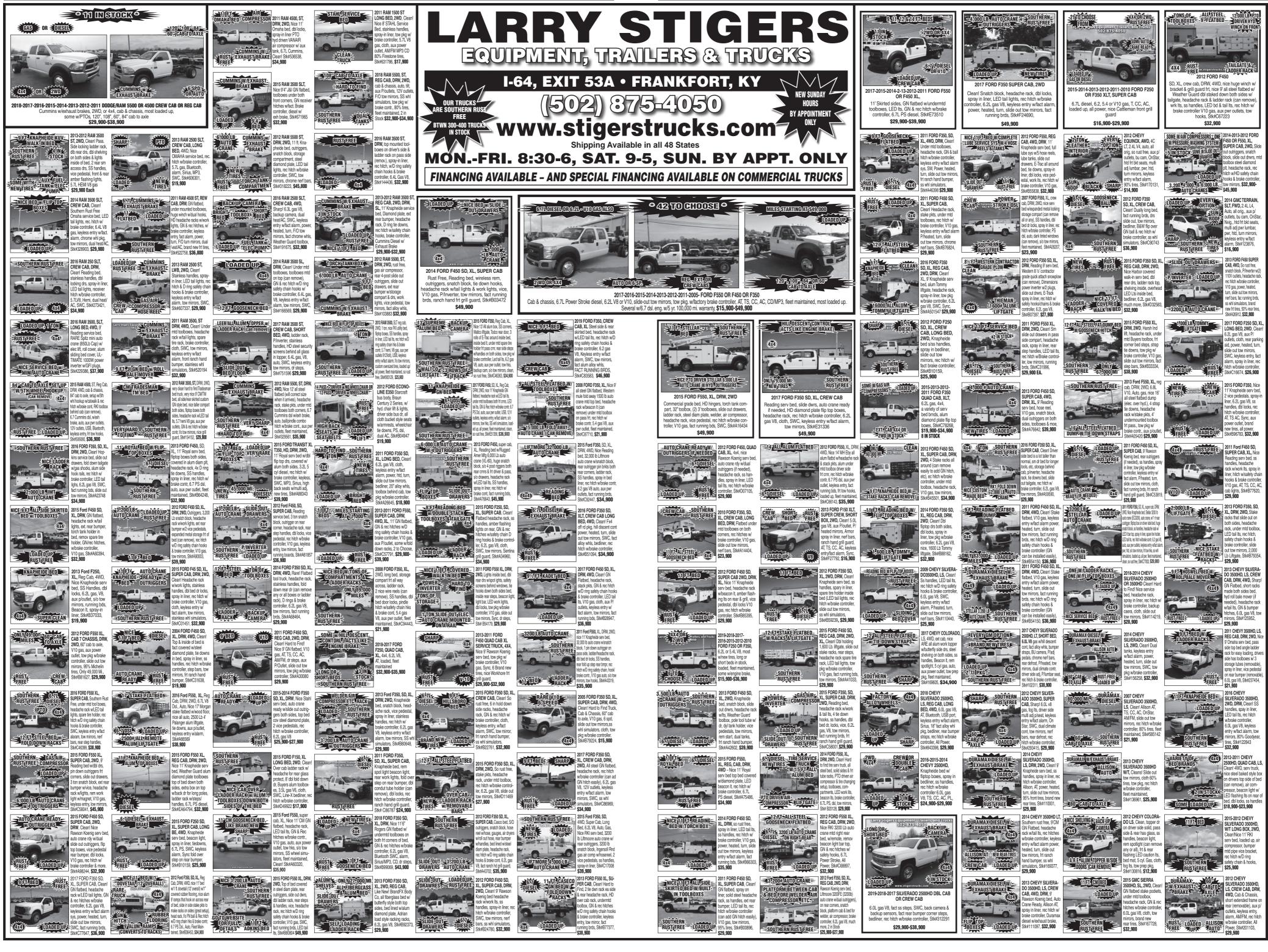
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Iowa State, OSU team up for apple orchard spraying project

By DOUG SCHMITZ Iowa Correspondent

WOOSTER, Ohio - Researchers at Iowa State University and The Ohio State University have teamed up with the USDA-Agricultural Research Service to find ways to decrease the amount of chemicals applied to an apple orchard, while maintaining the orchard's health.

The researchers' progress on their three-year research project was recently published in the scientific journal, Scientia. The first spraying system the researchers are studying is what they refer to as an intelligent spraying system, developed by Heping Zhu, USDA- Agricultural Research Service agricultural engineer in Wooster, Ohio, and his team.

The intelligent sprayer system was first put on the market in spring 2019, but since then it has been upgraded.

"A standard sprayer releases pesticide constantly down a row, so a lot of extra pesticide goes into the air, and onto the ground," said Zhu, who led the team that created the sprayer in collaboration with the USDA and other universities.

Funded by the USDA's Crop Protection and Pest Management Program, this system uses a combination of laser beams and sensors mounted on an air blast sprayer to detect where the apple trees' foliage is located. Based on what the lasers and sensors 'see' as the tractor-pulled sprayer passes through the rows of trees, spray nozzles open to specifically target sectors of the foliage.

Mark Gleason. Iowa State University

microbiology, and his team of researchers, said this contrasts with traditional spraying methods, during which all spray nozzles are actively spraving during the entire pass along the tree line, resulting in excess amounts of spray being discharged.

"We're trying to see how low we can go with spray flow rates, while still getting good application coverage, and preventing pests and diseases," he said. "We don't need trees dripping with pesticide; just enough coverage to do the job."

So far, the researchers said they have found this targeted spraving method can reduce the overall pesticide use by 30-70 percent. Gleason said less pesticide means fewer trips back and forth to refill the sprayer, saving time and fuel.

The other technology researchers said they are evaluating is a weatherbased disease warning system, which measures how many total hours the humidity level is 90 percent or higher in an orchard.

The warning system starts at the first-cover stage of the season, just after the flower petals fall off. Once the system logs a total of 385 hours under such conditions, fungicide spraying resumes in order to prevent fungal diseases.

The researchers said using this method - as opposed to pre-scheduling fungicide sprays every 10 to 14 days all season - has been shown to result in an average of 2.3 fewer fungicide spray applications each year, which results in a 25 percent reduction.

The researchers have been working

Below: Researchers at Iowa State University and The Ohio State University have teamed up with the USDA-Agricultural Research Service to find ways to decrease the amount of chemicals applied to an apple orchard, while maintaining the orchard's health (photo submitted to Iowa State University College of Agriculture and Life Sciences).



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Ohio.

The team has also been sharing their research progress through a website, blog posts, podcasts and short videos: https://wwwsmartapplespray. plantpath.iastate.edu/project-videos.

One of the them is a stop motion video created by Olivia Meyer, an Iowa State University graduate student in horticulture and member of Gleason's research team, that explains how a fungal disease can impact apples.

"We're trying to explain various aspects of our research in fun ways

professor of plant pathology and with six orchards among Iowa and that help communicate to growers what we're doing," Meyer said.

> Wendong Zhang, Iowa State University associate professor of economics, and Nieyan Cheng, economics graduate student, are putting together an economic analysis apple growers can use to determine if either of these systems would offer cost-savings to their operations another project goal.

> Gleason said, "We're trying to get growers interested in this. A lot of the learning will happen in the hands of the growers."



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LOUISVILLE, Ky. — The National After introducing voluntary registration in 2020, registration is mandatory for attendees to access the event.

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gaps in the data provided by the agency, according to the grower groups.

The groups said it is unclear whether complaints were submitted to multiple sources/regulators and were therefore double-counted, or if EPA, state regulators, or others investigated complaints to verify injury or assess potential causes.

Alan Meadows, a soybean grower from Halls. Tennessee, and ASA director said, "The agricultural community expects regulators to be clear with the data on which they are making decisions. It is concerning the information released provides an

than what the agency has included." According to the Dec. 21 report no changes will be made to 2022 dicamba product labels, and no new regulations have been imposed for the current fiscal crop year.

The EPA has asked product registrants such as Bayer, BASF, Syngenta and Corteva to propose voluntary measures to amend their labels or cancel specific products or uses.

"If EPA determines, following consideration of such a proposal, that such measures would address unreasonable adverse effects associated with the product or use, the Agency commits to conducting a public comment period prior to the adoption of any proposed decision designed to address the extent and severity of these incidents. In the absence of a voluntary request to cancel the product(s), it is unlikely that this process could occur and be fully implemented before the 2022 growing season," according to the EPA.

The report also said, "EPA is committed to helping states address issues related to incidents in their jurisdictions. If a state wishes to further restrict or narrow the over-thetop uses of dicamba, the Agency will work with them to support their goals. Additionally, due to the extent and severity of reported incidents from the 2021 growing season, EPA is unlikely to approve section 24(c) requests under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) to register additional uses of federally registered over-the-top dicamba products to meet special local needs."

