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Extreme heat episodes, severe drought are affecting crops

By Doug Schmitz
Iowa Correspondent

AMES, Iowa – Crop and climate conditions are varying across the Corn Belt from Iowa to the east, with some rains in early August improving conditions across the southern and eastern Corn Belt from Missouri to Michigan, said Dennis Today, agricultural meteorologist and USDA Midwest Climate Hub director.

But he said a lack of rainfall since and two extreme heat episodes have flipped the situation and increased the severity of drought, particularly in Iowa.

“States to the east of Iowa are also seeing worsening,” he said. “But the overall conditions are not as severe yet. Much of the region from Missouri through Iowa into Minnesota and Wisconsin is covered by some level of drought on the U.S. Drought Monitor (as of Sept. 7). Decent chunks of that area are in D3 (extreme) and even D4 (exceptional drought).

“In addition to the drought conditions, crops have been affected by two extreme heat episodes in the last few weeks – in mid-August and over the Labor Day weekend,” he added. “While the first was accompanied by high dew points, the second was somewhat drier. Both produced widespread 90s and even some 100 degrees F temperatures.”

He said, “The very high temperatures stressed crops and have started bringing early maturity, shutting down crop growth because of the stress from extreme heat and lack of available soil moisture.



Above: Dennis Today, agricultural meteorologist and USDA Midwest Climate Hub director, said the very high temperatures stressed crops and have started bringing early maturity, shutting down crop growth because of the stress from extreme heat and lack of available soil moisture. (photo courtesy of Iowa State University Extension)

“Corn conditions considered good to excellent fell 3 percent, while soybeans fell 5 percent, nationally,” he said. “The central Corn Belt areas (Minnesota, Wisconsin, Illinois, Iowa, and Missouri) took the largest drops. Illinois had the largest, with 10 percent drops in good to excellent in both corn and soy. Ohio, Indiana and Kentucky had limited or no reductions in crop conditions.”

He added, “The heat also produced big jumps in crop progress, pushing phenology (the study of cyclic and seasonal natural phenomena, especially in relation to climate, and plant and animal life), and causing that early maturity. Harvest will likely get an early start. I have already seen isolated reports of corn coming out of the field. Field corn, not seed corn.”

In Indiana, a dry week left many growers throughout the state in need of rain, said State Statistician Nathaniel Warenski: “Additional rain is desired to support crop development as harvest season approaches.”

Corn dough progress neared completion with 66 percent of corn rated in good to excellent condition, with corn silage harvest in full swing. Soybean setting pods neared completion. Soybean condition was also rated 66 percent good to excellent.

In Illinois, corn dough reached 87 percent. Corn dented reached 66 percent, corn mature reached 15 percent. Corn harvested reached 1 percent, and corn condition was rated 5 percent very poor, to 9 percent excellent. Soybeans setting pods reached 89 percent. Soybeans dropping leaves reached 7 percent. Soybean condition was rated 5 percent very poor, to 11 percent excellent.

In Michigan, mild weather with minimal rainfall returned, said Marlo D. Johnson, Great Lakes Regional Office director. The U.S. Drought Monitor said the western Upper Peninsula and northern Lower Peninsula were rated abnormally dry, with Missaukee County and surrounding areas rated at moderate drought.

The southeast Lower Peninsula was still recovering from the heavy storms and rainfall received two weeks earlier. Hay cutting and baling continued where weather permitted.

In Ohio, warm temperatures and dry days supported favorable row crop development, said State Statistician Ben



Above: Fairs provide a wonderful opportunity for people of all ages to get up close to farm animals. The Michigan State Fair was held over Labor Day Weekend in Novi, Mich. Photo by Leondia Walchle.

Climate change may be impacting career choices at some ag colleges

By Michele F. Mihaljevich
Indiana Correspondent

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. – A story published by USA Today over the summer discussed how climate change may impact a college student’s choice of major or the type of job that student might look for after graduation.

According to the article, environmental and sustainability studies are booming in colleges. A survey of Gen Z and Millennial workers found more than 40 percent either have or plan to change jobs due to climate concerns, the story stated.

The story specifically mentioned plant breeder and gardener as two agriculture-related fields the author said would be crucial to coping with global warming. Other careers mentioned included hydrologist, traffic engineer and electrician.

