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American Farmland Trust outlines goals for 2022 Illinois legislative session

By **TIM ALEXANDER**
 Illinois Correspondent

DEKALB, Ill. — In another big year for the Illinois General Assembly, funding for crucial agricultural conservation programs is once again on the line. In addition, legislators are also looking for ways to get resources for sustainable farm management solutions into the hands of those who are striving to meet the goals of the Illinois Nutrient Loss Reduction Strategy (NLRs).

A recent virtual policy roundup meeting hosted by American Farmland Trust (AFT) sought to engage farmers and conservation proponents in how to best use their voices to help protect vital programs, and urge support for new ones.

Max Webster, Midwest policy manager for AFT based in Dekalb, Illinois, began the meeting by defining AFT's Midwest policy principles as 1) prioritizing soil health, 2) accelerating the adoption of conservation cropping systems, 3) increasing and diversifying funding for conservation programs and 4) protecting at-risk lands. Thirteen regional staff members will help carry AFT's priorities forward in the coming year, while also focusing on crop diversification (especially small grains and bio-energy crops) and solar energy development on croplands.

As the Illinois General Assembly begins their spring legislative sessions, Webster outlined some of AFT's policy priorities for the Prairie State.

"The issue that continues to frame our work in Illinois is the ongoing fiscal situation — there was a budget crisis a few years ago and there are lingering effects from that. Illinois is really in a recovery phase," Webster said. "We are prioritizing securing sustainable funding solutions for the state's agricultural conservation programs. We are also asking for the legislature to consider how to better establish local goals and local needs when it comes to implementing soil health practices. We are asking that they integrate climate programming into how (programs) work, and we also really need to expand the capacity of technical assistance at the local level to get those resources out to farmers."

Whether to continue funding for the NLRs, adopted in 2015 to set goals for the reduction of crop nutrients in Illinois waterways, is an issue to be clarified by the Illinois General Assembly at some point during the spring session, which runs through April 8. Though funding for the NLRs was approved through 2027 by lawmakers in June of last year, the language of the bill granting approval for the funding still has not been worked out.

"The Partners for the Nutrient Loss Reduction Act would help guide the implementation of NLRs projects at the local level, integrate climate planning into state conservation planning, and expand the kinds of projects the state is funding," said Webster. "It also focuses on the budget, extending and renewing support for programs like the Partners for Conservation Program, which is our conservation cost-share funding program in Illinois."

Legislators need to hear from farmers and others in favor of renewing and extending Illinois' NLRs and Partners for Conservation Program, along with additional technical assistance for Soil and Water Conservation Districts and

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Above: Driscoll Show Pigs of Urbana, Ind., is a six-generation operation. Along with show pigs, they also raise from farrow to finish. The first litters of the year are currently being born. They will remain in the farrowing (birthing) building for 4-6 weeks, then transition into the nursery for 3-4 weeks. Average litters are 8-12 piglets. Photo by Leondia Walchle

Lower corn export numbers have surprised some analysts

By **Michele F. Mihaljevich**
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WASHINGTON, D.C. – The USDA released several grain-related reports last week, and most of the numbers were as expected, according to analysts.

Among the reports released Jan. 12 by USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) were grain stocks and winter wheat acreage. USDA also released the World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates report.

An estimate that was unexpected was a lower U.S. corn export number, the analysts said. USDA reduced corn export estimates from 2.5 billion bushels in December to 2.425 billion in the latest report.

"(There was) a little bit of a surprise that they were maybe a touch aggressive in terms of reducing that export forecast, particularly in light of what's taking place in South America with possible yield reductions down there," said Jim Mintert, director of Purdue University's Center for Commercial Agriculture. "I think the trade was a little bit surprised by that."

Todd Hultman, DTN lead analyst, called the reduced export estimate the surprise of the day. "The demand change I did not expect to see today, and certainly not by a 75 million bushel reduction, was a change in the export estimate for corn," he explained. "It wouldn't have surprised me

to see this reduction later in the season but we are still fairly early. So far, the export totals are keeping up fairly closely with a year ago."

Hultman said the export decrease could be based in part on what's happening in Ukraine, where corn exports are expected to increase from 32.5 million metric tons (in the December report) to 33.5 million, according to the January estimate. "I think part of Ukraine's success there is related to USDA's decision to reduce the corn export estimate for the U.S. I think those two items are linked."

First quarter demand for U.S. corn – at 4.68 billion bushels – is healthy, while not quite as high as last year's record level, he said. Corn shipments as of Dec. 30 were 577 million bushels, down 4 percent from a year ago. Sales commitments were down 7 percent from a year ago; USDA estimated a 12 percent decline in the January report.

"(USDA) is anticipating corn sales are going to be a little tougher from now on," Hultman explained.

NASS estimated a corn crop for 2021 of 15.1 billion bushels, up slightly from 15.06 billion in December. If realized, it would be the nation's second largest corn crop. The largest was 15.15 billion bushels in 2016.

The agency has estimated a record yield of 177 bushels per acre. NASS estimated

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Crop insurance, conservation top list of farm bureau priorities for next farm bill

By Michele F. Mihaljevich
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INDIANAPOLIS – Crop insurance and conservation programs are the priorities of the Indiana Farm Bureau (INFB) and the American Farm Bureau Federation for the next farm bill, an official with the state organization said.

The current farm bill doesn't expire until December 2023, but Bob White, director of national government relations for INFB, expects Congress to begin work on a new bill during the second or third quarter of this year.

Both INFB and American Farm Bureau have working groups. INFB's task force has met three times, he said. "We've talked about some of the pluses and minuses of the '18 farm bill. Haven't come to any great conclusions yet on either level. For the Midwest and Indiana, we want to protect crop insurance. If there's anything we can do to tweak it, that's fine, but the tweaks usually go to guidance. We go to USDA's Risk Management Agency and we talk to them – can you make some changes here, can you make them there. Most of those do not need Congressional approval."

Crop insurance, or the safety net, is Title 1 in the farm bill and conservation programs are Title 2. "Those two are the most important titles," White noted.

He doesn't know how climate change might be reflected in the farm bill, especially in conservation programs. "One of the things we're going to have to watch will be in the conservation title, what's going to occur there? Is Congress going to tweak some of those programs that are current and make them more climate friendly? Are they going to direct money to USDA, direct how to spend that money in those particular areas? Is Congress going to direct them to spend more of their money, say in one program or the other, and, 'oh, by the way, here's the climate issues we want you to address in those?'"

That begs the question, White said, of whether Congress will give USDA more money. The next farm bill could possibly be a trillion dollar package, he said. Typically, about 80 percent of farm bill money goes to nutrition assistance. If Congress decides to extend programs put into place during the pandemic, such as those designed to help food banks, there's a question

of where that money would come from, White added.

"Are they going to, which we hope not, rob it from Title 1 or Title 2 in order to do that?"

The 2018 farm bill was projected to cost \$428 billion from 2019-2023, according to the Congressional Budget Office.

There's also politics to consider, White said. With the mid-term election coming up in November, the makeup of both the House and Senate could change before a bill is written. Regarding farm insurance, legislators may look at the farm economy, see it's in pretty good shape and keep the baseline at 2018 levels, White said.

"There's a lot of ifs, ands and buts at this time. There's a lot of question marks there."

For conservation, farm bureau wants to see programs that are now voluntary remain that way.

"If you change some of those programs, don't make them regulatory," he stated. "As we have known in the past, agriculture works better with the

carrot approach rather than the stick. Conservation-wise, we've done great things on the land. No-till, cover crops, all kinds of soil health improvements. With regard to climate, if you're going to want us to change our practices, incentivize us as best you can."

The farm bill includes other titles such as rural development, trade, credit and research.

Farm bureau would like to see more research into climate carbon-friendly practices, but White asked, "if you increase funding in the research title, where are you going to find the money?"

More research is needed on how various practices might impact carbon sequestration on different soil types, he noted. "If you do this particular farming practice in northern Indiana on different soils, it will sequester x (amount of) carbon. If you do it in the southern part of the state with different soils, or even down the road, soil types vary. So what does that all mean with regard to the amount of carbon each soil type sequesters?"

Midwest Women in Ag conference is scheduled for February 9-10

SHIPSHEWANA, Ind. – The 2022 Midwest Women in Agriculture Conference is scheduled for Feb. 9-10 at the Blue Gate Inn and Conference Center in Shipshewana. The early registration period ends Jan. 31.

The conference's keynote speaker is Kacy Atchison, who will discuss estate planning. She will share her story of losing her brother and how his death impacted the family farm and their estate plan.

The capnote speaker is Carey Portell, author of "Facing Life Head On." She has inspired thousands to change their perspectives by sharing her triumphs and challenges of her four-year recovery of being a survivor of a drunk-driver.

To register for the conference, visit <https://cvent.me/8ZeeE0>. For a complete schedule, see <https://ag.purdue.edu/extension/WIA/Pages/default.aspx>.

The early registration cost of the

conference is \$125 for both days. The cost to attend just one day is \$90. There are different prices for high school and college students. The Feb. 8 pre-conference is \$25, including dinner.

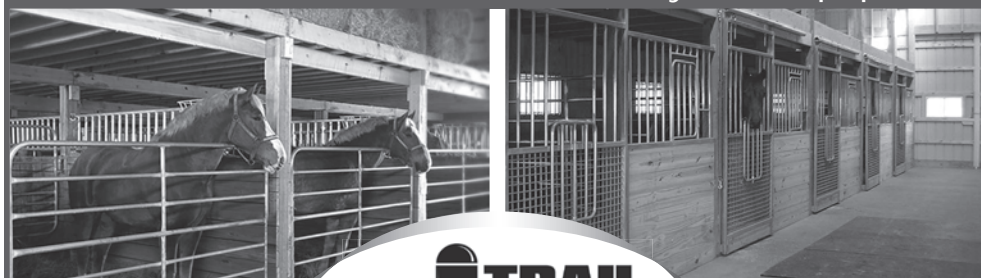
The pre-conference will include sessions on conservation and landowner and tenant issues. Dinner will be at the Carriage House in Topeka, Ind.

Sessions on Feb. 9 include animal care, home food preservation, managing agricultural stress, financial strategies for women, urban agriculture and grain marketing.

Feb. 10 presentations include farm woodlands and how they contribute to a farm operation, data collection and interpretation, tips to being an effective communicator and developing a farm emergency plan.

Those in need of accommodations to attend this program should contact Elysia Rodgers by Jan. 31 at 260-925-2562 or eberry@purdue.edu.

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Tricky farm leasing issues covered by Ladies on the Land workshops

By DOUG GRAVES
Ohio Correspondent

OTTAWA, Ohio — Although women have always been involved in farming, it has long been thought of as a 'man's job'. Traditionally, farm women have often identified themselves as something other than the "farmer."

That's all changing. According to the USDA, over the past 10 years the number of women who identified themselves as farmers increased by 19 percent, and the number of women 'principal operators' increased by 30 percent.

Women are a fast-growing demographic in American agriculture, and they are doing things differently. While the average farm size in the U.S. has grown dramatically over the last 50 years, women tend to run smaller operations. Many choose organic and natural methods, in contrast to the highly mechanized and chemically-dependent farming that dominates the rest of the agricultural industry.

Ohio alone has 13.6 million acres of farmland that is owned, operated or leased by women. Ag experts have found that many women struggle a bit when it comes to leasing the farm property. To assist them better navigate farmland leasing issues, Ohio State University Extension has developed a "Ladies on the Land" workshop in cooperation with USDA's North Central Risk Management Education Center.

Each Ladies on the Land workshop addresses the educational needs of women involved in all stages and aspects of Ohio agriculture, from non-operating landowners to produc-



Above: Women are the fastest growing demographic in agriculture. Ohio is issuing workshops called Ladies on the Land.

ers and tenant farmers.

"If the husband is deceased and the farm isn't farmed by another family member a lot of times the ladies of the farm are facing a leasing issue," says Beth Scheckelhoff, Ohio State Extension educator from Putnam County. Scheckelhoff specializes in farm management, ag health and safety, and women's issues in agriculture. "With the Ladies on the Land gatherings the participant will leave with a much better understanding of management strategies to minimize their risk in leasing farmland in Ohio."

"For a lot of women, they have no idea what they're getting into, especially when it comes to dealing with a tenant farmer," Scheckelhoff adds.

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harvested acres at 85.4 million, up from 85.1 in December.

Corn ending stocks were estimated at 1.54 billion bushels, up a bit from the December number of 1.49 billion. The January number was slightly above expectations, Hultman said.

For soybeans, NASS has estimated production for last year of 4.44 billion bushels, a record high. Harvested acres totaled 86.3 million, and yield was 51.4 bushels, up from December's estimate of 51.2 bushels.