In addition, the EPA stated that it is highly likely that the actual number of off-target dicamba applications that caused damage to crop, and plants was underreported in 2021.

"In 2020, EPA compared the incidents reported to EPA against incidents reported in USDA's 2018 Soybean Agricultural Resource Management Surveys (ARMS) and estimated that approximately one incident is reported to EPA for every 25 incidents reported to USDA.

Additionally, a survey of midwestern specialty crop growers found that 45 percent of those surveyed had crops impacted by some level of herbicide drift in 2020. However, the survey indicated that only 6 percent of growers reported incidents when herbicide damage was detected in 2019 and 2020. Respondents did not distinguish damage by herbicide, but reported dicamba, 2,4-D or glyphosate as the most likely herbicide causing damage," the EPA said, adding: "Through meetings, letters, and media reports, EPA has received input from stakeholders that is consistent with the finding that dicamba-related incidents are underre-



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In Illinois, 336 alleged incidents of dicamba-related damage to non-tolerant crops resulted in damage to more than 66,000 acres, according to the Illinois Department of Agriculture, which has set a June 20, 2022, deadline for in-season dicamba applications.

In June 2020, a U.S. appeals court blocked dicamba sales and ruled the EPA had understated risks related to its use. President Donald Trump's EPA re-authorized the use of dicamba-based weed killers later that year with new restrictions, invalidating the court ruling.

While some farmers and seed companies have called for a compromise by limiting dicamba applications to the pre-planting stage, The Center for Biological Diversity and other environmental groups have asked the EPA to impose a complete ban on all dicamba products.

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Tips on getting corn through tar spot provided at Beck's webinar

By Stan Maddux **Indiana Correspondent**

ATLANTA. Ind. - There's no cure for tar spot but farmers can reduce the potential of drastic yield loss from the nutrient sapping fungus detected in much of the corn belt.

Choosing a hybrid corn plant more resistant to the infectious spores of tar spot and use of fungicides are among the ways to preserve yields as much as possible.

That's according to Jon Skinner, Regional Agronomy Manager with central Indiana-based Beck's Hybrid during a Dec. 22 webinar.

The fungus hurts yield by feeding off nutrients required by the plant to fill out the ears.

Skinner said tar spot, carried by the wind and rain in storms, has surfaced most heavily in Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin and Ohio since discovered in the U.S. in 2015.

Tar spot, distinguished by raised

dark spots along with orange or pinklike streaks on the leaves and husks of the plant, has turned up on a more limited basis in Kentucky, Iowa and as far south as Georgia and Florida.

"They float a lot further south than what we ever thought they would," Skinner said.

Skinner said a hybrid fully resistant to the fungus has not been developed. However, the first thing farmers should consider is planting hybrids with greater ability to ward off the symptoms of tar spot.

Skinner advised corn growers to choose a hybrid with a good level of resistance not just to tar spot but other threats during the growing season to avoid being vulnerable to other yield killing sources.

"Look at the total package. Talk to your local seed supplier. Talk to your local agronomist. They can help you find a hybrid that works for your operation," he said.

He also recommended farmers scout

their maturing fields for tar spot and, harvest, can survive the winter and if found, start applying fungicide right away no matter where the plants are in growing season.

Skinner said recent studies revealed current fungicides don't kill tar spot but can slow the rate at which the disease saps nutrients from the plant. The result of fungicide application is more kernels from the disease not robbing the ears of as much nutrients as an untreated plant. Skinner also said fungicides work best against tar spot if sprayed at ground level as opposed to aerial application. Spraying closer to the plant allows the fungicide to settle deeper into the canopy and closer to the ear where it's needed most.

He said the fungicides also work better at controlling tar spot if irrigating is done more heavily but less frequently during the remainder of the growing season.

Skinner also said tar spot spores, after dropping into the soil during can infect future crops over the next several years.

"If you've had tar spot in your area, those diseased spores are going to be present in coming years, depending on environmental conditions, you will see it again," he said.

Tar spot has reduced corn yield by as much as 60 bushels per acre in severe cases.

There's also evidence tar spot can weaken the stalks enough to cause the plant to collapse during the season.

Skinner strongly recommended farmers with nutrient starved fields have a nutrient management plan.

If tar spot develops, a plan allows nutrients like nitrogen and potassium robbed from the plant by the fungus to be restored more quickly.

"If those plants are already stressed, if they're not healthy to begin with and this disease sets in, that's where we see the largest yield losses from this disease," he said.

UK offers certificate program with emphasis on urban trees

By DOUG GRAVES Ohio Correspondent

LEXINGTON, Ky. - Nearly two-thirds of the world's population lives in an urban area.

With that statistic in mind, the University of Kentucky College of Agriculture, Food and Environment created a new undergraduate certificate program, one which will allow students to critically examine the role of trees and green spaces in the sustainability and health of urban areas.

"This certificate brings together expertise in a lot of different fields, whether you're interested in horticulture, landscape architecture, public health, or you just want to be a better educator," says Ellen Crocker, Assistant Professor of Forest Health Extension at University of Kentucky (UK) and Co-Coordinator of the Urban and Community Forestry Certificate program.

"Our goal of this certificate is to draw students from diverse majors and enhance their major coursework, providing a suite of urban and community forestry skills that they will carry forward as they move into their professional careers."

According to the UK student manual, the certificate will contain nine hours of elective credits in addition to introductory and capstone courses.

The course will consist of an introduction to urban and community forestry including modules such as trees and tree health; green infrastructure; planning and design; environmental education; and trees, human health and wellness. The course is for sophomores and above, with approval from an instructor.

"Sixty-three percent of Americans reside in urban areas and these trees in these areas are really important for many reasons, like increasing property values, in addition to improving one's health and well-being," Crocker said.

Assisting Crocker in this program are Nic Williamson, program coordinator with the Urban Forest Initiative, and Chris Sass, of the UK Department of Landscape Architecture.

"One of the big pushes in urban forestry in general and with this certificate is to bring the trees out from the background," Williamson said. "This all came together out of the need to focus on green spaces and trees in cities. Trees and green spaces affect our health, out attitude and our mental capabilities. Trees are vital and we need to take care of that resource."

Sophie Beavin is a UK student and is a certificate graduate.

"I was drawn to urban forestry because of its unique intersection between humans and the environment," Beavin said. "I didn't have much



Above: The University of Kentucky hopes its Urban and Community Forestry Certificate program brings attention to the important role that trees in an urban environment make. (photo submitted)

experience with urban trees specifically, but I wanted to gain skills to understand the benefits of trees in our urban setting. The Urban Forestry education is so important on college campuses because trees are the gateway toward environmentalism. Trees in urban areas are all around us, yet we don't think much about them.'

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Michigan apple growers crown **Rasch queen**

By Kevin Walker Michigan Correspondent

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. - Aubrey Rasch of Lowell, Mich. has been crowned the 2022 Michigan Apple Queen. Reaghan Dolphin of Gowen, Mich. is the first runner up.

The 2022 apple queen was crowned on Dec. 7 at the 18th annual Michigan Apple Committee grower lun- Above: Reaghan Dolphin, left, apple representative Queen Aubrey Rasch. based on poise, beauty,



cheon. It marks the the 2022 Michigan Apple 69th year of the com- Queen runner up, is pictured petition that awards an with this year's Michigan Apple

apple knowledge and public speaking ability.

"The Michigan apple queen has the great responsibility of serving as an ambassador for the Michigan apple industry," said Michigan Apple Committee (M.A.C.) Executive Director Diane Smith in an announcement. "Aubrey will be very busy in 2022 representing the industry at various parades, schools, festivals, grocery store events and more."

The apple queen and the runner up have to have a strong link to the Michigan apple industry, because they need to be able to speak in an informed way about the apple industry, said M.A.C. spokeswoman Gretchen Mensing in an interview. Duane and Deborah Rasch are Aubrey's parents; Duane owns Duane J. Rasch Orchards in Lowell, where Aubrey goes to high school. The Rasch Family Orchards is located in Grand Rapids and includes Riveridge Produce Marketing. Reaghan Dolphin is the daughter of Jeffrey and Julie Dolphin and is the niece and cousin of apple growers.

There were three contestants this year, Mensing said. Each contestant had to write an essay and be interviewed by people selected by the Michigan Apple Committee. They are also selected based on their speaking ability. Contestants must be between 17 and 23 years of age. Aubrey will receive a \$7,000 scholarship and Reaghan Dolphin will receive a \$4,500 scholarship. "It's such a great scholarship opportunity," Mensing said.

The last apple queen and runner up were Victoria Wittenbach and Sarah Rasch, respectively, who served two years in their spokesperson roles, since events and opportunities were canceled in 2020 due to the pandemic and subsequent restrictions on gatherings. The M.A.C. sponsors the annual event and, along with the Michigan State Horticultural Society, pays for the scholarships.