Dr. Laura Bowling is the director of Purdue University’s Natural Resources and Environmental Science (NRES) program. She is also a professor of water resources in the university’s Department of Agronomy. One of her roles is to mentor environmental science students and students in the soil and water concentration for agronomy.

“These students are absolutely aware of climate change and motivated to do something about it through their future career, whether it is in the realm of policy, providing advice to farmers and other land owners on how to adapt their practices to better manage climate impacts or preserve natural ecosystems,” Bowling explained. “I teach a first-year orientation course for the NRES majors (approximately 40-50 students per year). Students have to submit a one-two minute video introducing themselves and express-

ing what motivated them to study environmental science. Last year, I would say that at least 40 percent mentioned climate change, and the next biggest topic was conservation.”

Students studying breeding and genetics in the agronomy department seem to have different reasons for choosing their majors, said Melinda Smith, a recruiter in the department. “A large percentage of the students I meet with are interested in plant genetics,” she noted. “Rarely do they mention climate change as something that impacted their decision. In most cases, they are looking at a future in agriculture because they love being outdoors, have a background in agriculture or just want to be part of the bigger picture.”

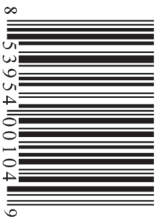
Bowling said she agrees with the USA Today story that plant breeding might be an up and coming field due to climate change. “If you look at the research profile for many of our breeding and genetics faculty, they are breeding to improve tolerance to drought and heat, and sometimes excess water stress. These are all driven by the need to maintain agricultural productivity with increasing environmental stresses.”

A commonality across many of the disciplines in the College of Agriculture is a close relationship to weather and climate as a driving force for management and productivity, she pointed out.

“As a result, many ag-related careers could potentially see increased demand as business-as-usual strategies are no longer adequate for keeping up with changing conditions,” Bowling said. “Agronomists are the ones

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Crop Update

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Torrance. Seasonally moderate temperatures and dry days benefited crop conditions in most counties. However, some reporters in west-central counties noted excessively dry soils, with moisture-stress evident in some soybean stands. Damaging effects from last month’s high winds and hail were observed by fruit and vegetable growers in several northeastern counties.

Ninety percent of corn was in or past dough, 40 percent of Ohio corn was in or past dent, and 2 percent was mature. Corn for silage was 11 percent harvested. Ninety-five percent of soybeans were setting pods and 3 percent were dropping leaves.

Corn and soybean condition were 80 and 76 percent good to excellent, respectively. Second cuttings of other hay were 94 percent complete. Third cuttings of alfalfa hay and other dry hay were 75 and 51 percent complete, respectively. Fourth cuttings of alfalfa hay were 29 percent complete.

In Iowa, continued drought conditions have stressed corn and soybeans, and dried them out to the point that some farmers were getting equipment ready for harvest.

“With persistent hot and dry conditions, Iowa is at 166 consecutive weeks of at least moderate drought,”

said Iowa Agriculture Secretary Mike Naig.

Corn in the dent stage or beyond was 78 percent. Seventeen percent of the corn crop had reached maturity. Corn condition declined 5 percent to 49 percent good to excellent. Soybeans coloring or beyond reached 40 percent, with soybeans dropping leaves was 8 percent, and soybean condition at 49 percent good to excellent. The third cutting of alfalfa hay is 95 percent complete.

In Kentucky, there were below-normal temperatures and rainfall. Heat and humidity moved back in over the weekend as most of the state stayed dry throughout. Corn in the milk stage was at 97 percent as 90 percent of the crop was doughing. Seventy-two percent of corn was in the dent stage with the crop 40 percent mature. The harvest was still in the early stage with 4 percent complete.

Ninety-five percent of soybeans were blooming with 88 percent setting pods, with 30 percent coloring at this time as 8 percent are dropping leaves. The condition of both soybeans and corn remained mostly good. The quality of harvested hay was rated mostly good as yields have varied across the state.

In Tennessee, the state experienced milder temperatures and dry weather heading into harvest, which allowed continued progress of baling and putting up hay as well as starting corn harvest.

Cotton is beginning to open and corn crop and yields were looking very promising in many counties across the state with some producers expecting very strong yields. Soybeans are mostly looking good and nearing harvest, but need more rainfall. Overall, all crops are progressing well heading into harvest season.