The production estimate is "still quite amazing and astonishing when you consider the amount of serious drought that we had actively throughout the year for much of the northwestern Corn Belt," Hultman pointed out. "Of course, there were some late rains in August and

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support for the Illinois Department of Agriculture's Fall Covers for Spring Savings crop insurance incentive program, according to Webster.

"Why are these priorities so important? We are falling behind on our NLRs goals in the state of Illinois," said Webster, referring to data revealed in the most recent NLRs Biennial Report showing that goals for reducing nitrates and phosphorus from entering state waterways are not being met. "There is a lot of work left to be done in Illinois to be able to meet that challenge."

To assist farmers in meeting conservation goals, additional support from both state and local government will be necessary, Webster noted. "Illinois, despite having the second-most cropland in its region,

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"There's a lot that women need to pay attention to, making sure all their bases are covered, and understanding the basic requirements of a lease is important."

The workshop starts Jan. 27 in Medina County and will be held on three more dates at different locations, the last gathering to be held March 3 in Putnam County.

"The next most important thing for them is coming up with a rent for the property that is fair to them and for the farmer," she said.

Through hands-on activities and demonstrations, Ladies on the Land workshops aim to increase confidence, improve communication skills, and provide helpful resources for all women involved in agriculture. Topics covered include enhancing communication skills, developing equitable rental rates, farmland leasing best practices and accessing the risk-reward continuum for tenants and landowners. At the conclusion of each session, experts will provide answers to concerns attendees might have.

According to Scheckelhoff, the number of participants in this annual program has remained steady the past four years. "The goal of these workshops is to make communicating and negotiating with tenants much easier," Scheckelhoff said.

The first workshop will be held Jan. 26 in Medina County (330-725-4911). Other workshops will be held Feb. 15 in Ross County (740-702-3200), Feb. 24 in Morrow County (419-947-1070), and March 3 in Putnam County (419-

September that I think helped save some of those crops. But just a pretty phenomenal year to get a record crop without a lot of great weather cooperation, at least in the northwestern Corn Belt. Everywhere else obviously did a lot to make up for the losses that were seen in the Dakotas and Minnesota."

USDA raised soybean ending stocks to 350 million bushels from 340 million in December. First quarter soybean demand has dropped significantly, Hultman noted, from more than 1.8 billion bushels last year to 1.55 billion in the latest report. As of Dec. 30, U.S. soybean shipments were down 21 percent from a year ago. A big reason for the drop is China's purchases of U.S. soybeans are down about 28 percent from a year ago, he said.

The soybean export number, at 2.05 billion bushels, was left unchanged by USDA in the January report. "That was the number a lot people were looking at coming in,

only got 14 percent of the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) and the Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) pie. That speaks to the challenge of having reduced state funding and reduced federal funding and trying to engage soil health practices. We need the state funding to leverage some of the federal funding to assist here in Illinois," he said.

Webster offered advice on how to best alert lawmakers to policy actions favored by the AFT, including signing petitions, filing "witness slips" in support of legislation by creating a personal "MyILGA" account (www.my.ilga.gov/), writing letters to lawmakers, joining an in-person or virtual lobby and educating friends and family. A free "Illinois Policy Resource Guide" detailing how to convey policy wishes to the Illinois General Assembly may be requested by calling the AFT office at (815) 753-9347.

523-6294).

The \$25 registration fee includes snacks, a boxed lunch and all materials.

For more information and to make reservations contact Beth Scheckelhoff at 419-523-6294. Register online at <http://go.osu.edu/ladiesontheland>.

wondering whether or not they'd put that back," Mintert stated. "Of course, they pulled that back previously so no additional reduction in exports. I think that was the reason we didn't see a change this month."

Winter wheat acreage nationwide was projected to be 34.4 million acres, up 2 percent from last year. Farmers seeded 23.8 million acres of hard red winter (up 1 percent), 7.1 million of soft red winter (up 6 percent) and 3.6 million of white winter (up 2 percent).

USDA put wheat ending stocks at 628 million bushels, up from December's 598 million. Dec. 1 wheat stocks, at 1.39 billion bushels, were less than expected, Hultman said. Demand for U.S. wheat during the first half of the season, at 1.29 billion bushels, was the most in five years.

The average farm price for corn was \$5.45 a bushel, unchanged from December. USDA raised the average farm price for soybeans from \$12.10

in December to \$12.60. Wheat prices were also up from \$7.05 in December to \$7.15.

Winter wheat by state

NASS estimated Illinois at 730,000 acres of winter wheat, up from 670,000 the previous year; Indiana, 310,000, down from 340,000; Kentucky, 580,000, up from 510,000; Michigan, 470,000, down from 610,000; Ohio, 700,000, up from 580,000; and Tennessee, 380,000, down from 400,000. The agency stopped estimating Iowa's wheat planted acreage in 2019. Kansas, with 7.5 million acres, is expected to plant the most wheat nationwide. Last year, the state had 7.3 million acres.

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CBOT	Soybeans	1365.25 (Jan 22)	1377.25 (Mar 22)	1387.25 (May 22)	1394.75 (Jul 22)
CBOT	Wheat	746.75 (Mar 22)	749.00 (May 22)	742.50 (Jul 22)	744.75 (Sep 22)
CBOT	White Oats	623.00 (Mar 22)	597.50 (May 22)	565.75 (Jul 22)	514.00 (Sep 22)
KCBT	Wheat	759.75 (Mar 22)	762.25 (May 22)	764.75 (Jul 22)	768.50 (Sep 22)
MGE	Wheat	895.50 (Mar 22)	894.25 (May 22)	892.50 (Jul 22)	874.00 (Sep 22)

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Country Elevators - Conventional					
Region/Location	Basic (¢/Bu)	Basis Change	Price (\$/Bu)	Price Change	Average
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Pennyrile	50.00Z	UNCH	6.0775	DN 0.0050	6.0775

Barge Loading Elevators - Conventional					
Region/Location	Basic (¢/Bu)	Basis Change	Price (\$/Bu)	Price Change	Average
Ohio River - Lower KY	95.00H	UNCH	6.8250	DN 0.1150	6.8250
Ohio River - Lower KY	20.00Z	UNCH	5.7775	DN 0.0050	5.7775
Purchase	80.00H to 95.00H	DN 12.00-UNCH	6.6750-6.8250	DN 0.2350-DN 0.1150	6.7650
Purchase	15.00Z	UNCH	5.7275	DN 0.0050	5.7275

US #2 YELLOW CORN (BULK)

Country Elevators - Conventional					
Region/Location	Basic (¢/Bu)	Basis Change	Price (\$/Bu)	Price Change	Average
Purchase	-10.00H to 0.00H	DN 5.00-UNCH	5.7750-5.8750	DN 0.1650-DN 0.1150	5.8250
Green River	-10.00H	UNCH	5.7750	DN 0.1150	5.7750
Green River	-20.00Z	UNCH	5.3775	DN 0.0050	5.3775
Pennyrile	-5.00H to 5.00H	UNCH	5.8250-5.9250	DN 0.1150	5.8750
Pennyrile	-25.00Z to -15.00Z	UNCH	5.3275-5.4275	DN 0.0050	5.3775
Louisville	-12.00H to -4.00H	UP 3.00-UNCH	5.7550-5.8350	DN 0.0850-DN 0.1150	5.7950
Bluegrass	-10.00H	UNCH	5.7750	DN 0.1150	5.7750
Bluegrass	-25.00Z	UNCH	5.3275	DN 0.0050	5.3275

Barge Loading Elevators - Conventional					
Region/Location	Basic (¢/Bu)	Basis Change	Price (\$/Bu)	Price Change	Average
Ohio River - Upper KY	-6.00H	UP 2.00	5.8150	DN 0.0950	5.8150
Ohio River - Upper KY	-34.00Z	DN 3.00	5.2375	DN 0.0350	5.2375
Ohio River - Lower KY-10.00H to 1.00H		UNCH-DN 5.00	5.7750-5.8850	DN 0.1150-DN 0.1650	5.8375
Ohio River - Lower KY-20.00Z to -15.00U		DN 2.00-UNCH	5.3775-5.5225	DN 0.0250-DN 0.0375	5.4425
Purchase	3.00H to 30.00H	UNCH	5.9050-6.1750	DN 0.1150	6.0325
Purchase	-25.00U to -18.00U		5.3275-5.4925	DN 0.0050-DN 0.0375	5.4142

US #1 SOYBEANS (BULK)

Country Elevators - Conventional					
Region/Location	Basic (¢/Bu)	Basis Change	Price (\$/Bu)	Price Change	Average
Purchase	-2.00H to 10.00H	UNCH	13.7525-13.8725	DN 0.2200	13.8125
Green River	-20.00H	UP 5.00	13.5725	DN 0.1700	13.5725
Green Rive	-35.00X	UNCH	12.6950	DN 0.0800	12.6950
Pennyrile	-30.00H to -15.00H	UNCH	13.4725-13.6225	DN 0.2200	13.5475
Pennyrile	-50.00X to -30.00X	UNCH	12.5450-12.7450	DN 0.0800	12.6450
Louisville	-44.00H	13.3325	DN 0.1900	13.3325	13.9750
Bluegrass	-30.00H	UNCH	13.4725	DN 0.2200	13.4725
Bluegrass	-45.00X	UNCH	12.5950	DN 0.0800	12.5950

Barge Loading Elevators - Conventional					
Region/Location	Basic (¢/Bu)	Basis Change	Price (\$/Bu)	Price Change	Average
Ohio River - Upper KY	-4.00H	DN 10.00	13.7325	DN 0.3200	13.7325
Ohio River - Upper KY	-8.00X	DN 6.00	12.9650	DN 0.1400	12.9650
Ohio River - Lower KY5.00H to 19.00H		UP 10.00-UNCH	13.8225-13.9625	DN 0.1200-DN 0.2200	13.8775
Ohio River - Lower KY 1.00X to 6.00X		UP 1.00-UNCH	13.0550-13.1050	DN 0.0700-DN 0.0800	13.0900
Purchase	-1.00H to 50.00H	DN 4.00-UNCH	13.7625-14.2725	DN 0.2600-DN 0.2200	13.9650
Purchase	-17.00X to -2.00X	UNCH-DN 2.00	12.8750-13.0250	DN 0.0800-DN 0.1000	12.9717

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Country Elevators - Conventional					
Region/Location	Basic (¢/Bu)	Basis Change	Price (\$/Bu)	Price Change	Average
Pennyrile	30.00H	UNCH	7.7675	DN 0.1100	7.7675
Pennyrile	0.00N	UNCH	7.4250	DN 0.1275	7.4250

US #2 SOFT RED WINTER WHEAT (BULK)

Country Elevators - Conventional					
Region/Location	Basic (¢/Bu)	Basis Change	Price (\$/Bu)	Price Change	Average
Green River	-40.00N	UNCH	7.0250	DN 0.1275	7.0250
Pennyrile	0.00H to 15.00H	UNCH	7.4675-7.6175	DN 0.1100-7.5425	6.8000
Pennyrile	-45.00N	UNCH	6.9750	DN 0.1275	6.9750
Louisville B	-60.00N	UNCH	6.8250	DN 0.1275	6.8250
Bluegrass	-30.00N	UNCH	7.1250	DN 0.1275	7.1250

Barge Loading Elevators - Conventional					
Region/Location	Basic (¢/Bu)	Basis Change	Price (\$/Bu)	Price Change	Average
Ohio River - Upper KY	-8.00N	UNCH	7.3450	DN 0.1275	7.3450
Ohio River - Lower KY-10.00N to 8.00N		UNCH	7.3250-7.5050	DN 0.1275	7.3950
Purchase	0.00H	UNCH	7.4675	DN 0.1100	7.4675
Purchase	0.00N to 5.00N	UNCH	7.4250-7.4750	DN 0.1275	7.4417

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Weekly National Sheep Summary
For the Week Ending Friday, January 14, 2022

Weekly Trends: Compared to last week slaughter lambs sold steady to 30.00 higher. Slaughter ewes were mostly steady to 10.00 lower. No comparison on feeder lambs. At San Angelo, TX 5,412 head sold. Equity Cooperative Auction sold 310 slaughter lambs in South Dakota. In direct trading slaughter ewes and feeder lambs were not tested. 3,046 lamb carcasses traded with no trend due to confidentiality. All sheep sold per hundred weight (CWT) unless specified.