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Second career sees Tennessee farmer raising prime beef

By Terrence Corrigan Tennessee Correspondent

NORMANDY, Tenn. — Charles Williams worked for 40 years in the petroleum industry and after retiring in 2015 he took up cattle ranching in Middle Tennessee. Williams' goal in his second career: "We want you to have the best beef money can buy," he said.

Williams grew up in Mississippi and earned his degree in petroleum engineering from Mississippi State University. Following his graduation from college, he worked four and a half years drilling wells for Mobil Oil



in the Gulf of Mexico. From the Gulf, Williams went to New York to work in the business side of the industry: mergers and acquisitions, hedge funds, buying pipelines and other assets. "Basically, creating businesses," is how he describes it.

"We had always wanted to come to Nashville and have a farm," Williams said. As his retirement approached, Charles and his wife Rhonda began looking for a suitable property. They drew a circle on a map encompassing the area within an hour's drive of Nashville. They ruled out, Williamson County. "Too much traffic," Charles

Left: Doddy Creek Farms operations manager Hunter Jones and his dog, Rowdy, with some of the cows.

Below: Three of Doddy Creek Farms' Akaushi bulls, are the foundation of the herd. Doddy Creek Farms sells about 70 head each year.



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said. Their goal was a farm in a rural setting. They found what they wanted on the 460-acre farm in Normandy they've named Doddy Creek Farms.

"We started building our cattle operation and here we are six years later," Charles said. "We've moved about 30,000 pounds of processed beef this year (2021)."

But starting their cattle operation from scratch, Charles said, has not been a cakewalk. "It's been like drinking water through a firehose," he said, laughing, as he sat for an interview in the farm office. "There's a lot to know, a lot to learn, a lot to do."

The land was not in good shape when the Williams' purchased it, Charles said. "The pastures were full of sage, and old tires and tin," Charles said. "It was a mess. When we first looked at it there was a dead cow laying in the pasture."

In addition to building barns and sheds and extensive fencing work, Charles has rebuilt ponds and dug new ones hoping to encourage ducks and other wildlife on the property. "I'm not an environmentalist but I am a conservationist," he explained. "I want to be a good steward of the land."

Adding to the normal challenges of raising cattle, Charles said, is his decision to run a "vertically integrated operation." Doddy Creek Farms controls all aspects of the business, from being there for the delivery of the calves to delivering the processed beef to the customer's door.

They manage their own inventory, storing the processed beef in the farm's walk-in cooler and delivering around 160 pounds every week in their 16-foot freezer trailer. "We usually have people on the waiting list," Charles said.

They currently have around 63 individual customers, two-thirds of them repeat buyers, and they provide beef for three restaurants in Nashville. Their "sweet spot," Charles said, are families who purchase various portions of whole cows. They also sell individual cuts at Tag'z Premier Meat Shop in Murfreesboro.

"We're uninterested in producing large quantities of meat for the masses. Instead, we've taken a boutique approach that delivers fresh, clean beef to Nashville and the surrounding areas. Our passion for raising and harvesting cattle with care and in superior conditions has resulted in the highest quality beef for our customers," is how Charles explains business on the farm's website (https://doddycreekfarms.



Above: Charles and Rhonda Williams, owners of Doddy Creek Farms, pose on the front porch of their home with their dog Doddy.

a half-day with Beeman. "One thing led to another, and I bought a bull," Williams said.

For Doddy Creek beef, Williams decided to use Akaushi bulls bred to Angus and Charolais cows, combining the unsurpassed flavor and fork tenderness of the Akaushi with the density Americans love in British and Continental breeds.

Charles and Rhonda's business plan was to raise cows under the best conditions. They use "no hormones, no antibiotics, no steroids," Charles said. "It's the old school way of doing it right." They do not use any herbicides on their pastures. They apply lime to raise the soil ph which allows the grasses to thrive and outcompete weeds. They have created 28 pastures and move the cows often enough to prevent overgrazing.

Another factor in producing highquality beef, Charles said, is raising them humanely in a low-stress environment.

"People want to know where their food is coming from," Charles said. "People are willing to pay a premium for clean food."

Doddy Farms is a three-person operation: Charles and Rhonda run the business side of things and operations manager Hunter Jones brings his education and many years of experience with livestock to their operation.

"Hunter's been with us for a little over

com).

Williams found what is arguably the "best beef money can buy" at a San Antonio restaurant, Bohanan's Prime Steak and Seafood. "They showed me a ribeye for \$90 on their menu," he said. "I thought 'what could this possibly be?" What it turned out to be, he said "was the best steak I've ever had."

Williams was so impressed with the steaks at Bohanan's he went back to the restaurant two weeks later to find out where he could get it. The beef Williams wanted comes from the HeartBrand Ranch in Flatonia, Texas where they raise Akaushi (Wagyu) cattle, a breed that was developed in Japan.

Akaushi are one of the four breeds of Wagyu cattle.

Williams took a direct approach to find out more about this breed. He called the president of HeartBrand, fourth-generation cattle rancher Jordan Beeman, and arranged a visit. Williams flew to Flatonia and spent

six years," Charles said. "He earned his Agribusiness degree from MTSU. He runs this farm. If I didn't have him, I'd probably be in trouble. He's like one of our kids. He's a great young man. This is his farm. I can call him 24/7 and he'll be here."

"Thank God I have good neighbors," Charles said. "There's not enough time on this side of the dirt for me to become a great cattleman, but I understand marketing. That's my gift to the operation."

One of the rewards Charles and Rhonda have benefited from is the community spirit in rural Bedford County. "If somebody needs something there's always somebody there to help," Charles said. "It makes you want to look for opportunities to help other people."

"The most gratifying piece of this to me is to look at this farm and see

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Waterfowl Control Operators workshops are set for 2022 The 2022 Waterfowl Workshop at turkeyrunicehike.eventbrite. enhancement through measures will be \$5/day. An annual pass will

Control for Waterfowl Operators (WCOs) will take place January 25 from noon to 3:30pm (ET). The workshop will be held virtually. The workshop is required for all contractors who want to become qualified as WCOs to conduct waterfowl trapping,

transporting, relocation and/or euthanasia for hire By Jack Spaulding in Indiana during 2022.

All first-time WCOs must attend the workshop to be eligible to work as a WCO in 2022. Attendance is also encouraged for all WCOs, but individuals who have attended the workshop in previous years may opt to test out. Individuals interested in taking the test should contact Debbie Walter at dwalter@dnr.IN.gov or 812-789-2724. The 2022 exam will be available February 1.

Employees of WCO contractors are welcome to attend the workshop, but it is required only for individuals who will physically conduct waterfowl trapping, transporting, relocating, and/or euthanizing for hire.

Individuals pursuing qualifying status for goose euthanasia for the first time will also need to provide the division with a certificate of attendance to the Nuisance Wildlife Control Operators Association (NWCOA) goose management course or complete a Division of Fish & Wildlife (DFW) approved eight-hour equivalent goose course. Before any waterfowl management activities may legally be conducted, WCOs must ensure the DFW has received all necessary paperwork.

Registration by January 17 is required to participate in the virtual workshop. Once registered, participants will be provided the webinar link and training materials. To register or for more information, contact Jessica Merkling, Urban Wildlife Biologist, at jmerkling@dnr. IN.gov or 260-244-6805.

Ice Hikes At Turkey Run SP

Turkey Run State Park is bringing back its ice hikes in 2022. They will be offered each Saturday and Sunday in January and February beginning January 8 except Jan. 29 and 30, which are the dates of the park's Eagles in Flight weekend. All hikes will begin at 11:00am and last until approximately 12:30pm.

Hikers will have four options. Naturalists will lead participants through Rocky Hollow and the Punchbowl, Box Canyon and Gypsy Gulch, the Ice Box and Bear Hollow, or Turkey Run Hollow and the canyon along Trail 7. Advance registration for the popular hikes may be completed

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Boot spikes will be available for free during the hikes if needed. Participants need to be able to lift both legs to a 90-degree angle. The spikes are also available to rent throughout the winter from the Nature Center for \$3 for two hours, and adult and SPAULDING OUTDOORS youth sizes are available. A naturalist will be available to help hikers put the spikes on.

The hikes and routes are subject to change due to weather. Standard park entrance fees of \$7 per instate vehicle and \$9 per out-of-state vehicle apply. Turkey Run State Park (on.IN.gov/turkeyrunsp) is at 8121 East Park Rd. Marshall, Indiana 47859.

2022 LARE Application Deadline

The deadline for submitting Lake and River Enhancement (LARE) applications for 2022 projects is January 15, 2022. The LARE program strives to protect and enhance aquatic habitat for fish and wildlife while ensuring the continued viability of Indiana's publicly accessible lakes, rivers, and streams. The program accomplishes the protection and

reducing non-point sediment and nutrient pollution.