Justin Glisan, state climatologist for Iowa, said short-term outlooks through the middle of September show elevated chances for warmer temperatures to near-normal conditions from

Iowa into the eastern Corn Belt. “Portions of southern Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, and the Appalachians have elevated chances of cooler temperatures,” he said. “On the precipitation side, a bullseye of unseasonably dry potential is found from eastern Iowa through the Ohio Valley, and into the Appalachians. “Three-to-four-week outlooks through the end of the month show elevated chances of warmer temperatures across the region, with no clear signal on the precipitation side.”

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Farmer sentiment drops: Concerns about interest rates, input costs

By Michele F. Mihaljevich
Indiana Correspondent

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. – Farmers are worried about high input costs and rising interest rates, and that concern showed in the August Purdue University/CME Group Ag Economy Barometer, which fell 8 points from July to a reading of 115.

Producers were asked – as they have been for awhile – what their biggest concerns were for their farming operations, said James Mintert, director of Purdue’s Center for Commercial Agriculture. “The responses haven’t changed too much on this one,” he explained. “High input cost continues to be the number one concern of farmers. This month, 34 percent of the people in the survey chose that as their top concern or certainly one of their biggest concerns for the year ahead. The one that has changed a little bit over time here in recent months is we have been picking up more people saying that they’re concerned about rising interest rates (24 percent), but those are the top two concerns going forward.”

Respondents also noted lower crop and/or livestock prices (20 percent) and environmental and regulatory policy (9 percent) among their bigger concerns.

The monthly survey found farmers had a weaker perception of current conditions and future expectations on their farms and in U.S. agriculture. The current conditions index fell 13 points from July, to 108, while the future expectations index dropped 5 points to 119.

The ag barometer gauges the health

of the U.S. agricultural economy. A value greater than 100 shows positive sentiment toward the economy. Values lower than 100 indicate negative sentiment. The survey of 400 U.S. producers was conducted Aug. 14-18. The results were released Sept. 5.

The responses show just how concerned producers are about high input costs, noted Michael Langemeier, the center’s associate director. “(That) would include interest costs and really what’s happened here is we took a big jump in 2022 and 2023 in terms of input costs and they’ve flattened out some,” he said. “If you look at the USDA NASS (National Agricultural Statistics Service) overall production input price, it’s pretty much been flat year to year, but the key there (is) it hasn’t come down. And we’re still dealing with some fairly high break evens for a lot of commodities. I focus on corn and soybeans. Those break evens are still considerably higher than what they were in 2021.”

Based on responses in the most recent survey, just a few farmers are concerned about the availability of inputs, Mintert said.

“It’s come down substantially, but a few people are saying they’re worried about availability of inputs,” Mintert stated. “It’s probably about half what it was earlier. We were picking up for awhile there, 15 percent or more people choosing that as one of their top concerns. We’re down to 7 percent now. We’re not hearing much about it other than just a little bit here in the survey.”

Langemeier said the amount of concern over input availability is similar

to that of farm policy (6 percent), adding he thought farm policy would be a bigger concern. He said he thinks the reason for the overall lack of interest from respondents, especially for corn and soybean farmers, is that very little gross return has come from farm policy.

“It’s all come from the market,” he said. “People always remember what’s happened in the last couple years when they’re answering questions like this. At least that’s what I think they’re trying to do. And I think that’s being reflected in that percentage.”

The barometer’s farm capital investment index was down 8 points from the previous month, to 37. July’s 45 points was one of the highest readings

seen in the barometer in quite some time, Mintert said.

Corn and soybean growers were asked about the usage of carbon contracts in row-crop agriculture. Six percent of corn and soybean growers said they have had discussions with companies about receiving payments to capture carbon on their farms; 2 percent said they had signed a carbon contract, Mintert said.

As for payment rates, 47 percent of respondents said they were offered \$10-\$20 per metric ton of carbon captured. Thirty two percent were offered less than \$10 per metric ton, while 16 percent said they were offered \$20-\$30. Five percent said they were offered \$30 or more.