Slaughter Lambs: Choice and Prime 2-3:	
San Angelo:	wooled and shorn 110-145 lbs 245.00-275.00.
New Holland, PA:	wooled and shorn 100-130 lbs 337.00-380.00; 150-180 lbs 225.00-280.00.
Ft. Collins, CO:	wooled and shorn 155-185 lbs 220.00-235.00.
South Dakota:	wooled and shorn 110-150 lbs 231.00-240.00, few 255.00-300.00; 150-165 lbs 226.00-231.00.
Kalona, IA:	wooled and shorn 100-145 lbs 232.50-305.00; 150-155 lbs 238.00-247.00.
Billings, MT:	wooled and shorn 110-115 lbs no test.
Missouri:	wooled and shorn 100-110 lbs no test.
Equity Coop:	shorn 15830 lbs 238.20.75.
Slaughter Lambs: Choice and Prime 1-2:	
San Angelo:	hair 40-60 lbs 425.00-460.00; 60-70 lbs 400.00-420.00, few 437.50; 70-80 lbs 380.00-405.00, few 407.50; 80-90 lbs 330.00-392.50, few 402.50; 90-110 lbs 315.00-365.00, few 375.00. woolled and shorn 74 lbs 390.00; 80-90 lbs 345.00-370.00; 90-100 lbs 320.00-337.50.
New Holland:	wooled and shorn 46 lbs 470.00; 50-60 lbs 410.00-435.00, few 485.00; 60-70 lbs 390.00-410.00, few 430.00-470.00; 70-80 lbs 375.00-410.00, few 440.00- 455.00; 80-90 lbs 355.00-390.00, few 405.00-430.00; 90-100 lbs 340.00-380.00. hair 50-60 lbs 400.00-425.00; 60-70 lbs 375.00-410.00; 70-80 lbs 365.00-385.00, few 415.00; 80-90 lbs 345.00-377.00; 90-100 lbs 335.00-345.00.
Ft. Collins:	wooled and shorn 80-90 lbs 305.00-310.00; 97 lbs 305.00. hair 90-100 lbs 310.00-320.00.
Kalona:	wooled and shorn 47 lbs 470.00; 50-60 lbs 435.00-455.00; 60-70 lbs 445.00-465.00; 70-80 lbs 405.00-410.00; 80-90 lbs 370.00-385.00; 90-100 lbs 345.00-360.00. hair 40-50 lbs 375.00-412.50; 50-60 lbs 410.00-425.00; 61 lbs 440.00; 70-80 lbs 380.00-400.00; 80-90 lbs 370.00-377.50; 90-100 lbs 330.00-355.00.
South Dakota:	wooled and shorn 59 lbs 425.00; 70-80 lbs 330.00-385.00; 80-90 lbs 345.00-360.00; 90-100 lbs 285.00-325.00. hair 64 lbs 385.00; 72 lbs 280.00; 88 lbs 285.00; 90-100 lbs 280.00-290.00.
Billings:	no test.
Missouri:	hair 40-50 lbs 395.00-400.00; 50-60 lbs 400.00-415.00; 60-70 lbs 372.50-390.00, few 415.00; 70-80 lbs 370.00-390.00; 80-90 lbs 350.00-367.50. Woolled and shorn 80-90 lbs 365.00-367.50; 90-100 lbs 327.50-340.00. Woolled and shorn 88 lbs 297.50.
Slaughter Ewes:	
San Angelo:	Good 3-4 (very fleshy) no test; Good 2-3 (fleshy) 150.00-180.00; Utility and

	Good 1-3 (medium flesh) 170.00-192.50; Utility 1-2 (thin) 150.00-170.00; Cull and Utility 1-2 (very thin) 122.50-135.00; Cull 1 no test.
New Holland:	Good 3-4 (very fleshy) no test; Good 2-3 (fleshy) 140.00-230.00; Utility 1-2 (thin) 140.00-195.00; Cull 1 no test.
Ft. Collins:	Good 3-4 (very fleshy) 160.00-164.00; Good 2-3 (fleshy) 171.00-200.00; Utility 1-2 (thin) 170.00-190.00; Cull 1 160.00.
South Dakota:	Good 3-4 (very fleshy) 150.00-165.00; Good 2-3 (fleshy) 155.00-180.00; Utility 1-2 (thin) 141.00-175.00; Cull 1 40.00-100.00.
Kalona:	Good 3-4 (very fleshy) no test; Good 2-3 (fleshy) 175.00-207.50, hair 200.00-221.00; Utility and Good 1-3 (medium flesh) 195.00-210.00; Utility 1-2 (thin) no test.
Billings:	Good 3-4 (very fleshy) no test; Good 2-3 (fleshy) no test; Utility 1-2 (thin) no test; Cull 1 no test.
Missouri:	Good 3-4 (very fleshy) no test; Good 2-3 (fleshy) no test; Utility and Good 1-3 (medium flesh) 165.00-180.00; Cull and Utility 1-2 (very thin) no test.
Equity Coop:	No sales.
Direct Trading:	No sales.
Feeder Lambs: Medium and Large 1-2:	
San Angelo:	No test.
Ft. Collins:	70 lbs 335.00; 89 lbs 310.00; 96 lbs 310.00; 116 lbs 300.00; 121 lbs 295.00.
South Dakota:	40-50 lbs 290.00-293.00; 50-60 lbs 299.00-385.00; 60-70 lbs 331.00-430.00; 70-80 lbs 334.00-336.00; 80-90 lbs 300.00-320.00; 90-100 lbs 295.00-303.00; 100-110 lbs 285.00-293.00; 110-120 lbs 222.00-231.00; 120-130 lbs 220.00-222.00; 136 lbs 207.50.
Kalona:	No test.
Billings:	No test.
Missouri:	No test.
Equity Coop:	No sales.
Replacement Ewes: Medium and Large 1-2:	
San Angelo:	Yearlings 115 lbs 250.00/cwt; bred young 130-145 lbs 200.00-216.00/cwt; bred middle age 145 lbs 200.00/cwt; yearling hair 115 lbs 255.00/cwt; mixed age hair 95-140 lbs 195.00-230.00/cwt.
Ft. Collins:	Bred middle age 188 lbs 177.50/cwt.
South Dakota:	Bred ewe lambs 325.00/head; bred yearlings 385.00/head; bred young 375.00-450.00/head; bred middle age 225.00-330.00/head; bred aged 235.00/head.
Kalona:	No test.
Billings:	No test.
Missouri:	Exposed young 100-150 lbs 215.00-250.00/cwt.

Sheep and lambs slaughter under federal inspection for the week to date totaled 33,000 compared with 35,000 last week and 36,000 last year.

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U.S. is seeing an elevated demand for distillers grains

The USDA made a slight increase to the U.S. corn crop in the January World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates report. The USDA now estimates the crop at 15.11 billion bu (bbu) compared to 15.06 bbu last month. Harvested acres were increased by 300,000, which led to this increase. This is a full 1 bbu larger than the previous year's crop. U.S. corn carryout was estimated at 1.54 bbu, up from last month's 1.49 bbu projection. The USDA increased ethanol demand by 75 million bu (mbu), but decreased exports by an equal amount.

The U.S. soybean crop is now estimated at 4.435 bbu for the 2021/22 marketing year, just above the previous estimate for 4.425 bbu. This was from a slight increase in yield to 51.4 bushels per acre, which was partially offset by a 100,000-acre decline in harvested acres. U.S. ending stocks on soybeans are now estimated at 350 mbu, 10 mbu more than the previous estimate. The only change to usage on soybeans was a 1 mbu bump to residual demand.

Wheat ending stocks were bumped



MARKET ANALYSIS
By Karl Setzer

higher in the January release to a 628 mbu total, compared to 598 mbu in December. The USDA lowered feed demand on wheat by 25 mbu and exports by 15 mbu. The most interest in wheat was on the winter seeding figure of 34.4 million acres, compared to estimates for 34.1 million in plantings. This is a sizable increase from the 33.6 million acres that were seeded a year ago.

Beef and pork production numbers were also updated. Beef production for 2022 is now forecast at 27.17 billion pounds, up 160 million pounds from last month. Pork production is estimated at 27.52 billion pounds, down 80 million pounds from the December estimate. The average steer value for 2022 is estimated at \$136.75 per hundredweight, and hogs at \$60.25 per hundred weight.

Beef exports for 2022 were left unchanged in the monthly report at 3.27 billion pounds. Pork exports are projected at an even 7 billion pounds for 2022, down 405 million pounds from last month as China continues to scale back on its imports.

The quarterly stocks numbers as of Dec. 1, 2021, were also released.

The United States had 11.647 bbu of corn in storage, up from last year's 11.29 bbu. Soybean inventory was also up on the year, coming in at 3.15 bbu compared to last year's 2.95 bbu. Wheat stocks were considerably lower though, with an inventory of 1.39 bbu compared to 1.7 bbu last year.

More changes were noted to the global side of the supply and demand report. These were mainly from the USDA lowering Brazil's corn crop by 3 million metric tons (mmt) and cutting the soybean crop by 5 mmt. The world corn carryout is now estimated at 303.1 mmt, down 2.4 mmt on the month. Global soybean carryout for the 2021/22 marketing year is now estimated at 95.2 mmt, well below the 102 mmt estimate in December. The world wheat carryout is now projected at 280 mmt this year, up slightly from the 278.2 mmt at the end of last year.

One commodity the United States is seeing elevated demand for is distillers grains. The United States exported 1.02 million metric tons of DDGs in November. This was down 7 percent from October, but the second highest volume for the month on record, and the highest total

since 2013. Buyers are seeing DDGs as an alternative to other high-priced protein meals, including soy. Concerns over the ability of South America to supply needs are also benefiting DDG demand.

Domestic weather is already starting to become a market factor as well. The U.S. Plains have been in a drought since last year with very little relief being seen. Forecasters now believe this drought could expand into the U.S. Delta region as well as the Western Corn Belt. While this is not a major concern at this time, the closer we get to the spring planting the more attention it will receive. The wheat complex is watching this event the closest as not only could an ongoing drought impact the winter crop but spring production as well.

Trade is starting to increase its attention on what we may see for acreage in the United States this coming year. Ever since last year's crops were harvested and input costs began to rally, talk of acreage shifting increased, with many analysts calling for less corn plantings. This is from nitrogen fertilizer values doubling and, in some cases, tripling from last year. So far seed dealers do not see this change though, with many reporting equal sales to a year ago. Any significant loss of acres will likely be in fringe areas of the Corn Belt where production has struggled in recent years to begin with.

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Whooping cranes settle for winter at Goose Pond

By Celeste Baumgartner
Ohio Correspondent

LINTON, Ind. – At 5- to 6-feet tall, with a wingspan of over 7 feet, whooping cranes will catch your eye. In fact, they can probably look you in the eye. They are the tallest birds in North America. Currently, there is a group of them settled in at Goose Pond in Indiana and people are flocking to see them.

These birds are part of the Eastern migration population, said Mary Bresnihan, the International Crane Foundation's (ICF) whooping crane outreach program assistant for Indiana. This population of about 80 birds spends the summer breeding in Wisconsin. Then they migrate through Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama and into Florida.

The total population of whoopers, which are listed as threatened and endangered in the United States, stands at about 800, Bresnihan said. About 100 are in captivity and the rest are in the wild. Most are part of the Aransas Wood Buffalo population which migrates yearly from the Wood Buffalo National Park in Canada to Aransas on the Gulf Coast of Texas. Besides these two migratory groups, there are small, nonmigratory populations in central Florida and coastal Louisiana.

The total whooping crane population was down to only 30 birds in the wild in the 1960s, all part of that Aransas flock. Then researchers began breeding them in captivity.

"They started breeding cranes in captivity and they created this Eastern migratory population," Bresnihan said. "A lot of these cranes were raised at the International Crane Foundation in Baraboo, Wis.

"They used to train them with people in crane costumes who would feed them, teach them how to forage, and then teach them how to fly the migration route; they used ultralight aircraft. That was

how this population learned to migrate," she said. (The 1990s movie, "Fly Away Home," told the story) "A few years ago they stopped doing that because there were enough adult cranes in the population that know the migration route."

Very few of the cranes now go all the way to Florida, Bresnihan said. Most will stop in Indiana, Tennessee or Alabama for the winter. About 30 cranes stay in Indiana, primarily in the Goose Pond area. They will stay about December through March. They utilize the wetlands around Goose Pond and the farming fields.

"They love to spend time in the harvested cornfields," she explained. "They find old grain and insects; they're omnivorous so (they eat) pretty much anything they can get their beaks on."

Once they get back to their nesting grounds, the birds always lay two eggs but usually only one will hatch, Bresnihan said. When mature, the birds are white with a red patch on their forehead, black mustaches, and legs, and black wing tips visible in flight, while immatures are rusty cinnamon, she said.

"They can only raise one chick at a time so after the first one hatches they typically abandon the nest," Bresnihan said. "The second egg is kind of an insurance policy."

A bird this rare and unusual draws a lot of attention. Every winter ICF has a temporary employee in Indiana and Alabama, such as Bresnihan, to do education and outreach. So as not to disturb the birds, ICF advises visitors to not get any closer than 200 meters.

"You should view them with binoculars or a spotting scope," Bresnihan said.

The Goose Pond birds are often easily visible from a safe distance. Birders can check at the visitors' center to see if they are on the property.