Technical and financial assistance for qualifying projects is provided to applicants through the LARE program. Wetland enhancement, streambank stabilization, and logjam removal are just a few projects LARE funds may be awarded for. To view a full list of qualifying project types, along with additional information about LARE, see lare.dnr.IN.gov.

Applications must be completed and submitted electronically.

Three DNR Shooting Ranges Increase Fees

Beginning immediately, the fee structures at Kingsbury Fish & Wildlife Area (FWA), J.E. Roush Lake FWA, and Deer Creek FWA shooting ranges are changing.

• Deer Creek FWA: Rifles and pistols will be \$5/day or \$2/day for youth under 18. An annual pass will not be available in 2022.

• J.E. Roush Lake FWA: Rifles and pistols will be \$5/day. An annual pass will be available for \$100. Fees for youth under 18 will be $\frac{2}{day}$. The shotgun range will remain \$5/ round.

• Kingsbury FWA: Rifles and pistols

be available for \$100. Fees for youth under 18 will be $\frac{2}{day}$.

On all properties, youth shooters must be accompanied by an adult.

The Indiana Division of Fish & Wildlife (DFW) currently operates 12 shooting ranges around the state. Atterbury and Willow Slough FWAs have modern shooting ranges run by concessionaires, Kingsbury, J.E. Roush Lake, and Deer Creek FWAs have modern shooting ranges selfoperated by DFW staff, and seven other DFW properties have traditional ranges run by DFW staff. For more information on DNR shooting ranges, including hours, please see on.IN. gov/dnrshootingranges.

Firewood Permits For Mississinewa Lake

The public is invited to cut certain downed trees at Mississinewa Lake for firewood. Trees eligible for firewood have fallen because of natural causes or have been dropped by property staff. They are along roadsides or in public areas such as campsites and picnic areas.

Permit sales begin January 3 and end March 31. The cost of one pickup-

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the progress we've made in being good stewards of the land," Charles said.

Charles is not happy with the way farmers are treated in the meat business, in which 90 percent of the beef is shipped and processed by three large corporations who enjoy most of the profits.

"Part of the problem," Charles said, "is the farmer is so busy he's strapped to get his animals off the farm, and he becomes a price-taker at the sale barn. If they knew how to market, if they got together, they could get a better return for what they are doing. That's the problem. People just gave up on that piece of it. When you do that, you leave your margin on the table. All the upside of their hard work they give away."



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eatherworking is a time consuming and difficult task

I'm a shop rat. Always have been. If I wasn't working on my cattle or other FFA projects I was more than likely to be found in our shop. I was also a vocational student which meant in my last three years in high school I spent an hour every day in the school's ag shop. This was in addition to two automotive classes I took and one woodworking class in junior high school. Nearly every piece of furniture in our house has either been

refinished or reupholstered by me. I've worked on all our cars and trucks and consider myself a proficient welder. By watching You Tube videos and reading books I've taught myself blacksmithing, silver soldering, plastic molding, engraving, and how to use a milling machine, wood and metal lathe and a key making machine which I restored. I even took classes in jewelrv making which helped me in making belt buckles and repairing old bits and spurs. For years I restored items for a

IT'S THE PITTS **By Lee Pitts**

very high end antique store. By far, the thing I enjoy the most is leatherworking and I've collected hundreds of leather working tools along the way. I taught myself and it was the second most difficult skill I've learned. (Engraving was the hardest.) It took me years before I was proud enough of my work to stamp my name on it. Now I've restored saddles for museums and leather bound French clock

boxes that held \$25,000 clocks. One of my miniature saddles brought \$50,000 and a scrapbook I made was auctioned off for \$18,000.

But leatherworking does have its drawbacks. For example, one of my best friends bartered a swap with a well-known leatherworker for a floral tooled belt and I was with him when he picked it up. It was antiqued, fully tooled, the edges were smooth, and it was a beautiful belt that I know took at least 10 hours to complete. But

upon closer inspection my friend found where the leatherworker had sewn off the edge of the belt. It was a big boo-boo, and I would have scrapped it and started over, as I've had to do many times. To make a long story short my friend refused the belt and the leatherworker, who was obviously embarrassed, made him a new one.

That's the thing with leather working... it's just not that forgiving. In most other trades if you make a mistake you can back up and redo it or do something cosmetically to hide your error. Not so with leatherworking. Years ago, I made what I considered to be a beautiful leather tooled binder with ornate silver engraving on the cover. To give the leather a nice patina I covered it with neat's-foot oil and set it outside in the sun for two days before applying the final finish. But when I went to retrieve the binder, I was shocked to find that the neighbor's dog had turned it into a chew toy.

The worst example of a lot of time being completely wasted was

at the Mississinewa Lake office or gatehouse. Permits are not available on observed state holidays. Wood may be cut and removed between 9:00am and 3:30pm daily. For more

experienced by a great saddle maker I know by the name of Ron Butler. He's no relation to my Wyoming idol Don Butler who passed away a few years ago. Don was the best designer and tooler of leather I've ever seen. And Ron Butler might be in second place. He is that good. Ron had just completed hours of tooling on the fender of a saddle, and it was gorgeous. After tooling it Ron and his lovely wife spent hours dueing all the spaces between the flowers and the leaves which is an art because it's very easy to get the dye on the flowers, leaves and scrolls. Ron's young grandson seems to want to follow in Ron's footsteps because he paid close attention to everything Ron did.

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The next morning Ron went to his shop only to discover that his grandson had taken his permanent markers and crayons and colored all the flowers and leaves every color of the rainbow on the finished fender. And he had not stayed within the lines!

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'till next time.

Jack

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As sandhill cranes complete their late autumn migrations to the south, tufted titmice begin their winter mating calls, "teee, teee!" under the new Tufted Titmouse Moon. That moon waxes through its first quarter this week, entering its second quarter at 1:11 p.m., on January 9. Rising in the morning and setting in the evening, this Moon passes overhead during the middle of the day. Animal activity should reflect that lunar position, making lunch time the most promising for fishing and looking for game. The days before the January 10 and 15 cold fronts will be the best lunar times to be out in the woods or on the frigid water.

Weather Trends

A low-pressure system approaches this week, making the period between January 8 and 12 one of the main storm windows of the year. Chances for highs only in the 20s or teens increase to near 50 percent on the 9th through the 12th, and below-zero readings occur often on January 9 and 11. The period of January 8 - 21 normally brings more below-zero temperatures than any other during January. The first week of February is the only other time of the year when chances become this great for sub-zero cold.

Zeitgebers

(Events in Nature that Tell the Time of Year)

One of the earliest songsters, the male tufted titmice often sings out his sharp mating call as Deep Winter begins.

It doesn't happen very often, but snowdrops can be out of the ground by this week of the year. There can be fresh poppy leaves in the garden, new pyrethrums, and wrinkled lemon verbena.

When the first crocus leaves push up



in milder years, then the first pussy **The Case of the Frozen Bullfrogs** willow catkin could be open just a crack.

When you hear sparrows chattering near dawn, then foxes and coyotes will be looking for mates. When you see pine trees pollinating, then owls will be nesting in the woods.

In the Field and Garden

When you see foxes and **By Bill Felker** coyotes mating (or at any time this month), check livestock for parasite reinfection. Also look for ringworm, another cold-weather scourge.

> On the long winter evenings, take time to check the warm-weather bulbs you brought indoors. Clean and dry them carefully if mold has started to form.

> Purchase grass seed for frost-seeding the lawn; get clover ready for frostseeding the pasture; be ready to put in spring oats and barley, too. Consider a special hog pasture mix for your pigs. Plan to seed after the snow has melted but when the nights are still cold and the soil will freeze and crack, allowing the seeds to plant themselves.

> The major lambing and kidding season begins throughout the region: more lambs and kids are born in the next eight weeks than in any other months.

> Get ready for Tet, Vietnamese New Year and Chinese New Year on February 1 - 3: The Chinese market is often strong throughout the winter, favoring sheep in the 60 to 80-pound live-weight range.

Mind and Body

Thanks to the weak moon, teachers, bosses, children, and other temperamental persons should be relatively reasonable all week. Police, fire fighters and health care workers should have a lighter-than-average load. With the moon entering its mild second quarter on January 9, you could be calm enough to review your tax situation throughout the weekend.

On the other hand, the S.A.D. Index (which measures the forces that contribute to seasonal affective disorders on a scale of 1 to 100) hovers in the troublesome 90s and 80s until January 9, after which it falls into the more moderate 70s until the Moon grows full.

Almanack Literature

By Susan Perkins, Hardtimes Farm, Ky.