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Feeder Cattle:	1,046(85.8%)	1,224(95.9%)	727(81.5%)
Slaughter Cattle:	166(13.6%)	47(3.7%)	131(14.7%)
Replacement Cattle:	7(0.6%)	5(0.4%)	34(3.8%)

Compared to last Tuesday feeder steers sold steady to 5.00 higher with very good demand for weaned packages and yearlings. Feeder heifers sold steady to 5.00 lower with good demand for weaned packages and yearlings; some fleshy bawling calves facing discounts. Slaughter cows sold steady to 2.00 lower with good demand. Slaughter bulls sold steady with very good demand. Supply included: 86% Feeder Cattle (57% Steers, 1% Dairy Steers, 30% Heifers, 12% Bulls); 14% Slaughter Cattle (6% Heifers, 86% Cows, 8% Bulls); 1% Replacement Cattle (100% Bred Cows). Feeder cattle supply over 600 lbs was 72%.

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2	690	690	233.00	233.00
20	651-674	661	245.00-269.00	265.21 Value Added
1	725	725	232.00	232.00
5	720	720	172.00	172.00 Thin Fleshed
237	705-738	733	234.00-269.75	267.13 Value Added
2	792	792	243.00	243.00
13	760-781	774	242.00-259.00	253.40 Value Added
61	841-842	842	227.00-236.00	234.82
9	845	845	242.00	242.00 Value Added
1	910	910	212.00	212.00
57	1011	1011	225.00	225.00

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
4	350-390	380	220.00-250.00	239.42
2	425	425	180.00-230.00	205.00
3	450-490	475	232.00-240.00	236.42
1	520	520	246.00	246.00
1	575	575	222.00	222.00
3	620-645	635	205.00-225.00	215.54
4	650-675	659	192.00-225.00	209.61
7	750-780	755	171.00-224.00	214.48
3	800-805	802	179.00-181.00	180.33
2	950-985	968	179.00-190.00	184.40

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	450	450	231.00	231.00
4	690-695	693	199.00-224.00	209.51
1	755	755	225.00	225.00
1	880	880	190.00	190.00

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
5	284	284	160.00	160.00
4	366	366	160.00	160.00
3	421	421	145.00	145.00

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
2	260-265	263	177.50-205.00	191.38
1	300	300	210.00	210.00
4	385-395	390	230.00	230.00
1	385	385	225.00	225.00 Value Added
5	400-448	430	225.00-232.50	227.34
10	405-443	437	236.00-240.00	238.21 Value Added
10	453-487	473	229.00-232.00	230.31
5	455-470	467	232.00-242.00	233.95 Value Added
4	518-525	520	229.00	229.00
16	506-532	520	230.00-235.00	232.73 Value Added
6	550-582	570	221.00-229.00	224.14
19	557-592	577	232.00-245.00	238.04 Value Added
6	600-612	607	192.00-226.00	211.07
1	600	600	240.00	240.00 Guaranteed Open
8	605-642	624	227.00-240.00	230.74 Value Added
3	656	656	204.00	204.00
137	665-697	688	230.50-244.00	233.45 Value Added
1	725	725	182.50	182.50
3	730	730	190.00	190.00 Guaranteed Open
13	810-845	817	181.00-192.50	185.33 Guaranteed Open
1	860	860	170.00	170.00
4	1045	1045	189.00	189.00 Guaranteed Open
1	1100	1100	179.00	179.00

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	175	175	167.50	167.50
1	290	290	193.00	193.00

3	325-337	333	172.50-192.50	179.01
5	475-495	487	182.50-225.00	212.85
2	507	507	215.00	215.00
2	550-570	560	195.00-200.00	197.54
1	635	635	188.00	188.00
1	675	675	190.00	190.00
1	820	820	140.00	140.00
1	915	915	120.00	120.00

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	265	265	212.50	212.50
1	320	320	212.50	212.50
6	517-533	528	165.00-224.00	184.27
3	575-590	585	210.00-224.00	214.59
1	655	655	215.00	215.00