Jenny Stewart, Goose Pond naturalist, saw a family of three there. One is a

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Land-grant universities create online platform to assist farmers

LEXINGTON, Ky. – The University of Kentucky College of Agriculture, Food and Environment is joining other land-grant institutions to bring a new online platform to assist farmers in improving their on-farm practices. In conjunction with Mississippi State University, the University of Wisconsin-Madison, University of Arkansas and University of Illinois, the platform allows farmers to access and submit videos and podcasts aimed at getting started and having success with soil health and regenerative practices.

One Good Idea was created to increase farmer-to-farmer learning about methods to improve soil, land and finances. Topics cover an array of subjects such as cover crops, conservation tillage, rotational grazing and nutrient management.

"One Good Idea is a great spot for farmers to learn from other farmers about what has worked or hasn't, as well as benefits from certain practices," said Amanda Gumbert, UK extension specialist for water quality. "Farmers are generally less hesitant to try practices recommended by other farmers. We don't really interfere. We just step back and let the farmers do the talking. We want to make it easier for farmers to connect and learn from each other."

One Good Idea accepts video or idea submissions from farmers or organizations eager to share how they implement soil health and regenerative methods on their operations to assist other farm-

ers considering similar practices. These submissions are then verified by extension professionals to ensure validity before posting to the website.

"This new platform is laid out where you can find information based on specific crops and location," Gumbert said. "So, for instance, you can narrow down videos and podcasts to those specifically about topics such as forages or soybeans or vegetables. There is also a search bar where farmers can type in the subject they are hoping to learn more about. You can also pull recommendations and advice from farmers only from certain states, so producers can specifically see what is working in their area."

To further promote idea sharing among producers, One Good Idea is running a social media campaign with the hashtag #WhatsYourGoodIdea on Facebook and Twitter. Gumbert is encouraging farmers and agriculture industry professionals, such as extension agents, farm advisors and conservation professionals, to participate.

Those wishing to learn more about the program can visit <http://www.goodideafarm.org>.

One Good Idea is a project of SERA-46, a committee that includes the land-grant universities involved in the project and is focused on research and extension to improve water quality in the Mississippi River Basin and shrink the Hypoxic Zone in the Gulf of Mexico. Funding from the U.S. EPA made One Good Idea possible.



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Cranes

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juvenile, which she also saw last year. “You can tell he’s still a baby but he has grown a lot. He is still orangey-rusty looking,” Stewart said. “There are nine of

them here.” Added Bresnihan: “If you are driving around the area and see them in the farming fields you should stay as far away as possible. If you get out of your car to get a look at them and you notice them starting to flap their wings or if one of them takes off – you’re too close.”

The cranes raised in captivity never see or hear an actual person except in a crane costume, so they’re not accustomed to people, Bresnihan said. “And we don’t want them to be; it is safer for them if they’re not. In captivity, they may be tossed grapes or corn by people in crane costumes because we do need to band them at some point and they will all be fitted with a transmitter.”

These birds depend on the fields after they have been farmed, Bresnihan said. They’re looking for grain and insects. ICF works with farmers and land owners to help them know how they can help the birds. Since the birds draw a lot of attention, ICF will provide signage, such as private property signs.

“I hope that people will know that here in the Midwest we do have whooping cranes,” Bresnihan said. “We brought them back but we’re hoping that they’ll have a survival story like the bald eagles.”

ICF is a private organization funded by donations and memberships. The



Above: Whooping cranes have distinctive black wing tips when seen in flight. Photos by Emily Chester.

organization’s goal is to preserve all 15 crane species and their habitats across the globe.

For more information visit www.savingcranes.org. Interested land owners in the Goose Pond area can contact Hillary Thompson, ICF, at hthompson@savingcranes.org.



Above: People are visiting Goose Pond in Indiana to see the Whooping cranes.

Below: Whooping cranes can be shy. Photographers are urged to use long lenses so they can stay far enough away from the birds so as to not scare them.



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Wisconsin farmers hoping schools will buy local to fill food needs

MADISON, Wis. (AP) – School districts across the state are reporting problems getting the foods they need to make student meals. Some Wisconsin farmers see the supply chain problems as an opportunity to show food service directors the benefits of buying locally produced foods.

Kat Becker, owner of Cattail Organics vegetable farm in Athens, said her farm has tried to help local school districts respond to the changing needs of students throughout the coronavirus pandemic.

When students were sent home for virtual learning in 2020, she sold lettuce and other vegetables to the Wausau School District for family meal kits.

More recently, Becker said many of the districts she works with have dramatically increased their orders for certain items as their normal food service vendors experience the same supply chain problems seen by industries nationwide, Wisconsin Public Radio reported.

As an example, she points to the Abbotsford and Spencer school districts, which she said share food services and have bought lettuce from her husband's organic vegetable business for years.

"When they saw supply chains shift, they had to rearrange their whole salad bar, and so their purchases for a given week were like triple or four times what they had been in the past," Becker said. "Part of that was also many food service directors trying to get more food on site, especially fresh food from local farms that they knew could last several weeks, rather than trying to depend on distributors who were basically showing up and saying, 'Well, half of your order isn't here.'"

John Swanson, food service director for Southern Door County School District, said his orders have shown up late or been missing items this year, sometimes forcing him to substitute foods "on the fly."

He said chicken has been his most difficult item to find this year. He usually buys ready-to-eat items like chicken nuggets or patties through the USDA's Foods in Schools program.

"We're not getting any of those in this year, so then we have to start to try to think of other items to run in its place," Swanson said. "Other chicken products you're trying to get from your vendor – like Sysco, Reinhart, US Foods, whatever vendor the school is using – a lot of those are backordered or the price is just becoming really expensive."

Swanson said sometimes schools are able to turn to local food producers to fill in the gaps. His district has built a relationship with a local beef producer over the years to get competitively priced ground beef.

But using fresh products instead of processed foods doesn't always work for schools. Most districts had limited capacity to prepare fresh foods before the pandemic and the current labor shortage has compounded the issue.

"We go through 70 pounds of baby carrots a day. So, in order to get fresh carrots to subsidize that from a local farmer, to try to peel the carrots and then to cut them up, would take a couple of hours, and we just don't have the labor to do it," Swanson said. "When we do local procurement, we really have to think about the time restraints ... and we kind of just pick and choose when we're going to do it."

Kara Ignasiack, nutrition education consultant for the state Department of Public Instruction, said this is a common barrier she hears from schools when talking to them about buying local. She works with AmeriCorps Wisconsin members to help local schools increase their buying of local foods. But Ignasiack said the process can take time.

"It's a lot easier to buy through their regular distributors because it's easy, quick online versus buying local from a farmer takes relationship building and extra time that food service directors don't always have," Ignasiack said.

She said some schools are so short-handed in their kitchens this year that food service directors are having to fill in on lunch lines to get students served.

Ignasiack's program launched the AmeriCorps Wisconsin Local Foods Database in early 2021, creating lists of schools interested in buying locally and farms hoping to sell to them as a way to speed up that relationship building. She said they've seen quite a bit of interest from both sides this year, but it's hard to know how much has been related to the current supply chain problems.

Regardless of why they want to buy local, Ignasiack is hoping these relationships will last for years to come.

"We really do hope that once some of these supply chain issues go away that that established relationship will be able to easily keep on going," she said.

Swanson said prior to the pandemic, his school did a lot more to celebrate locally-sourced foods, like creating theme menus featuring a vegetable or doing farm-to-school events where each menu item came from a local farm. But much of that has fallen to the wayside as his staff focused on following COVID-19 safety protocols in the lunchroom.

"It's difficult for us to get through a normal day at this point in time, let alone try to plan special events. But we still do a few here and there," Swanson said.

He said the price of food is the other factor that can determine whether a school is interested in buying local. For example, Swanson said local apples in the fall cost the same as coming from a food vendor and the quality is much better. But vegetables are almost always more expensive in his experience.

Becker said she knows that pricing can be an issue for her school customers. She said some schools who are short on staff have been willing to pay more for easy-to-serve products like salad mix instead of having to process heads of lettuce. At the start of the school year, Becker said prices for locally grown cucumbers and cherry tomatoes are often comparable to or cheaper than what distributors can offer.

"It really varies in terms of what school district you're talking to, the amount of money they spend on produce right now and then how they do their budgeting," Becker said. "We're at a moment right now because of universal school lunch that some districts have more money than they've ever had on hand. Which means that they are free to buy more or better quality fresh produce."

The USDA has helped schools provide free meals to all students this year by making school meal programs more flexible and increased reimbursement rates available through June 2022.

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Macaroni and cheese is the ultimate comfort food

Macaroni and cheese has been a popular dish for centuries and it has a rich history to go along with its rich flavors. Macaroni is derived from the Sicilian term for kneading dough forcefully with energy, as early pasta making was often a laborious, day-long process. Native to Sicily, many pasta recipes still include typically Middle Eastern ingredients, such as raisins and cinnamon, which may trace back to medieval recipes.

Recipes for pasta and cheese have been found in early cookbooks in both France and England. One of the first recipes was recorded in a cookbook titled “The Forme of Cury,” featuring fresh, hand-cut pasta, sandwiched between a mixture of melted butter and cheese. A more modern recipe for macaroni and cheese was found in “The Experienced French Housekeeper.” This recipe featured a bechamel sauce with cheddar cheese, which is mixed with macaroni, sprinkled with parmesan, and baked until bubbly and golden. This method is the foundation for many of today’s macaroni and cheese recipes.

By the late 1780s, legend has it, macaroni and cheese was already popular fare at church potlucks or even graced the dinner table at Thomas Jefferson’s Monticello. But more accurate information states that a recipe for macaroni and cheese was found in an 1824 cookbook titled “The Virginia Housewife,” written by Mary Randolph. This cookbook was the bible for early 19th century cooks. This recipe featured three ingredients: macaroni, cheese, and butter, layered together and baked in an oven.

The industrial revolution made ingredients for the comfort food more affordable to working-class families. And by the mid-1930s the familiar blue box with macaroni and cheese made its way onto dinner tables across the country. It was popular because it was a one-pot meal that was inexpensive, fast, and filling.

Although National Macaroni and Cheese Day is celebrated on July 14, there is just something about the rich, creamy pasta and cheese, that warms you up and makes you feel happy any day of the year. This week, Cook Simply features four easy recipes for macaroni and cheese, from a slow cooker recipe to an easy tasty skillet mac and cheese recipe. Until next time, Simply Cook.

Baked Macaroni and Cheese

12 ounces of macaroni, cooked according to package directions
1 tablespoon butter
1 large onion, finely chopped
2 cups 2 percent milk
2 tablespoon flour
½ teaspoon salt
¼ pepper
6 ounces sharp Cheddar cheese
16 ounces low fat cottage cheese
2 teaspoon Dijon mustard
¼ cup grated Parmesan cheese
1 tablespoon dried bread crumbs
Preheat the oven to 375 degrees and coat a 13” x 9” baking dish with non-stick cooking spray. Cook the macaroni according to package directions for about 10 minutes or until firm, but tender. Drain and rinse with cool water and drain again. In a medium non-stick sauce pan, melt the butter, add the onion and cook until the onion is tender about 5 minutes. Combine ½ cup milk and flour and mix well. Stir the milk and flour mixture into the saucepan with the onions, add salt, pepper and remaining



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milk. Cook over medium heat for 12 to 15 minutes, until the mixture is slightly thickened, stirring occasionally. Remove the mixture from heat and add cheddar cheese. Puree cottage cheese and Dijon mustard in a blender until smooth. Add the cottage cheese mixture to the cheese mixture. Stir in the drained macaroni and spoon into the prepared baking dish. Combine the breadcrumbs and parmesan cheese and sprinkle over the macaroni mixture evenly. Bake for 35 minutes or until the dish is bubbly.

Slow Cooker Macaroni and Cheese

8 ounces elbow macaroni
1/4 cup unsalted butter
16 ounces sharp cheddar cheese, shredded
1 1/2 cups low-fat milk
12 ounces evaporated milk
1 teaspoon Dijon mustard
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/8 teaspoon pepper
1/2 cup Greek yogurt
1. Cook the pasta in boiling salted water to al dente, about 6-7 minutes, then drain and set aside.
2. In a medium saucepan, heat the butter and cheese on medium-low heat and stir until completely melted.
3. Lightly spray a slow cooker with nonstick cooking spray and add the melted cheese and butter mixture, cooked noodles, milk, evaporated milk, mustard, salt, and pepper. Stir to combine and cook covered on low for 2-2½ hours, stirring occasionally, until the noodles are tender and the sauce has thickened.
4. Add the Greek yogurt and stir until completely combined. Turn off the slow cooker and serve hot. Cooking time 2 hours. Serves 12.
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Skillet Macaroni and Cheese

¼ cup butter
1 cup chopped onion
1 tablespoon flour
1 ½ teaspoon salt
½ teaspoon oregano

8 ounces elbow macaroni
3 ½ cups milk
2 cups shredded cheese (Can use mild or sharp)
In a large skillet, melt butter, add onion and oregano. Saute onion until tender. Stir in flour, salt and pepper. Add macaroni and milk. Cover and bring to a boil, reduce heat, and simmer for about 15 minutes or until macaroni is tender, stirring occasionally. Add cheese and stir until cheese is melted. Do not boil. (I add a little more milk to keep the mixture creamy and not let it get sticky.)