Years ago, when I still lived in season." Missouri, I would talk on the phone with my friend Carol. We had a lot in common and never ran out of stories to tell. We both loved the country, we both had a milk cow, made garden, picked berries and owned horses. We never ran short of things to talk about.

During one of our conversations, Carol told me her husband brought a mess of bullfrogs home the night before, and she cleaned them and put them in

the freezer. It was early May.

"Carol," I said, "it's not frog hunting

"I know," she said, "but you know Dave."

Later that day, a friend stopped by for coffee. Curt and I told him about the frog hunting story. Together, we hatched a plan to fix the illegal hunter, a lesson he would never forget.

Our friend Delbert called Carol's house and said, "This is the Missouri

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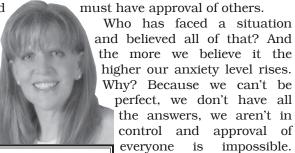
Raise your hand if you're tired of the confusion and chaos that comes at you from seventeen different directions?

Me too.

I don't think I've ever lived during a time when I was happier when I didn't listen to the news, read a newspaper, watch TV or talk about current events. I have always enjoyed listening and watching about world events. But lately, not

so much. While factual information is important, the kind of crazy nonsense that consumes our airwaves it not, so as we dive into 2022, let's find a way to lower our anxiety managing the only thing we can control—ourselves.

Anxiety will tell you four lies and we believe them hook, line and sinker. 1. I must have all the answers for everything. 2. Everything must be perfect. 3. I must be in control. 4. I



higher our anxiety level rises. Why? Because we can't be perfect, we don't have all the answers, we aren't in control and approval of everyone is impossible. TRUTH IN THE TRENCHES And then anxiety whispers By Melissa Hart in our ear, "You must get

this figured out or you are a total failure. Don't ask for help. Don't stop until it's right."

It's time to get the biggest dumpster you can find and put this way of thinking in it. Don't recycle it, burn that trash!

What do we do instead?

We take a pause and name the fear. What is making us fearful? A phone call? A confrontation? A job review? A relationship issue? Rejection?

Whatever it is, write it down. Fear clarity comes from God. In 2022, trust is forced to loosen its grip when we identify it.

Secondly, flip the script. Instead of rehearsing the negative conversation repeatedly, tell yourself a different story. Maybe you won't get rejected. Maybe your job review will be fantastic. Maybe the confrontation is just what you need. Maybe a simple phone call can solve the problem. Remember, 99 percent of the things we worry about, never even happen.

Thirdly, ask yourself the question, if God is for us, who can be against us? Give this whole thing to God and trust Him with the outcome. He wants what's good for you, He doesn't want to ruin you. He is working on your character. He wants to lead you into what He has planned for you....and his plan is always better than anything you could ever ask or imagine.

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Poor Will

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conservation department, and we have a report on some illegal frogs that may be in your possession. We are sending a game warden to your house to inspect your freezer." With that, he hung up.

I waited five minutes and called Carol.

"What are you doing?" I asked.

"Oh my God!" she said. "The game warden is on his way to check my freezer for bullfrogs. I have an owl in there I plan on mounting and...."

"Quick," I said, "Bring them over here and put them in my freezer and fast. They will never find them here."

I hung up the phone, and we laughed for ten minutes. Suddenly, a cloud of smoke came over the hill on our dirt road, and we knew it had to be Dave

He came up the stairs of our house and peeked down the basement steps where we were all sitting in the basement.

"I think someone was following me!" he said, out of breath. He ran to the big freezer we kept in our basement and put the frog legs inside.

We waited a respectable amount of time before we ate every one of those frog legs. Years later I told Carol about the joke. She fell out laughing and said, "Dave has never hunted frogs illegally since that day."

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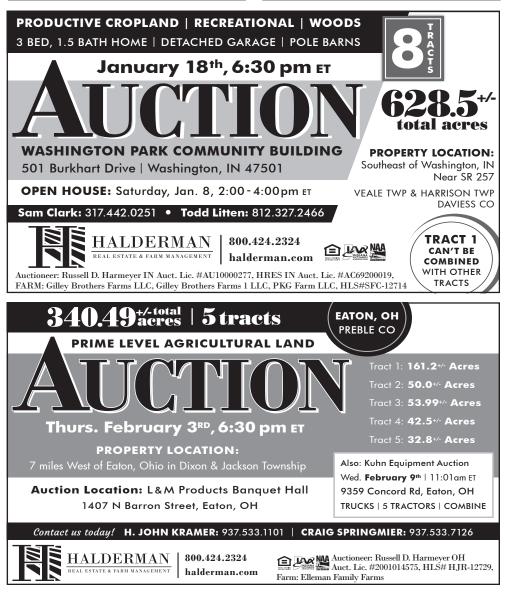
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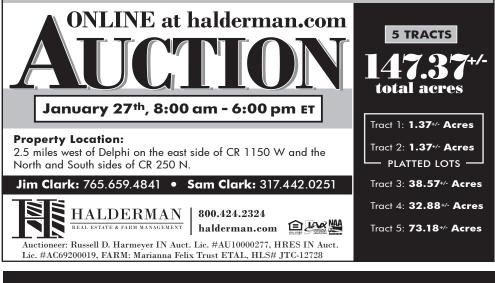
It should be a good year for dairy farmers in 2022 Dairy Radio report says

The Jan. 3 Dairy Radio Now looked at lies ahead in the New Year in the broadcast with Bill Brooks, dairy economist at Stoneheart Consulting in Dearborn, Missouri.

Brooks predicted "It should be a better profitability year for dairy farmers," but warned "that's contingent on the weather and how that impacts our main input prices as far as feed costs." Feed costs finished 2021 strong, he said, but milk prices finished 2021 fairly strong as well.

The Agriculture Department has made changes to the risk management Dairy Margin Coverage (DMC) program, with respect to previous year eligible milk marketings as well as the feed price calculation, which will now be based on





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100% premium alfalfa hay, instead of the 50/50 hay blend.

Many of the changes will be retroactive, according to Brooks, and result in additional benefits to dairy producers so it behooves them to check with their local Farm Service Agency (FSA) office for complete details.

Brooks says international dairy prices look strong and that is helping firm U.S. prices, especially on butter, where \$3 per pound plus is a global reality and could potentially move our price higher.

Cheese prices will hopefully remain strong, he said, as economies open more, so "We're looking at a better price year than what we experienced in 2021 and it should be a better profitability year for us."

Meanwhile, a higher November All Milk Price offset higher corn and soybean prices to nudge the November milk feed ratio higher for the third month in a row. The USDA's latest Ag Prices report has the ratio at 1.94, up from 1.87 in October, but well below last year's 2.58.

The index is based on the current milk price in relationship to feed prices for a ration consisting of 51% corn, 8% soybeans and 41% alfalfa hay. In other words, one pound of milk would purchase 1.94 pounds of dairy feed of that blend.

The U.S. All Milk Price averaged \$20.80 per cwt., up \$1.10 from October but was 30 cents below November 2020.

Looking at the cow side of the ledger; the November cull price for beef and dairy combined averaged \$69.20 per cwt., down \$1.40 from October, \$9.90 above November 2020, but is \$2.40 below the 2011 base average of \$71.60 per cwt.

Brooks said, "A DMC payment is expected for the eleventh time in 2021 and twelfth month straight when the FSA announces the November 2021 milk margin above feed costs. The milk margin above feed costs is expected to be \$9.14 per cwt. for November, a gain of 60 cents over October's level and the highest since November 2020 when the margin was \$11.64. Dairy producers with coverage at the \$9.50 per cwt. level would expect to see a payment on eligible November milk production," according to Brooks.

The StoneX Dairy Group stated in its Dec. 27 'Early Morning Update' that "The second half of 2021 was marked by an increased willingness, or need, for producers to cull animals. That said, the 4-week rolling total of dairy cows slaughtered has been trending

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down over the last 3 months. Week-to-week the majority of slaughter levels have been higher than year-ago levels, but the surplus over last year has been declining. The contraction seems to be slowing down," StoneX concluded, "as higher milk prices encourage farmers to keep animals in the herd."

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Cash dairy prices finished 2021, mostly

higher and it was a full week of trading. The 40-pound Cheddar blocks closed the last day of the year at \$1.98 per pound, up 10.75 cents on the week, highest since Nov. 12, 2020, 12.25 cents above where they were on December 1, and 33 cents above that week a year ago.

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WEEKLY

By Lee Mielke

Butter had a great week after jumping 15.75 cents the previous week and soared to a Friday close at \$2.4525 per pound, 20.25 cents higher on the week, highest since Sept. 21, 2017, 47.25 cents above its December 1 perch, and \$1.0325 above a year ago when it dropped 10.50 cents to \$1.42. The U.S. price is narrowing the gap to global levels. There were 30 trades reported on the week and 149 for the month, up from 62 in November.