Guilt Free Macaroni and Cheese

8 ounces elbow macaroni, cooked according to package directions and drained.
1 ½ tablespoon flour
½ teaspoon salt
½ teaspoon paprika
¼ black pepper
1/8 teaspoon red pepper
1 large onion, finely chopped
1 clove garlic, minced
2 cups 2% milk
2 cups reduced at sharp cheddar cheese
8 ounces fat-free sour cream
1 slice rye bread, crumbled
Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Coat a 2-quart baking dish with non-

stick cooking spray. In a small bowl, combine the flour, salt, paprika, black and red pepper. In a medium saucepan, melt butter, over low heat. Add onion and garlic, cook until tender, about 8 to 10 minutes. Add the flour mixture, stirring constantly for about 3 minutes. Gradually add the milk and cook the mixture until smooth and slightly thickened for about 8 to 10 minutes, stirring constantly. Remove the mixture from the heat and add the cheddar cheese. Stir until the cheese is melted. Place the pasta in a large bowl, add the sour cream and mix well. Pour the cheese sauce over the macaroni and mix well. Spoon the pasta into the prepared baking dish. Sprinkle with bread crumbs. Coat lightly with cooking spray. Bake in preheated oven for 20 to 25 minutes or until bubbly. Serves 8.



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Volunteers are raising oysters along U.S. coasts

BAY ST. LOUIS, Miss. (AP) – It's time to agitate the oysters at St. Stanislaus High School on Mississippi's Gulf coast.

Students on a platform below the school's long pier gently shake their oyster garden's wire cages as they pull them from the water, loosening mud and algae that might keep water and nutrients from baby oysters clinging to those shells.

These students in Bay St. Louis are part of a volunteer force along U.S. coasts that's raising oysters from translucent spat the width of a soda straw to hard-shelled bivalves that can help restore depleted reefs.

Oyster reefs are a keystone of coastal ecosystems. Each oyster filters 25 to 50 gallons of water a day. Spat glue themselves to larger oysters and grow. The reefs provide habitat for shrimp, crabs and fish and protect shorelines.

In Maryland, Virginia, Mississippi and Alabama alone, there are more than 1,000 oyster gardens, most in wire cages hanging from private docks or open-topped floats tied to them.

Dennis Hatfield, of Gulf Shores, Ala., said he is struck each summer by the number of crabs, fish, shrimp, sponges and other animals he clears from his cages on Little Lagoon.

"I feel very positive we are creating habitat in the lagoon," he said, adding that many of the 50,000 to 55,000 adult oysters grown there each year go to reefs in Mobile Bay.

In the 1950s, an average of 37,400 tons of oysters were taken annually from brackish waters nationwide. But overharvesting, pollution, parasites, smothering sediment and other problems saw U.S. oyster harvests

fall 68 percent to about 11,900 tons a year in the 1990s, federal figures show.

Commercial farmers around the country grow oysters near the surface because they mature much faster where the water holds more of the plankton they eat and predators can be more easily removed.

Oyster gardening uses the same techniques on a smaller scale. But the oysters aren't being grown for the half-shell or deep fryer.

It's as much education as restoration, said Bob Stokes, director of the Galveston Bay Foundation in Texas. Volunteers become "engaged about caring about the bay they live on," he said.

When the Little Lagoon oysters were collected, more than 20 big plastic "shrimp baskets" held clumps of oysters.

Big enough to spawn next spring, they're now on reefs being restored for fishing or reserved to hold brood stock for future generations, with no harvest allowed.

In the Mississippi Sound, heavy rains through spring and summer were hard on baby oysters. Most shells in the cages set out in late June at St. Stanislaus held only silt in mid-November, and surviving juveniles were generally less than an inch long.

"When you find one with an oyster, put it aside so you don't count them twice," cautioned Rayne Palmer, an Auburn University graduate student who runs the Mississippi-Alabama Sea Grant's gardening program in Mississippi.

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Winter

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I was feeling very frustrated come December. I felt I was the only one experiencing such things. I felt I'd let the bees down by not feeding heavily in the fall. Yes, for the most part, my hives were heavy at the beginning of November, but as a beekeeper, I always wonder what else I could have done.

And then I began reading through social media beekeeping groups in my area of the state and find I am not alone. One veteran beekeeper who is more successful than anyone I've come across appears to be in a panic. One of those warm December days found him lifting the backs of hives to measure their weight. Finding them lighter than they should have been prompted him to lift a few lids and look at the supplement sugar cakes. Theses cakes meant to be a fallback food source the bees should not need

to access until at least the beginning of March – they were already half gone.

I needed foot surgery and scheduled it for the first week of January. I am currently writing this with my left foot elevated with an ice pack under my knee. I get my walking boot tomorrow, and should be in a shoe by the first week of February. Any other year, this would be fine. Now I sit here knowing my bees might be running out of food. Stressful? Yes!

My grocery order for the week included two 25lb bags of sugar. I will be spending the next few days making more sugar boards to be at the ready for another 45-plus degree sunny day so possibly my husband and I can get in the bees to give them more food.

Usually our winters are filled with putting together new frames, making hive boxes and updating our Instagram and Facebook pages. This winter it will all be about watching the weather, making supplement feed, and hoping for the best. Beekeeping is always an adventure!



Above: The back apiary at the beginning of the 2022. No snow in sight, but at least the colder air made its way to Ohio.

Volunteers

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Empty shells also go onto reefs, said Letha Boudreaux, head of the marine biology program at St. Stanislaus. Oyster shells are the hard surface spat prefer, and entire artificial reefs are made from recycled shells. The Galveston Bay program puts mesh bags holding recycled shells into the water to attract spat and give them a head start. Oyster gardening started in the late 1990s around the Chesapeake Bay, where harvests had plummeted 90 percent in two decades. The Mississippi-Alabama Sea Grant's oyster gardening program, modeled on the Chesapeake's, started in Alabama in 2001 as master's thesis research.

"It makes me really happy to see that it took off and people are still doing it" in Alabama, said Kimberly Henderson Hedrick, who won a Gulf Guardian Award in 2004 as head of Alabama's Shellfish Restoration Project. She now teaches in the Indiana farm town where she grew up. The Chesapeake Bay oysters were beset by two highly lethal parasitic diseases, in addition to other problems. Declines in the second half of the 1900s followed an even more drastic crash in the 1920s from rampant overharvesting, said Chris Moore, senior ecosystem scientist for the Chesapeake Bay Foundation. Gardeners in the foundation and its member groups have added at least 15 million oysters in Maryland and 1 million in Virginia, Moore said. Virginia's Tidewater Oyster

Gardeners Association members grow oysters to eat as well as to plant. Tidewater hasn't been able to collect data on reef contributions, but president emeritus Vic Spain thinks it's probably at least 500,000 a year. An umbrella group called the Chesapeake Oyster Alliance has set a goal of 10 billion added oysters by 2025. "Wish us luck, that's gonna be tough," Spain wrote in an email. Dozens of schools and community groups around New York Harbor have similar projects as part of the Billion Oyster Project, spokeswoman Helene Hetrick said in an email. The project does not call them "oyster gardens" because the harbor's oysters are unsafe to eat and the goal is not food but restoration, she said. Oyster gardens get pulled from the water every week to 10 days to clear out critters, keep oysters from

growing through the cage mesh, and dry out and clean off algae and seaweed growing on the wire. It can take oysters three to four years to reach adulthood in the Chesapeake, and a year to 18 months in raised cages. In Mobile Bay and in Mississippi, it may take only four to five months to have oysters ready to transplant, said P.J. Waters, an Auburn University extension associate professor who oversees Alabama's oyster gardening at Mississippi-Alabama Sea Grant. Colin Wood, one of two student interns who maintain the St. Stanislaus garden, collect data and supervise other students – not for pay but for a credit on their transcripts – said he was excited by the hands-on aspect. "I didn't realize oysters had a big impact on the environment," he said.

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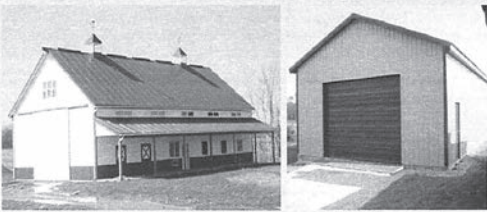
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UK study looks at improving bat habitat

CLAYHOLE, Ky. – In the University of Kentucky’s Robinson Forest, there are small, harvested openings scattered across the landscape. The openings are part of a College of Agriculture, Food and Environment study designed to create improved bat habitat.

With the support of The Forestland Group, the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Kentucky Division of Forestry, the project is investigating three forest management alternatives to determine which, if any, will provide the optimum environment for several imperiled bat species that live in forests during the summer, raising their young.

Researchers are collecting data on the effectiveness of flyways and small openings for the bats. Flyways are paths in which the bats traverse the woods allowing them to easily fly through the small openings where they can easily forage for insects each night. Providing these flyways and openings in the hillsides allows the bats to fly more freely and feed more effectively. Scattered openings allow more sunlight to reach tree trunks, warming the young nestled in cavities or beneath the bark. The methods should also produce greater insect diversity, which is beneficial to both the bats and the landscape. Protecting the food helps protect the bat.

The study involves three areas in Eastern Kentucky: UK’s Robinson Forest, Kentucky Ridge State Forest in Bell County and The Forestland Group’s land in Breathitt County. The multiple sites will help researchers draw conclusions at the end of the project that could be applied to a wider geographic region.

“Bats are critical, but unfortunately, we’ve got two species of bats here in Eastern Kentucky which are in trouble. Those are the northern long-eared bat and the Indiana bat,” said Jeff Stringer, chair of the UK Department of Forestry and Natural Resources and a co-principal investigator of the study. “Besides the natural repercussions this has on the environment with a decline in both species, it can also have a negative impact on forest operations such as timber harvesting.”

Stringer said the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service wants to make sure the habitats are preserved and to minimize potential harm to a threatened species.

“I believe that we can both use the forests for all the benefits they provide us and improve habitat for bats at the same time,” he said.

Stringer said one of the most interesting things he’s learned from the project since its inception is that they can conduct timber harvesting while protecting forest-dwelling bats and that, if properly designed, a timber harvest can improve the habitat for a wide range of bat species.

The long-eared and Indiana bats are survivors of white nose syndrome, a disease that is devastating bat populations around the nation. Since first evidence of the disease first showed up in North America in 2006, millions of bats have died when the cold-adapted, white fungus, *Pseudogymnoascus destructans*, infected the skin of their muzzles, ears and wings during the critical hibernation period. According to the U.S. Forest Service, at least 5.5 million bats have died from white nose syndrome in the country. Several species

are federally listed as threatened and endangered, and a number of other forest dwelling bats are headed in the same direction. Many spend their summers in Kentucky’s forests.

Bats benefit the ecosystem by their ability to consume large amounts of insects. A single little brown bat may eat 600 mosquitoes in an hour using its tail and wing membranes. They are also the only major predator of night-flying insects.

Bats are globally important, controlling spread of insect-borne diseases and pollinating and dispersing seed. They are also used by medical researchers to help develop vaccines and drugs, navigation aids for the blind and low-temperature surgical techniques.

Though many bat species spend colder months in caves, some species, such as the northern long-eared and Indiana bats, actually use forests for summer roosting and rearing young. Both of these native Kentucky species have been severely impacted by the disease. In 2015, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service listed the northern long-eared bat as threatened under the federal Endangered Species Act.

“From a forest management perspective, the fact that these bats are threatened means that we’ll have to stop doing a lot of the timber work we are doing,” said Alex Finkral, chief forester of The Forestland Group, one of the largest owners of private forest land in the United States. “This got us to thinking that we don’t actually know a lot about what bats are doing and what kinds of structural attributes and forests they need or like.”







Finkral said that previous mentalities were that bats were best left alone, and that keeping their habitat as-is was the best thing to do for the threatened species. It turns out that these understandings may be an oversimplification of a complex issue.

“The assumption that not altering their habitat struck us a little funny,” Finkral said. “Most wildlife species have evolved and adapted to tens of thousands of years of natural disturbances, such as fire and windstorms here in Kentucky. So, what would happen if we tried controlling the growth and structure of the forest in ways that would actually help the bats? We learn more to make the best decisions for the bats.”

Researchers will use the results to develop treatments using variable retention harvest methods. There is an intact “non-harvested” control site at each location. The other two treatments will retain the large trees that bats prefer for roosting and raising young, either selectively harvesting trees in a uniform pattern throughout the landscape or focusing harvests to create small openings in the forest canopy. Researchers hope these treatments will improve bat habitat and help bat populations of the two species in Eastern Kentucky forests.

“This is an important issue,” Stringer said. “We want to do the right thing. We want to do what is best for endangered species. We have an obligation to the environmental resources in addition to what is best for the farming and forest industries here in Kentucky. I think this research will be able to help both now and in the long run, and I am looking forward to the future of this project.”

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Company uses black solder flies to produce protein for animal feed

By Celeste Baumgartner
Ohio Correspondent

MAYSVILLE, Ky. – Can bugs feed the world? EnviroFlight (R) thinks so. EnviroFlight is the first black soldier fly (BSF) commercial facility in the United States, said Carrie Kuball, the company’s vice president of sales and marketing. The EnviroFlight uses the BSF larvae to produce protein for animal feed and pet food.

“BSFs are native to all continents except Antarctica,” Kuball said. “They are not pests. They don’t bite or carry disease. You will find them typically in the summer in your compost piles. They don’t buzz. They don’t fly fast; they kind of fly lazily or float around.” BSFs are pollinators, Kuball said. As flies, they’ll be in the garden around flowers. In the larval stage, they’re in compost in the wild.

“They are always eaten in the larval stage as well,” Kuball said. “Chickens are a great example. When you see chickens out scratching in compost or in the yard, they are looking for little grub-type insects in the ground and that is what the black soldier fly larva is. They are a natural food item to a lot of animals.”

EnviroFlight chose to use BSFs because they grow rapidly and don’t require a lot of space. They can raise them in vertically stacked trays on a small footprint of land.

“That gives us the ability to raise a lot of insects in a relatively small amount of space,” Kuball said. “From egg to larval stage they can be commercially raised in as little as 15 to 20 days.”

The larvae dine on food manufacturers’ leftover by-products,

including, since the company is in the middle of bourbon country, distillers grains, all of which is keeping food waste out of landfills. Once the larvae have reached the right size and age, the company processes them by heat drying. They can be sold whole, as dried larvae, or processed into a high protein meal or oil product.

“We produce those three ingredients and we sell those three ingredients to manufacturers and pet food companies,” Kuball said. “Right now we have about 70 employees and that number has more than doubled in the last two years. We’re rapidly growing. Part of that is because we just opened the commercial facility a few years ago, part of it is because of the interest in the United States for the insect industry.”

It’s only recently that an insect ingredient has been approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration for use in animal feed. That started with aqua culture, then poultry, and now swine and pet food. EnviroFlight has led the industry in producing the data that’s required to prove that black soldier fly ingredients are safe and effective for animal feeds.

EnviroFlight opened a pilot plant in 2008 in Yellow Springs, Ohio, and the first commercial facility in 2019 in Kentucky. They have a new research and development center and corporate office opening in North Carolina this summer.

“Harnessing the power of the fly will help us feed the animals that will ultimately feed our rapidly growing population,” said the company’s webpage.

For information, visit www.enviroflight.net.



Above: Once the larvae have reached the right size and age, the company processes them by heat drying. They can be sold as whole, dried larvae or processed into a high protein meal or oil product.



Above: BSFs are native to all continents except Antarctica. They are not pests. They don’t bite or carry disease. And, they are pollinators. Photos courtesy of EnviroFlight.



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Fully autonomous tractor from John Deere to hit market later this year

By Stan Maddux
Indiana Correspondent

LAS VEGAS – John Deere is coming out with a fully autonomous precision tractor available for sale to farmers beginning later this year.

The 40,000-pound Deere 8R tractor runs continuously until it needs more fuel – every eight to 10 hours – making it ready for large scale commercial production, officials with the company revealed Jan. 5 during the annual Consumers Electronics Show in Las Vegas.

“The tractor always knows where it is and where it has authorization to be,” said Willy Pell, vice president of autonomy and new ventures for the Moline, Ill.-based company founded in 1837.

Billed as the next revolution in agriculture, the tractor uses sensors and other technology not only to drive itself but place seeds at exactly the same distance apart to maximize the potential of each plant, said Jorge Heraud, vice president of automation and autonomy for John Deere.

Heraud said other features of the tractor include sprayers equipped with cameras that can distinguish crops from weeds and apply weed killer just where it's needed.

“We can save about 80 percent of the amount a farmer would regularly use,” he said.

The tractor can also be used for more precise tilling and harvesting.

The autonomous machine billed as



Above: John Deere expects a new autonomous tractor to hit the market for farmers later this year. Photos Provided by John Deere

user friendly can simply be placed on the field and started with a simple left to right swipe of a cell phone screen. Farmers can then leave and use their cell phones, laptops or computers tied into the John Deere Operations Center to make sure the tractor is operating where it's supposed to and doing the task effectively.

Time is then freed up for farmers to take care of other work-related responsibilities or enjoy their families and other forms of leisure.

According to company officials, cell phones and other devices can also be used for things like changing the speed at which the tractor is traveling.

Pell said the tractors, as they're operating, also collect data farmers can review during the off season and use for better decision making for higher yields the following year.

“These machines are recording data about every individual seed and plant in



Above: An autonomous tractor by John Deere will be going into commercial production soon for sale to farmers later this year.

the field. Every single pass this tractor makes matters. It's recording and creating a digital footprint of the farm,” he said.

Farmers will also be notified about any breakdowns in the health or performance of the machine.

Deanna Kovar, vice president of production and precision agriculture for John Deere, said automation is becoming increasingly critical to maximize yields because of manpower shortages on farms that can reduce efficiency and quality of work.

The average age of a farmer – over

55 – magnifies the difficulties from a workforce stretched too thin that the tractor can help solve.

“To grow a healthy, abundant crop many of the jobs on the farm need to be done in a very specific time window during a season and given the lack of labor in many years there's simply not enough hours in a day for everything to get done to get the most out of the land,” she said.

Kovar said the automated tractor can also detect soil types and changes in elevation to automatically make any

(Tractor continued on page 3B)

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I must be the biggest sucker in America. I was taught to save my money ever since first grade when those of us with the means deposited 50 cents per month in a savings account on which we received 5 ½ percent interest. The interest rate never changed. So, I've been a lifelong saver and haven't owed anybody any money since we paid off our house 30 years ago. We have one credit card and pay it off in full every month. I've never been unemployed and I'm still working at 70. My wife started as a cashier in a grocery store when she was 16 and spent 30 years in that capacity. She can out-work an entire county road crew. We've never owned more than two vehicles at a time, had no car payments and drove our rigs until the wheels fell off. So, we thought we had enough money saved in case we both require long term care in our golden years, but currently we are being paid three tenths of one percent on CD's, which is well below the fake inflation rate. Now our hard-earned wealth is being devalued by the same government who encouraged us to save it.

Compare our financial plan to that of a friend we've known for 40 years. Starting from nothing he now owns 28 rental houses and several apartment buildings. He'd buy a house, build up some equi-

ty and use that to borrow enough for a down payment on another house. Our friend never saved a penny and just used OPM, (other people's money) to buy California real estate. He doesn't play in other fields about which he knows nothing so he never sent his money to the Big Casino on Wall Street. Despite being 80 he's still doing it and with today's fed rate at effectively zero he's buying more real estate than ever, which he'll pass down to his son. Although he's a paper gazillionaire his liquid assets consist of two gold teeth. He told me that a couple years ago a thief broke into his house and started searching for money and he got up and started searching with him. So tell me, who's been the investment ignoramus?

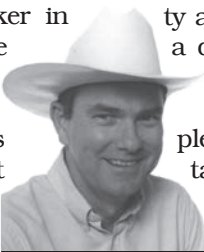
Have you been shopping lately? I haven't been in a grocery store since COVID began because you never know who's been squeezing the peaches, but my wife allows me to go to the hardware store as long as I don't buy anything. On a recent trip I had a terrible case of sticker shock. They wanted \$60 for one sheet of plywood, two by fours were a dollar a foot, one 3" stainless steel bolt was \$3.95 and a Milwaukee® reciprocating saw blade was \$16! (Thankfully I have 500 of them which I bought at an estate sale for three dollars). Since I buy my clothes at the hardware store I was shocked to see a Carhartt® sweatshirt was \$54. On the way home I paid \$4.99 per gallon for the lowest octane gas.

Look around. A new pickup will cost you \$75,000 and a used combine can easily cost half a million. I needed some extra-long railroad ties so I bid \$60 for six of them on an online auction. They sold for \$200. I'd like a new dog and have my heart set on a Basset Hound but the nearest breeder wants \$1,500 for one pup. At the current rate of real inflation, I'm afraid the dollar store (which now sells everything for \$1.25) will soon be the \$20 bill store.

I inherited the first dollar Grandpa made in business which he framed in a picture frame that probably cost him 10 cents at Woolworths. Today the frame is probably worth a dollar at a garage sale and the dollar is worth 10 cents. Yet our government says there's no need to worry about inflation.

All that time I was saving money for the future my own government was devaluing it as fast as their overheated printing presses could print it. I've been a fool. I should have been buying farmland, Bitcoin, ammunition, Amazon stock, rental houses, lottery tickets and Carhartt® sweatshirts. At the current rate of real inflation, next year a reciprocating blade will cost a wheelbarrow full of money.

I happen to have a few for sale but I don't want cash. Gold or silver only.
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By Lee Pitts

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HIGHLIGHTS:

- 2013 John Deere 9360R 4WD tractor, 3-pt. & PTO, 2,588 hours
- 2008 John Deere 9520 4WD tractor, 2,448 hours
- 2013 John Deere S670 2wd combine, 1,902/1,404 hours
- 2015 John Deere 635FD 35' flex draper head
- 2013 John Deere 608C 8 row 30" StalkMaster chopping corn head
- Unverferth AWS42 42' all-wheel-steer head trailer
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- 2020 John Deere 1775NT CCS 16 row 30" ExactEmerge high speed planter - loaded w/options!
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- M&W 1710 EarthMaster 7-shank disc-ripper
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- Case-IH Magnum 275 MFWD tractor, 3,232 hours
- International 5288 2wd tractor, 7,618 hours
- Case-IH 2355 loader, 7' material bucket
- Case-IH 2388 2wd combine, 3,079 eng./2,043 sep. hours
- Case-IH 1020 30' platform
- Case-IH 1083 8 row 30" corn head
- Unverferth HT30 30' head cart
- Case-IH 1250 16 row 30" planter
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Tractor

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necessary adjustments for maintaining high performance no matter what the task.

"I like to think of this autonomous 8R tractor as one giant robot," she said.

Kovar said the autonomous tractor is also a solution for maximizing the health of crops in a changing climate to feed the population of a world projected to grow from about 8 billion to nearly 10 billion by 2050.

She said more autonomy on the farm is also key to feeding the world because of other hurdles like continued labor shortages anticipated from fewer people choosing agriculture as a career.

"Autonomy is not a convenience on the farm. It's a necessity to get the jobs done today and into the future," Kovar said.

NMPF economist predicts 2022 dairy prices will be at 8 year high

After lowering estimates for 2021 and 2022 milk production for six consecutive months, the Agriculture Department left its latest projection unchanged in the Jan. 12 World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates (WASDE) report.

2021 production and marketings remain at 226.2 and 225.2 billion pounds respectively. If realized, 2021 production would be up 3.0 billion pounds or 1.3% from 2020.

2022 production and marketings remain at 227.7 and 226.6 billion pounds respectively. If realized, 2022 production would be up 1.5 billion pounds or 0.7% from 2021.

Cheese, butter, nonfat dry milk, and whey price forecasts were raised from last month on firm domestic demand and tight supplies. The 2022 cheese price average was projected at \$1.8750 per pound, up from the 2021 average of \$1.6755. Butter is expected to average \$2.30 per pound, up from the 2021 average of \$1.7325.

Class III and Class IV milk prices were raised on the higher product prices. Look for a 2022 Class III average at \$19.65, up \$1.50 from last month's estimate, and compares to \$17.08 in 2021 and \$18.16 in 2020. The Class IV average was projected at \$20.90, also up \$1.90 from last month's estimate, and compares to \$16.09 in 2021 and \$13.49 in 2020.

Dairy prices were mixed the second week of 2022. The Cheddar blocks climbed to \$2.0525 per pound Wednesday, highest since Nov. 12, 2020, and but dropped from there to a Friday close at \$1.92, down 7.5 cents on the week, and 9 cents above a year ago.