Butter producers are running churns as much as possible, says DMN. Bulk butter is very tight as the final weeks of 2021 brought increasing interest from customers in all varieties of butter from salted 80% to unsalted 82% butterfat.

Cream is available in the West, though some contacts reported that severe weather and a shortage of truck drivers was limiting their ability to deliver loads to production facilities. Cream demand is steady to lower as some Class II producers in the region were running lighter year-end holiday schedules. Steady demand is present for butter in both retail and food service markets. Some purchasers are, reportedly, looking for extra loads of butter to build inventories but spot loads of butter are growing increasingly scarce. Some purchasers report that they are unable to find loads of unsalted butter to meet current demands. Strong demand and limited availability have contributed to the higher prices, says DMN. Butter makers are, reportedly, running below capacity due to shipping delays and labor shortages in the region.

Looking ahead to the first Global Dairy Trade auction of 2022, HighGround Dairy stated in its pre-GDT analysis; "High feed costs, strong global demand, a lack of production growth and general commodity inflation are the key drivers that will likely keep global dairy product prices elevated into the first half of 2022. While dairy producers in key exporting

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Deadline extended to apply for OTECP

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has extended the deadline for agricultural producers who are certified organic, or transitioning to organic, to apply for the Organic and Transitional Education and Certification Program (OTECP). This program provides pandemic assistance to cover certification and education expenses. The deadline to apply for 2020 and 2021 eligible expenses is now Feb. 4, rather than the original deadline of Jan. 7.

"We listened to feedback from stakeholders and are happy our provide organic producers. to transitioning and those their operations, enough time to learn about the program and complete application," the said Zach Ducheneaux, FSA Administrator.

Signup for OTECP, administered by USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA), began Nov. 8.

Certified operations and transitional operations may apply for OTECP for eligible expenses paid during the 2020, 2021 and 2022 fiscal years. Signup for the 2022 fiscal year will be announced later.

For each year, OTECP covers 25% of a certified operation's eligible certification expenses, up to \$250 per certification category (crop, livestock, wild crop, handling and State Organic Program fee). This includes application fees, inspection fees, USDA organic certification costs, state organic program fees and more.

Crop and livestock operations transitioning to organic production may be eligible for 75% of a transitional operation's eligible expenses, up to \$750, for each year. This includes fees charged by a certifying agent or consultant for pre-certification inspections and development of an organic system plan.

For both certified operations and transitional operations, OTECP covers 75% of the registration fees, up to \$200, per year, for educational events that include content related to organic

production and handling to assist operations in increasing their knowledge of production and marketing practices that can improve their operations, increase resilience and expand available marketing opportunities. Additionally, both certified and transitional operations may be eligible for 75% of the expense of soil testing required under the National Organic Program (NOP) to document micronutrient deficiency, not to exceed \$100 per year.

Producers apply through their local FSA office and can also obtain one-onone support with applications by calling 877-508-8364. The program application and additional information can be found at farmers.gov/otecp.

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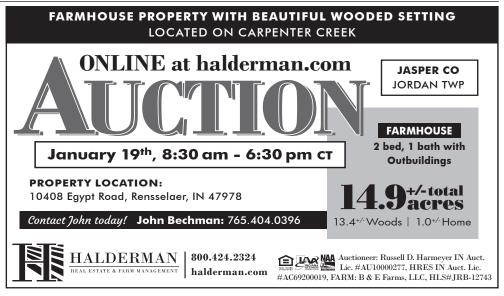
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regions are being given signals to expand (raw milk prices are quickly on the rise in the US and Europe), the first high feed cost environment since 2013/14 may prevent farmers from aggressive growth plans for the coming months."

National Milk Producers The Federation's final Market Report of 2021 stated that "The rapid evaporation of growth in dairy cows, milk and milk solids production dropped all three into negative territory during October. These supply-side effects have dominated the dairy situation recently and will continue to do so well into the coming year. Domestic consumption growth of all milk and dairy products has been somewhat sluggish in recent months, but U.S. dairy exports during the first ten months of 2021 have set a new volume record of 17.6% of U.S. milk solids production, well above this measure's second-highest year, 2020 at 16.3%."

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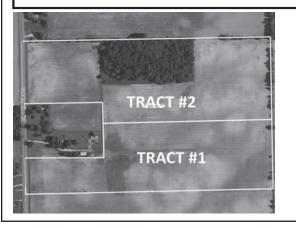
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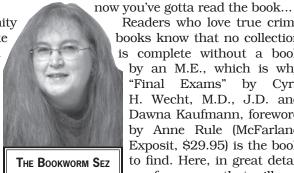
True crime novels will have you on the edge of your seat

Lockdown wasn't all bad.

It gave you an opportunity to catch up on your favorite television, for one thing. You had a chance to reconnect with people, to learn new skills, or start a new hobby. It gave you time to clean house, de-clutter, and find things you forgot. And all that time alone was good for making mischief, mayhem, and murder – at least in a book...

Readers who love true crime but don't have time will be happy to find "She Kills Me: The True Stories of History's Deadliest Women" by Jennifer Wright, illustrated by Eva Bee (Abrams Image, \$19.99). In this book, you'll read dozens of short but true accounts of cult queens, poisoners, Black Widows, torturers, and more. Some of the women may be familiar to you, while others will chill you with stories you've never heard before. This book also offers things to learn: how to tell someone's a psychopath, when to spot a dangerous cult, and why divorce is better than a deadly alternative.

Speaking of wild women, you'll be riveted by "America's Femme Fatale: The Story of Serial Killer Belle Gunness" by Jane Simon Ammeson (Red Lightning Books, \$20). More than a century has gone since Belle Gunness killed her first victim and she didn't stop there. Belle went on to kill at least 13 more people over the course of just over 20 years. Money was involved, of course, and she had a little bit of help now and then, but what's creepiest about Belle are the circumstances of her death. And



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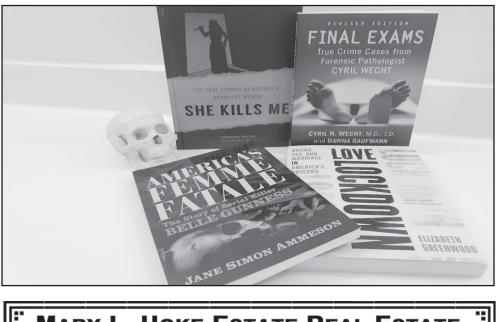
Readers who love true crime books know that no collection is complete without a book by an M.E., which is why "Final Exams" by Cyril H. Wecht, M.D., J.D. and Dawna Kaufmann, foreword by Anne Rule (McFarland Exposit, \$29.95) is the book to find. Here, in great detail are four cases that will put you on the edge of your seat

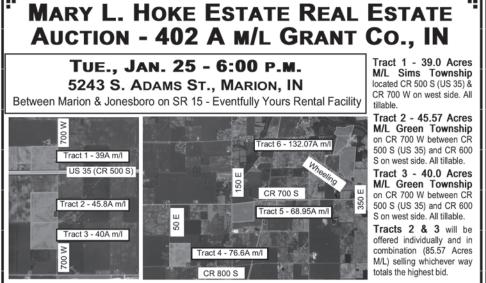
because they start at the beginning and take you all the way to the legalities involved. You might know Wecht from his other works, or from appearances he'd done on the news. If you don't, here's a great introduction.

And finally, if you love true crime but you want something a little different, try "Love Lockdown: Dating, Sex, and Marriage in America's Prisons" Elizabeth Greenwood (Gallery by Books, \$27). What is it like to have a relationship with someone who was in prison when you met? What are the ramifications, physically, emotionally, and financially? Greenwood has a unique viewpoint in this book because she had a semi-relationship with a man in prison, and her outlook adds a lot to this fascinating, compassionate, eyeopening account.

If these books don't satisfy your craving for crime, then be sure to ask your favorite librarian or bookseller for help. They'll have books in mind that will keep you reading now and all winter; all you have to do is ask.

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Kelderman fold w/ corn and beans drums; Best Way

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w/out back guidance system: 11 knife NH3 tool bar. 3

pt w/ Raven monitor; Hillsboro 250 bu. seed tender

w/ tarp; Calf Creep feeders; 3 pt bale forks; JD 7000

planter 12 row, front fold, N/T, corn and bean meters

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knife NH3 app. bar, 3 pt; IH 6' rotary cutter; McFar-

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A bowl of soup is perfect for warming up in cold weather

The soup pot always came out when it got cold while I was growing up. There was just something special about coming in from doing chores and finding a hot

bowl of soup. We had vegetable soup, chili, potato soup, chicken noodle soup or turkey noodle after Thanksgiving. After I left home, bean soup and lentil soup made the line-up.

I am not a big fan of the last two soups, but the addition of beef barley soup to the files, is definitely a tasty addition. Personally, I like the beef barley soup with a salad and some breadsticks.