Spot milk availability for cheesemakers varies in the Central region, according to Dairy Market News. Some say milk offers are quiet and there is a general sense of balanced supplies. Still, holiday level discounts were being offered in other parts; in some cases, the discounts were due to neighboring plants being shorthanded. Bottling was also starting to affect milk availability as a growing number of cheesemakers say they were being asked to resell milk into Class I. Reported higher culling rates are being blamed on harsh winter conditions and stronger beef prices, according to DMN, and there are expectations that milk accessibility will begin to decrease. Cheesemakers report mixed demand but markets are strong despite the wide gap between blocks and barrels. High market prices may slow overall demand, warned DMN, but contacts suggest "the short term picture is being painted with a bullish brush."

Butter climbed to \$2.8425 per pound Tuesday, highest since Dec. 7, 2015, but the rising star reversed

direction Wednesday and closed Friday at \$2.7250, down 1.75 cents on the week, but \$1.4350 above a year ago. 28 sales were reported.

Central butter churning is busy despite COVID related worker issues, even as cream supplies slowly tighten. Cream prices are slowly edging higher after the seasonal holiday abundance. Bulk butter is tight and end users are paying for it. Retail demand is keeping butter makers busy and market tones are "resolutely bullish," says DMN. International butterfat values are also climbing. Contacts expect market tones will sustain this pressure for longer than just the near term.

Grade A nonfat dry milk shot up to a Friday finish at \$1.8150 per pound, up 10.50 cents on the week, highest since June 25, 2014, and 61.50 cents above a year ago. 13 sales transpired on the week. The record CME price high is \$2.16 per pound on Dec. 5, 2007.

CME dry whey kept creeping higher and closed Friday at a new record high 77 cents per pound, up 1.25 cents on the week and 24 cents above a year ago, with 3 sales reported for the week.

Dairy analyst and editor of the Dairy and Food Market Analyst newsletter, Matt Gould, said in the Jan. 17 'Dairy Radio Now' broadcast that these higher dairy prices will likely be around for a while. He said COVID has kept new plants from being built so we won't have an increase in supply of cheese or whey products.

He added that feed prices have been high and margins very challenging, so "There is no wall of milk in the dairy universe right now. Milk is tight in the U.S., milk is tight in Europe and in New Zealand, and that's a recipe for high prices."

When asked if the resulting high milk prices will find their way to the farm and not be derailed like what happened in 2020 due to de-pooling and high producer price differentials, Gould answered; "This time around, farmers are definitely going to benefit." While he admitted there is a lag before they show up in the milk check, "The first half of 2022 is going to have pretty solid margins."

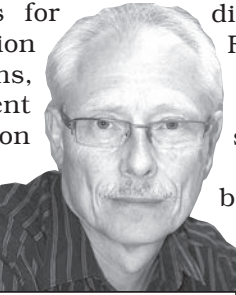
Lastly, the latest COVID surge has been particularly disruptive to all kinds of manufacturing plants, according to Gould, with employees calling in sick. Often entire shifts or a big part of a shift is not able to show up because of outbreaks, with some plants not even able to run due to the lack of employees.

StoneX Jan. 12 Early Morning Update echoed the sentiment; "The trend for dairy is up. But the takeaway from conversations around dairy products and prices is summed up in one word: chaos. And this isn't

just for dairy. Supply chains are chaotic." Store shelves are spotty, some well stocked others not. There are reports of better milk supply in some sheds and milk is starting to be offered under class, but there has reportedly been aggressive dumping of millions of pounds of milk in the Pacific Northwest due to weather,

trucking and labor issues. "There seems to be something new and unforeseen happening," warned StoneX. "This may be more normal than we give it credit for, but it highlights the potential for increased volatility on dairy markets now and in

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By Lee Mielke

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USDA offering disaster assistance to Kentucky farmers

By **DOUG SCHMITZ**
Iowa Correspondent

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The USDA announced Jan. 10 the agency is offering disaster assistance to Kentucky farmers who were impacted by the recent rash of tornadoes that touched down across the state last month.

“Production agriculture is vital to Kentucky’s economy, and the USDA stands ready to assist in the recovery from tornadoes and severe weather,” said Robert Bonnie, USDA Undersecretary for Farm Production and Conservation.

“USDA employees are working diligently to deliver the USDA’s extensive portfolio of disaster assistance programs and services to

all impacted agricultural producers,” he added.

On Dec. 10, 2021, a violent, long-tracked tornado moved across Western Kentucky, producing severe to catastrophic damage in numerous towns, including Mayfield, Princeton, Dawson Springs, and Bremen. On New Year’s Day, up to 10 tornadoes were reported in multiple Kentucky counties from storms across the state, according to the National Weather Service in Louisville, Ky.

The USDA said livestock producers may be eligible for the Livestock Indemnity Program, which provides benefits for livestock deaths in excess of normal mortality caused by adverse weather.

“Livestock producers who are contract growers (i.e., poultry and

swine) should work closely with their local Farm Service Agency office to determine program eligibility,” the USDA said.

Moreover, the Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees, and Farm-Raised Fish Program provides eligible producers with compensation for feed and grazing losses. Producers will need to file a notice of loss within 30 days; notices of honeybee losses must be filed

within 15 days.

In addition, eligible orchardists and nursery tree growers may be eligible for cost-share assistance through the Tree Assistance Program to replant or rehabilitate eligible trees, bushes or vines damaged by natural disasters. Applications must be filed within 90 days.

Dean Schamore, Farm Service

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The USDA announced Jan. 10 the agency is offering disaster assistance to Kentucky farmers that were impacted by the recent rash of tornadoes that touched down across the state last month and on New Year’s Day (photo courtesy of the National Weather Service in Louisville, Ky.).



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A look back at ice fishing from ‘Best of Spaulding’

(Excerpt from the book, “The Best Of Spaulding Outdoors”)

Having completely missed the opportunity for ice fishing last year, I was resolved to get out on the ice as soon as the weather conditions had produced enough of the “stiff stuff” to have the run of the pond in safety. Finally, nature complied with an arctic blast that produced the lowest temperatures of the century and followed with two weeks of bone-chilling below freezing cold.

Calling on a fishing partner of many years, my daughter Jacci, we were soon bundled up and had the van loaded with all of the necessary equipment.

Being careful to check the ice, I slammed the spud bar down on the surface while standing on the safety of the solid ground of the bank. Once, twice, and the spud bar broke through the ice.

With the daytime temperatures well below freezing for the past two weeks, most fishermen would have expected more ice than what we found.

The edge ice was slightly over 2 inches, and I carefully eased out to further investigate as I went. Knowing the pond was slow to accumulate good ice since it is spring-fed and well protected from the chill of the winter wind by high banks and limestone cliffs, I continued to carefully check as I progressed.

Further in toward the center of the pond, the ice had increased to well over 4 inches of sound thickness, more than adequate to support the weight of a couple of weekend anglers.

Giving Jacci the “all’s well,” I laid down the spud bar and returned to help carry out the equipment and tackle.

Scraping away at the snow, I outlined a 10-inch hole and began pounding with the spud bar. (It is at this exact time each year I resolve to buy an ice auger). With half a dozen passes, the spud bar broke through, revealing the dark brown water held captive by the sheet of ice and snow.

Soon the hole was completely cut through and cleared of the chips of ice, and Jacci was armed with a miniature ice fishing rod tipped with a fresh waxworm, miniature sinker and tiny ice fishing bobber.

Leaving the bobber to slide freely on the line, I lowered the bait into the hole and allowed it to reach bottom. After watching the line go slack when the bait and sinker hit bottom, I set the bobber to hold the bait about 12 inches over the bottom in the 8 feet of water we were fishing.

Jacci can pretty well hold her own pan fishing in warm weather, but since this was her first time “icing” with Dad, I took the time to tell her how to slowly jig her bait up about 12 inches, then let it flutter back toward the bottom, repeating the jiggling motion occasionally to entice the ice-bound bluegills to action.

On my third instructional jig, the little bobber bounced a couple of times, and I quickly handed her back the rod.

Slowly, the bobber moved from one side of the hole to the other and bounced ever so slightly before starting a slow and steady descent into the dark water.

“Nail ‘im, Jacci!”

Missing the fish, probably due to my enthusiastic “coaching,” Jacci looked up at me and smiled as she said, “Dad, go cut your own hole, and I’ll catch this fish.”

Grinning sheepishly for forgetting I was dealing with an 18-year-old veteran angler, I busily began cutting hole number two and left Jacci to manage her own assault on the bluegills. And manage, she did. By the fifth slam of the bar on the ice, I saw her pull out the

first bluegill of the day.

Jacci had accumulated a half dozen bluegills of her own by the time I had finished the hole and set a rod with a minnow rig, and she didn’t even mention her streak of luck...err, uh... skill.

With the score at 6-0, I busily set about cutting hole number three for good ol’ dad. Setting up within 12 feet of Jacci’s position, I began to pound away.

Jacci looked up and said, “Dad, aren’t you going to scare the fish?”

Smiling back, I said, “Just keep an eye on your bobber.”

For the record, and to dispel an old myth about the need for extreme quiet while ice fishing, Jacci proceeded to catch two more bluegills while I was slamming the spud bar on the ice only 12 feet away.

Soon my small bobber was betraying a hungry ‘gill as I watched Jacci bring the score to 9-0. But as good fortune or dumb luck would have it, I nailed my first one to bring the score to 9-1. I was “on the board,” and the race was on.

Under the right conditions, wintertime panfishing can rival the action seen during the warm water periods of the spring spawn. Department of Natural Resources studies of successful ice-fishermen have revealed wintertime fishing can often exceed summertime fishing in the number of fish caught per hour.

Jacci had the program down pretty near perfect as she sometimes caught up to six fish using the same waxworm. As I accused her of being stingy with the bait, she hooked and dragged through the ice the biggest bluegill of the day using only a very small piece of bait on the miniature hook.

All too soon it was time to call it a day as we began to pack up our gear and gather up our fish. We were leaving with a lot less bait, but with a much heavier load after only two hours of fishing. Counting the fish as we loaded them into the bucket, we were surprised and pleased to find we caught 78 prime bluegill in the all too short afternoon.

Claiming her undisputed victory in the father-daughter wintertime fish-off, Jacci’s eyes beamed as she asked, “Are we having fish for dinner?”

Realizing we had caught enough fish for several family fish fries, I replied to the affirmative and politely asked for a fish “recount.”

I will admit... Jacci did out-fish

me... But, since this was her first time ice fishing, I am going to write it off as beginner’s luck. The only problem is, if she out-fishes me again, what excuse will I use next time?

DNR campsite reservation scam

Indiana Conservation Officers are investigating a potential scam where unsuspecting Hoosiers are being duped when booking campsites.

The public’s assistance is being sought in the investigation where a third party fraudulently advertises and rents campsites to Hoosiers, who then upon arrival, find the site they paid for not available. Instances of the scam could date back as far as July 2021.

If you have utilized a third party on social media for reserving a site for this upcoming year, you may be a victim of the scam.

State properties of interest include Trine State Recreation Area, Spring Mill State Park, Morgan-Monroe State Forest, Greene Sullivan State Forest and McCormick’s Creek State Park.

If you believe you have been or are currently a victim of the scam, please contact our Indiana Conservation Officer Central Dispatch at 812-837-9536.

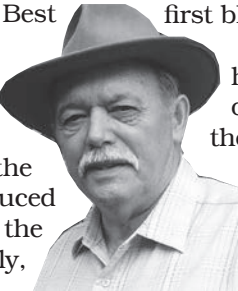
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Sauger fishing on the Ohio River

Sauger are a reliable winter fish, sauger readily bite in water temperatures below 40 degrees. As water temperatures fall, sauger congregate where streams meet and move to the tailwaters below dams for the winter. On the Ohio River, good sauger fishing starts in December and lasts through the spawn in late March.

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(Spaulding continued on page 10B)



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By Jack Spaulding



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Turkey deemed a nuisance by DNR

**By Stan Maddux
Indiana Correspondent**

MICHIGAN CITY, Ind. – A wild turkey is no longer posing a traffic hazard at a busy Indiana intersection.

The turkey had been causing a problem at the intersection for about a month. It was killed Jan. 13 by conservation officers with the Indiana Department of Natural Resources (DNR).

James Brindle, director of communications for DNR, said the officers happened to spot the turkey before 9 a.m. in the middle of Michigan Boulevard and Johnson Road in Michigan City.

Brindle said the officers ventured out into the intersection where the bird has been coming and going. He said the adult-sized bird followed the officers to just off the side of the road where it was killed.

The decision to kill the turkey was made last week when the turkey was declared a threat to public safety, said Steve Backs, wildlife turkey biologist for DNR.

According to police, some motorists, starting about a week before Christmas, came to a complete stop to avoid hitting the turkey. Some travelers, concerned more about the safety of the bird, ventured on foot into the intersection to try and shoo the turkey back into the surrounding woods.

There were also complaints of the turkey attacking vehicles and making some people feel threatened, police said.