At the same time, lentils and beans are a good source of fiber, so the soups are healthy for you as well as warming. This week Cook Simply is featuring a lentil soup recipe with sausage that adds a little kick to the soup, making a somewhat bland soup tastier. The bean soup also includes a recipe for a make your own bean mix for soups. And as for the beef and barley soup, it is not only a hearty soup, but it freezes well if you have some leftovers. So, until next time, stay warm, stay healthy and simply cook

Beef and Barley Soup

- 1 pound lean ground beef
- 1 cup chopped onion
- 1 cup chopped carrots
- 1 cup chopped celery
- 2 cloves of garlic minced
- 1/2 cup quick-cooking barley

4 cups beef broth, (4 cups water, 4 beef bouillon cubes)

- 1 14 ¹/₂ ounce can stewed tomatoes
- ¹/₄ cup dry red wine
- 1/2 teaspoon dried thyme

In a large dutch oven, brown ground beef, add onions, garlic, carrots, and celery, until meat is browned, and vegetables are tender. Drain off any fat from the meat. Stir in beef broth, tomatoes, barley, wine and thyme. Bring to the boil, reduce to simmer until barley is tender, about 20 minutes.



Bean Soup 2 cups bean mix (See recipe below) 2 quarts water

1 pound ham, cubed 1 teaspoon salt

16 ounce can of

- 1 large onion chopped
- ¹/₄ cup lemon juice
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper

Soak bean mix overnight. Drain. In a dutch oven, sauté onion in about 1 tablespoon of butter. Add 2 quarts of water, bean mix, ham, salt, and pepper. Cover, bring to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer for about 11/2 hours or until beans are tender. Add tomatoes and lemon juice; simmer for 30 minutes.

Bean Mix

Mix together and store in an airtight container:

- 1 pound Great Northern Beans
- 1 pound Black Beans
- 1 pound Barley
- 1 pound Navy Beans
- 1 pound Pinto Beans
- 1 pound Kidney Beans
- 1 pound Baby Lima Beans
- 1 pound Split Peas
- 1 pound Lentils
- 1 pound Black-eyed Peas

Lentil Soup with Italian Sausage

- 2 cups Lentils
- 6 cups beef broth
- 2 large carrots, cut in 1/4 inch slices
- 1 large onion, chopped
- 1 large clove garlic, minced
- 1/2 teaspoon oregano
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 1/2 pound Italian Sausage, cut in 1-inch slices.

In a medium skillet, brown sausage, onion, garlic until sausage is browned and onion and garlic are translucent. In a soup pot, combine Lentils, meat mixture, carrots, oregano and pepper. Bring to the boil and reduce heat, cover and simmer until lentils and carrots are tender, about 20-40 minutes. Serve in soup bowls and garnish with parsley and Parmesan cheese.





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EQUIPMENT: Forte 9'2" 3pt. Disc Mower, Kuhn FC353 Disc Mower, Massey Ferguson SM1361 3pt. Disc Mower, NH 492 Haybine, JD 350 Sickle Mower, New Holland 455 Pull Type Mower, Ford 7' 3pt. Flail Mower, NH 404 Hay Conditioner, JD Hay Conditioner, Krone KR160 Round Baler, Hesston 956 Round Baler, Vermeer 605F Round Baler, NH 273 Square Baler w/ Case Side Delivery Square Baler, New Stoltzfus 8 Bale Transport Wagon, (3) Killbros 375 Gravity Wagons, Parker Gravity Wagon on 20" Rubber, (2) J&M Wagon w/Side Auger and Tarp, Parker Gravity Wagon, Ficklin 300 Gravity Wagon w/IH 330 Gear, Killbros 300 Gravity Wagon, Husky Gravity Box, McCurdy Gravity Box, Killbros 300 Gravity Box, White 8T Running Gear, Kaston 10T Run-ning Gear, JD 1210A Grain Cart, Grain Cleaner, Grain Cleaner w/Auger, Brillion 7 Shank Disc Chisel w/New Points and Blades, Case IH 6500 9 Shank Disc Chisel, JD 1710 9 Shank Disc Chisel, Glencoe 14' Soil Finisher, Kewanee 1010 21' Flat Fold Disc, JD 220 20' Disc, IH 10' Transport Disc, JD KBA 10' Transport Disc, Ford 7' 3pt. Disc, 8' 3pt. Harrogator, JD RM400 6x30 Cultivator, Imperial 6x30 Cultivator, JD RG20 2X Cultivator, Oliver 6X Cultivator, Case 6X Cultivator, IH 2X Cultivator, Brillion 14' Cultimulcher, Ford 150 3x18 3pt Plow, IH 4X Trailer Plow, Oliver 4X Semi Mount Plow, AC 3X Semimount Plow, JD 3X 3pt. Plow, Ferguson 2X 3pt. Plow, Ferguson 2X 3pt. Plow, Oliver 2X Trailer Plow, Ford 4X Corn Planter, White 543 Corn Planter, JD 7000 2X 30" 3pt. Planter, JD FB Grain Drill w/Grass Seed, IH 5100 Grain Drill w/Press Wheels, New Tar River 6.5' no-til seeder, 3pt. 1X Transplanter, Brady 2X Stalk Chopper, Chicken Litter Decruster, 5T Fertilizer Buggy, 12' Dump Auger, 200 Gallon Tank, 300 gallon Sprayer, 500 Gallon Sprayer Tank, Saddle Tanks, 3pt. 40' Sprayer Booms, IH 100# Suitcase Weights, IH Rear Weights, HD Leon 9' Blade, 18.4x34 T-Rail Duals, Firestone 18.4-38 9 bolt Duals, New Idea 3 Beater PTO Spreader, New Idea 3 beater 214 Manure Spreader, Woods 6' Belly Mower, AC G Belly Mower, Superior 8' Pull Type Brush Hog, Woods 8' Rotary Mow-er, JD 709 Brush Hog, 7' 3pt. Brush Hog, Bush Hog Squealer 5' Brush Hog, 4' 3pt. Brush Hog, Industrias America 6' Pull Type Bay Blade, Bush Hog, HD 8' Blade, Japa Box Blade, Bush Hog HD 8' Blade, John Deere 8' 3pt. Blade, Woods 8' Blade, Rhino 8' 3pt Blade, King Kutter 7' 3pt. Blade, Kubota Hyd. Front Blade, Landpride 2572 Finish Mower, Woods RM 306 Finish Mow-

er, Bomford Turner 3pt Flail Ditch Bank Mower, Arps 8' 3pt. Snow Blower, McKee Snow Blower, Arps 3pt. Backnoe, Long LBH 10 3pt. Backhoe, 3pt. Chipper, 500 Gallon Fuel Tank w/Pump, Pallet Jack, Ford Flathead V8 Power Unit, Easy Auger Post Hole Digger, Lincoln 200 Portable Welder, ATV Bumpers, Farmall F14 Genset, 3pt Scoop, Aluminum Elevator, JD 700 Grinder Mixer, Automatic Roller Mill w/Auger & Blower, FMC Wheel Balancer, JD 220 Grain Head, Unused NH Spreader Sides, NEW: EZ Trail 680 Head Cart, 10-16.5 Skid Loader Tires, 12-16.5 Skid Loader Tires, 10' Pallet Fork Extensions, Skid Steer Mount Hyd. Dozer Blade, Skid Steer Mount Rototiller, Skid Steer Mount Post Hole Digger, Skid Steer Buckets 60"-84", Skid Steer 3500# Pallet Forks, Skid Steer 4200# Pallet Forks, Skid Steer Bale Spear, Skid Steer 2 Prong Bale Spear.

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TRACTORS

 John Deere 4850 tractor, 20.8-38 rear duals, 16.5-16.1 front tires, 15 spd powershift, 3 hyd remotes, 3pt, quick hitch, 1000 PTO, 4915 hrs, SN RW4850P009296 • John Deere 4240 tractor, Cab, 18.4-34 tires, 11L-15 front, front weights, quad range, 2 hyd remotes, 3pt, 540/1000 PTO, 7210 hrs, SN 4240H 017028R

· John Deere 3255 tractor, MFWD, C/H/A, 18.4 38 rear, 13.6-28 front, rear wheel weights, 2 hyd remotes, 3pt, 540 PTO, 8 spd, sells w/ John Deere 740 loader, joystick, Quick Tach 7' bucket, SN L03255U751456

· John Deere 3020 tractor, diesel, Powershift, 16.9-38 tires, 7.50-16 tires, wide front, shows 1601 hrs, 1 hyd remote, 3pt, quick hitch, 540/1000 PTO, SN T113P 068507R • John Deere 2520 tractor, diesel, Synchro, 16.9-38 rear, 6.00-16 front, narrow front, 1 hyd remote, 3pt, 540 PTO, fenders, 4117 hrs, SN T713R 021522R · John Deere 730 tractor, diesel, electric start, 14.9-38 rear, 6.00-16 narrow front, roll-o-matic, 1 hyd remote, 3pt, 540 PTO, SN 7312074 • John Deere 5075M tractor, 16.9-30 rear, 11L-15 front, 2 hyd remotes, 3 pt, 540 PTO, Diesel, SyncShuttle Plus, 1286 hrs, SN LV5075M130011 • Farmall McCormick Super M tractor, gas, 13.6-38 tires, 6.00-16 narrow front, 540 PTO, power steering, SN L-508133 · Bobcat 2410 wheel loader, diesel, skid steer plate, 14-17.5 tires, 2400 lb capacity, hrs unknown, 6' bucket, pallet forks, SN 509212222 • John Deere loader from 430 tractor

TILLAGE & PLANTING

• 32' Case IH 496 disc, rock flex, hyd fold • 30' Krause field cultivator, walking tandems, single bar harrow • 15' Great Plains Turbo Max 1500, dual

HARVEST EQUIPMENT

 John Deere 9550 combine, 30.5-32 drive tires, 16.9-26 rear, Vittetoe hyd chaff spreader, chopper, walker, 2WD, AgLeader YM200 yield monitor, Maurer grain bin ext, 3229 engine hrs, 2218 sep hrs, SN H09550W690750 · John Deere 693 corn head, fluted rolls, poly, PTO shafts, SN H00693X695894 • 25' John Deere 925 grain head, full finger, PTO shafts, poly skid shoes, hyd fore/aft, SN H00925F700995 • 25' Unverferth HT25 header cart, 20.5x8.0-10 tires • 20' Killbros 20' header cart, 20.5x8.0-10 tires • EZ-Trail 510 grain cart, 23.1-26 diamond tires, roll tarp, 1000 PTO • Kinze 440 grain cart, 23.1-26 diamond tires, hyd fold auger, 1000 PTO • 8" x 60' swing away auger, 540 PTO, hyd raise • 8' x 32' truck auger, 540 PTO

Saturday, January 9th

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TRUCKS & TRAILERS

• 2001 Kenworth semi truck, 64" integrated sleeper, Cummins ISX 475, Eaton 13 spd, 232"WB, engine brake, tandem, twin screw, 8 bag air ride, air slide 5th wheel, 1/2 fenders, 618,335 miles, VIN IXKTD49X71J873480 • 1999 Ford F250 pickup, ext cab, short bed, 7.3 Power Stroke diesel, auto, 4x4, 235/85R16 tires, power windows and locks, salvage title, 107,309 miles, VIN 1FTNX-21F9XED28272 · 2007 East 33'alum dump trailer, steel frame, spring ride, 11R24.5 tires, coal chute, roll tarp, VIN 1E1D1S2877RL41188 • 35' flat semi trailer, tandem axle, spring ride, 10.00-20 tires, (2) 1400 gal poly tanks • Tri-axle pintle hitch trailer, NO TITLE

HAY EQUIPMENT

• 7' John Deere 3pt sickle mower, 540 PTO, manual fold, SN 526344 • New Holland 570 square baler, 540 PTO, wire tie, ¼ turn chute, SN 849985 · John Deere 348 square baler, 540 PTO, wire tie, folding chute, SN E00348X989542 • New Holland 1002 Stackliner, 540 PTO, 9.5L-15 tires • 32'TR Metal Crafters hay elevator. HST-10T, manual raise, 110 volt motor, SN 100952 • (6) 16' flat rack hay wagons w/ wooden floors • New Holland 55 hay rake, pull type, ground drive

Hit unsubscribe to negative thoughts in your brain

Philippians 4:8"Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, dwell on these things.'

Every person deals with occasional thought struggles. Sometimes the negative narrations and

related feelings develop because of past experiences. Other times they appear after an uncomfortable encounter with a critical person. And still others are downright lies of Satan trying to discourage and bring you down. Wouldn't it be nice if we could unsubscribe to all these unwanted thoughts?

The other day while scrolling through all my emails I decided it was time to eliminate all the dross. I don't know how every company on the face of the earth found my email, but they did! And they continually bombard me with advertisements and information I don't want or need. So, I took the bull by the horns and began to unsubscribe to the junk mail one by one. Maybe, just maybe, they will finally get the hint and stop sending me their annoying messages.

Just like unwanted email, negative thoughts come from various places and tend to clog our minds at the



VERSES FROM MAMA

By Sandra Sheridan

most inconvenient times. And when we are not careful, they can bring us to the brink of discouragement and despair. If only there was an easy way to stop the messages that disrupt our thought life!

words Unkind & criticism - Unsubscribe! Snide Remarks

Unsubscribe! Doubt and Fear

Unsubscribe!

Ungratefulness - Unsubscribe!

While it's impossible to completely stop these pesky snippets from showing up in our mind's inbox, the Apostle Paul in his letter to the Philippian church tells us how to overcome them. It is by putting our focus elsewhere. Delete the harmful by dwelling on what is true, honorable, right, pure, lovely and excellent. These thoughts strengthen the heart and mind while lies and negativity only burden.

I know that tomorrow my email account will hold more unwanted messages. No matter how many times I unsubscribe they will keep showing up. But that doesn't mean I have to leave them in my inbox. In the same way we must regularly delete and send any unwanted thoughts to the trash. Replace them with the messages that will bring life to the soul. Whatever is good, right, and true – think on these things!



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tandem, hyd angle adjust, rear rolling tines, rear flat bar basket, lights, SN GP-C3458H • 15' International cultimulcher, hyd raise • 15' John Deere 1560 No-Till grain drill, 7.5" spacing, ground drive, markers, front dolly wheel, SN N01560X681981 • John Deere 1760 conservation planter, 12 row x 30", hyd front fold, on row seed boxes, spring DP, finger pickup, cast closing wheels, insecticide, (2) 250 gal poly tanks, ground drive John Blue pump, 2x2 coulters w/ injectors, markers • 250 bu gravity seed wagon, 11L-16 tires, 15' Unverferth poly cup seed auger

SPRAYER & FERTILIZER EQUIPMENT

• Spray Coupe 4660 sprayer, 400 gal poly tank, 60' boom, 20" spacing, 320/85R24 rear bar tires, 9.00-24 front tires, Hypro pump, Raven 460 controller, foam marker, 979 hrs, SN AGCS4660PNU8A1154 • 1000 gal poly tank on tandem axle trailer, 11L-15 tires, Pacer 2" poly pump, Briggs and Stratton gas engine • 13 shank NH3 bar, pull type, walking tandems, hyd lift, hyd fold, rear hitch, Continental B9500 cooler • (2) 1000 gal NH3 tanks on gear • 1000 gal NH3 tank

MISC. EQUIPMENT & SHOP TOOLS

• 15' Bush Hog 2615 Legend rotary mower, (4) air plane tires, (4) laminated tires, 540 PTO, hvd fold, hyd lift, stump jumper • 5' John Deere 205 rotary mower, 3 pt, 540 PTO • LeROI Dresser 185 air compressor, 5859 hrs, Deutz 4 cyl diesel engine, air cooled • Log Splitter w/ Wisconsin gas engine • Oil tanks • 16" rims for Ford truck • Fair Banks platform scale • Misc. tires and rims • Tractor wheel weights • 10' blade, 3pt, hyd angle, manual tilt • Continental 3pt 540 PTO post hole digger, 12" and 24" bits • Campbell Housefield 220 volt air compressor • Ridgid chop saw • Wood bench w/ vise • Oxy/Acetylene torch sets • Bench grinders

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EQUIPMENT QUESTIONS: Call Neil Scott (740) 703-2286

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2005 DEERE 550J LT Only 2,635 hrs, full cab with heat & A/C, 6 way blade, joystick



2005 CASE IH JX65 1,331 hrs, MFWD, Case IH LX232 loader with quick attach, 1



WOODS BB84X Sharp heavy duty rotary cutter, 84" cut, 540 PTO, single tail wheel,



2012 WILSON DWH-500 hopper bottom grain trailer, tandem, 96" x 41', aluminum construction, air brakes, air sspn. \$42,500





2010 JD 9770 STS 2,355/1,678 hrs, chopper, rock trap, floater tires, premium cab, many new parts installed \$109.500



2003 JOHN DEERE 1750 Mint! 6 row 30" corn planter with 1.6 bushel hoppers, liquid

2005 CASE IH 2377 2,788/2,135 hrs, sharp & original 2377 corn/bean combine with rock trap!..... \$82,500



JOHN DEERE 4100 695 hrs, 19 HP, MFWD, good used tractor, hydro, 3PT, 540 PTO, JD

CASE IH 7088 2,621/2,027 hrs, used low cost 4WD combine with 30.5R-32 tires.



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