In most cases, Backs said DNR chooses to euthanize wildlife posing a risk to humans.

“What we’re more concerned about is

somebody getting hit by a single bird in the roadway,” he said.

He said the turkey, if relocated, likely would have become a nuisance or safety risk elsewhere.

Backs said wild turkeys making a road a hangout does happen occasionally, usually in rural areas. He said they can be drawn to kernels of grain dropping from trucks heading to an elevator on a regular basis.

Eventually, Backs said wildlife gathered in one spot can become a source of food for other more dangerous animals.

“It’s kind of like the water holes in Africa. If everything is going to the same water hole, guess what? Predators are going to be there for a free meal,” he said.

Backs could not explain the behavior of this turkey, which was in a more urban setting in the northwest part of the state.

Warren Smith said he tried spotting the turkey every day while passing through the intersection on his way to work at B & E Marine in Michigan City.

The Coolspring Township volunteer firefighter laid eyes on the turkey for the first time about 24 hours before the bird was killed. After stopping for a red light, Smith said he snapped a picture of the bird through the windshield of his truck.

The turkey moved closer to his front bumper and then to the side of his truck when the traffic signal turned green.

Smith said he was sad about the turkey’s death but understood the decision.

“You don’t want the thing to cause any accidents or bodily injury to anybody. The turkey is not worth it,” he said.

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USDA

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Agency’s state executive director for Kentucky, said this complements the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program or crop insurance coverage that provides financial assistance to producers of noninsurable crops when low yields, loss of inventory, or prevented planting occur due to natural disasters.

But the program only covers the crop, and not the plants or trees in all cases, he said.

“Once you are able to safely evaluate the impact on your operation, be sure to contact your local Farm Service Agency office to timely report all crop, livestock and farm infrastructure damages and losses,” he said.

“To expedite Farm Service Agency disaster assistance, you will likely need to provide documents, such as farm records, livestock inventory, receipts and pictures of damages or losses,” he added.

Farm Service Agency is also offering a variety of direct and guaranteed farm loans – including operating and emergency farm loans – to producers unable to secure commercial financing. Producers in counties with a primary or contiguous disaster designation may be eligible for low-interest emergency loans to help them recover from production and physical losses.

Loans can also help producers replace essential property, purchase inputs like livestock, equipment, feed and seed, cover family living expenses or refinance farm-related debts, and other needs.

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Roddric Bell, director of the USDA’s Risk Management Agency for Kentucky, said producers who have risk protection through Federal Crop Insurance, or Farm Service Agency’s Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program, should report

crop damage to their crop insurance agent or Farm Service Agency office.

“Crop insurance and other USDA risk management options are there to help producers manage risk because we never know what nature has in store for the future,” he said. “The Approved Insurance Providers, loss adjusters and agents are experienced and well trained in handling these types of events.”

In addition, the Emergency Conservation Program and Emergency Forest Restoration Program can help landowners and forest stewards with financial and technical assistance to restore fencing, damaged farmland or forests.

The Emergency Conservation Program can also cover costs associated with hauling debris and its disposal. (Farm Service Agency is considering other flexibilities for Emergency Conservation Program and site inspections.)

Greg Stone, Kentucky’s state

conservationist, said the USDA’s Environmental Quality Incentives Program can help producers plan and implement conservation practices on land impacted by natural disasters.

“The Natural Resources Conservation Service can be a very

valuable partner to help landowners with their recovery efforts,” he said. “Our staff will work one-on-one with landowners to make assessments of the damages, and develop approaches that focus on effective recovery of the land.”

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Days start to lengthen at a faster pace

A day of thaw. Early this morning crows flew westward over the prairie, cawing in the fresh, temperate air, their voices as always filling the morning with the promise of spring. – August Derleth, A Countryman's Journal, Jan. 15

The Moon, the Stars and the Sun

The Fourth Week of Deep Winter

The Tufted Titmouse Moon, full on Jan. 17, wanes throughout the period, entering its final quarter on Jan. 25 at 8:41 a.m. Rising in the evening and setting in the morning, this Moon passes overhead in the middle of the night. Animal activity will be most easily monitored at the second-best lunar time, when the moon is below Earth, during the middle of the day. Expect more activity at the approach of the January Thaw between the 19th and 24th.

Jan 19 is the first day of the new year that three minutes are taken away from the night in one 24-hour period. In spite of the cold, the advance of spring is quickening, and from this week forward, the night contracts by two to three minutes per day all the way into June.

The Sun enters its sign of Aquarius on the 20th, ushering in the last sub season of winter (aptly called "Late Winter"). And the day's length approaches a spring-like 10 hours. The brightest marker of Late Winter, Sirius, the giant Dog Star, is due south at 10 p.m. The Great Square of autumn is setting in the west then. Perseus follows Cassiopeia into the northwest.

Weather Trends

The low that precedes the Jan. 19 cold front is the first one of the year to consistently offer the possibility for a major thaw. On the other hand, bitter weather often follows as the next front arrives.

Zeitgebers

(Events in Nature that Tell the Time of Year)

This is the time of year to watch for the first flocks of robins arriving from the South. Bluebird sightings become more common, too, and by the 26th, cardinals ordinarily begin their mating songs half an hour before sunrise. Junco movement also starts in mid-January; you may see them flocking by the side of the road, planning their journey to Canada.

As the sun moves into Aquarius, crows start migration. Be on the lookout for opossums and skunks in the milder nights. The first flies of the year come out in the sun.

In the Field and Garden

Prepare to seed bedding plants and cold-weather vegetables (like collards, kale, broccoli and Brussels sprouts) near new moon (Feb. 1).

Reserve your spring chicks for March, April or May so they can gain weight throughout the summer and be ready to lay by autumn.

Take advantage of the darkening moon for cutting wood and for your winter building projects. Order or build cloches (small covers of transparent material for individual plants set outdoors). Clean and repair cold frames. Make hot frames (which traditionally use manure for heat).

This is also a good lunar time for frost seeding the lawn (as long as there is no snow cover), as well as for frost seeding oats and barley. Spread the seeds across the field and yard; the freezing and thawing of the ground as winter progresses will do the planting for you.

Take advantage of the weak moon to move livestock culls to market, as well as to give vaccinations, trim hooves and treat for parasites. Animals ought to be a little less skittish than they were last week under the full moon.

If you have just adopted a puppy or kitten, this is a fine lunar week to get your new pet his or her shots. As for your chickens, check them for mites.


Mind and Body

When the moon lies early in its gentle fourth quarter, it will be most favorable for going on dates and for working with livestock. Teachers and other public service employees should also have it easy – compared to what they often experience during full-moon week.

The S.A.D. Index, which measures the forces that contribute to Seasonal Affective Disorders on a scale of 1 to 100, remains in the 70s most days of the period and even dips down to 68 on Jan. 25. Although the Index shoots up to the 90s again by the end of the month (thanks to the new moon), the lengthening day combines with improved odds for milder temperatures and for more sunshine to provide light at the end of winter's tunnel.

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FARMING ATTACHMENTS: 2005 Vermeer Mower Conditioner, 2018 Mahindra 5SD Rotary Mower, Grain-O-Vator, New Idea Manure Spreader, 3 Point Finish Mowers, Parker 2500 Gravity Flow Wagon, Blu-Jet Applicator, 3 Point Bush Hogs, Bush Hog Legend 2715L, International Case IH 490, **SX'S, UTV'S, GOLF CARTS:** 2014 Polaris Ranger XP900, 2000 Toro Workman, 2013 John Deere TH 6x4, 2020 John Deere H300 Sprayer, 2019 Can Am Maverick, 2016 John Deere XUV590L, 2011 John Deere XUV 825L, Polaris Gem, E-Z-Go RXV, Club Car 4 Seater, 1998 Honda Foreman S 450, 2004 Honda Rancher 350, Polaris Sportsman 570, Kubota RTV 900, 1998 E-Z-Go Workhorse 800, Hammerhead Mudhead 208R, Hammerhead GTS150, **MOWERS:** 2017 John Deere Z930M, 2014 John Deere Z930R, 2007 John Deere X300, 2013 ExMark Lazer Z, John Deere GT225, John Deere Z425, John Deere LX255, Grasshopper 729 Front Deck, 2018 John Deere Z930M, Toro SS5000, 2021 John Deere S515E, John Deere L118 MUCH, MUCH MORE

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the near future. We’ve seen increased producer selling activity here to start 2022, but overall farm hedging activity remains on the lighter side. DRP insurance coverage for first quarter is 9.9% of U.S. milk supply. Not bad, but producer’s coverage was closer to 30% of U.S. milk for first quarter 2021. We may have a really high price year for dairy,” the Update concludes, “But given the news cycle and supply chain issues, producers ought to continue to be diligent with their hedge plans.”

The National Milk Producers Federation concurs with the optimism. NMPF chief economist Peter Vitaliano, in an NMPF podcast, stated; “Dairy prices for 2022 are projected at an eight-year high. With supply adjustments and booming exports across a wide range of products shoring up farmer balance sheets that have struggled with volatility during the pandemic era.”

“Not only is the outlook for milk prices the best in eight years, but that’s also the case for the individual dairy products,” Vitaliano said, crediting tight supplies. “The big question is, with milk prices this good and feed prices not going up as fast as they were last year, how long is that tightness going to continue? And how soon will it be before we see some expansion of milk production again?”

Vitaliano encouraged farmers to sign up for the Dairy Margin Coverage program, which has a deadline of Feb. 18 for 2022 assistance. “The futures markets look very good at the moment,” he concluded, “but there are many months to go. The history of dairy farmers second-guessing the

markets, even based on the futures, is not very good. And again, given how inexpensive coverage is, our recommendation continues to be you should sign up for the program.”

In politics; Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced an adjustment in school meal reimbursements to “help schools continue to serve children healthy and nutritious meals,” according to a USDA press release. The move puts an estimated \$750 million more into school meal programs across the nation this year, “making sure federal reimbursements keep pace with food and operational costs, while ensuring children continue to receive healthy meals at school.

Last of all. U.S. milk production is mixed between and within regions, according to the USDA’s weekly update. Class I demand is increasing as winter breaks come to an end. Spot milk availability is varied. Where available, cheesemakers are acquiring milk at from \$4 under Class to \$1 under.

The Jan.10 Daily Dairy Report stated; “Milk output among major global exporters fell short of a year ago in September and October 2021 and likely continued the trend during November,” concluding; “This rare global milk production deficit is sparking a fire in dairy markets and promising higher revenue for dairy producers, especially those whose income depends on Class IV products.”

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2004 MF 7480, 1541 Hrs., 21x18 Dyna Step, Quicke Q65 SL Ldr., **\$89,500**



2011 MF 7475, 2616 Hrs., 1 Owner, Dyna VT Trans., **\$82,500**



2016 MF 4707, 400 Hrs., 12x12 Trans w/LH Rev., 2 Rem., Joystick Cont., MF 931X NSL Ldr. w/74" Skid Steer QA Bkt, **\$48,500**



2011 NH T6050 Plus, 2265 Hrs., 16 Spd. PS w/LH Rev. & Creep Gear, 1 Owner, **\$56,800**



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2017 Gradall D152, 2017 Freightliner M2 4X2 Chassis, 17,603 Mi., 2268 Hrs., Joystick Cont., **\$129,500**



2008 Caterpillar 140M VHP Plus, 3701 Hrs., AWD, PS Trans., 14' Blade, **\$147,500**



2012 Volvo G940B, 2282 Hrs., 1883 Grader Hrs., 14' Blade, **\$98,500**



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2004 JD 1510C, 10' Cutting Width, 11 Yd Stuck Level, **\$44,500**



2013 Bandit 3000T, 305 Hrs., 2 Spd. Hydro. Trans., 18" Tracks, **\$136,500**



2005 Woodsman 337-FC Towable Whole Tree Wood Chipper, Cat. C18, 2274 Hrs., **\$84,500**



2007 Case IH WDX1902, 1558 Hrs., 2 Spd. Hydro., RDX161 Mower Head, 16" w/Steel Rollers, **\$72,500**



2015 Case IH WD2504, 1006 Hrs., 2 Spd. Hydro Trans., RD163 Rotary Head, 16" Cut & Steel Rollers, **\$102,500**



2005 Hesston 9260, 727 Hrs., 2 Spd. Hyd. Trans., MF 9195 16" Razor Bar Head, **\$76,500**



2002 JD 704, 12 Wheel, 2 Whl. Center Kicker, Crank Adj. Windrow Width, **\$4,500**



2010 NH T6030, 957 Hrs., 16 Spd. w/LH Rev., 2 Rem., Alamo Extreme 2 Boom Mower, **\$95,000**



1999 NH TV140, 1743 Hrs., AWD, Bidirectional, 3 Spd. Hyd. Trans., 5 Rem., Tiger Triple flail Mowers, **\$64,500**



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