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	255	255	207.50	207.50
3	320	320	232.50	232.50
2	355-390	373	252.50-253.00	252.76
6	393	393	275.00	275.00 Fancy
10	400-437	428	232.50-247.50	243.53
2	400-435	418	252.50-260.00	256.41 Value Added
11	455-495	471	230.00-244.00	238.42
6	505-530	515	230.00-249.00	241.23
12	507-548	524	250.00-251.00	250.44 Fancy
3	505-540	517	248.00-266.00	259.73 Value Added
8	560-580	571	232.50-249.00	240.91
2	590	590	247.00	247.00 Fancy
4	577	577	245.00	245.00 Value Added
2	645	645	220.00-225.00	222.50
2	615-630	623	222.00-223.00	222.51 Value Added
5	650-697	669	206.00-210.00	207.97
2	730-740	735	195.00-210.00	202.45

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
4	305-345	324	200.00-235.00	214.92
7	356-395	371	217.50-251.00	227.71
2	440	440	215.00	215.00
2	470-475	473	192.50-230.00	211.35
3	548	548	229.00	229.00
5	585-586	586	223.00-225.00	224.60
5	653	653	209.00	209.00
1	735	735	169.00	169.00
1	780	780	174.00	174.00
1	865	865	145.00	145.00
1	915	915	140.00	140.00

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	465	465	235.00	235.00
1	560	560	219.00	219.00

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	480	480	187.50	187.50
3	940	940	100.00	100.00

SLAUGHTER CATTLE

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing
9	1337-1375	1341	136.00-155.00	152.84	Average

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing
22	1150-1550	1351	102.00-115.00	109.51	Average
23	1210-1980	1539	114.00-135.00	119.03	High
4	1165-1405	1298	96.00-103.00	100.17	Low

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing
24	1000-1670	1243	104.00-114.00	109.53	Average
21	1120-1730	1349	103.00-128.00	116.96	High
5	1250-1350	1286	95.00-102.00	97.79	Low

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing
21	890-1235	1047	91.00-104.00	97.55	Average
10	930-1205	1091	102.00-119.00	109.79	High
7	740-1195	1033	83.00-90.00	86.19	Low
1	970	970	83.00	83.00	Very Low

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing
1	1475	1475	120.00	120.00	Average
12	1265-2200	1732	131.00-144.00	138.60	High

REPLACEMENT CATTLE

BRED COWS - Medium and Large 1-2 (Per Unit / Actual Wt)

Age	Stage	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
2-8	T2	3	845-1410	1165	1175.00-1600.00	1477.07

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Stage (Cattle) - Represents pregnancy stage (0 = open; T1 = 1st Trimester, 1 to 3 months; T1-2 = 1st/2nd trimester, 1 to 6 months; T2 = 2nd Trimester, 4 to 6 months; T2-3 = 2nd/3rd Trimester, 4 to 9 months; T3 = 3rd Trimester, 7 to 9 months; T1-3 = all trimesters, 1 to 9 months)

Age - Numerical representation of age in years..

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Daily Livestock Slaughter Under Federal Inspection

	Friday, September 8, 2023	CATTLE	CALVES	HOGS	SHEEP
Friday 09/08/2023		125,000	1,000	474,000	4,000
Week ago		122,000	1,000	466,000	3,000
Year ago (act)		128,000	2,000	481,000	5,000
Week to date		508,000	4,000	1,886,000	28,000
Same Period Last Week		621,000	5,000	2,360,000	33,000
Same Period Last Year (act)		517,000	6,000	1,932,000	31,000

Saturday 09/09/2023	51,000	0	348,000	0
Week ago	8,000	0	21,000	0
Year ago (act)	89,000	0	320,000	0
Week to date	559,000	4,000	2,234,000	28,000
Same Period Last Week	629,000	5,000	2,381,000	33,000
Same Period Last Year* (act)	606,000	7,000	2,252,000	31,000
2023 Year to Date	22,369,00	202,000	86,401,000	1,234,000
2022 *Year to Date	23,355,00	248,000	85,294,000	1,199,000
Percent change	-4.2%	-18.6%	1.3%	2.9%

2023 *Totals subject to revision
2022 *Totals adjusted to reflect NASS revisions - Yearly totals may not add due to rounding

Previous day Thursday 100,000 26,000

**Revised Thursday Hog Slaughter.. 465,000

New Week To Date.. 1,876,000**

Source: USDA Livestock, Poultry, and Grain Market

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Missouri Direct Hay Report Direct Hay Weighted Average Report for week ending 9/8/2023

A hint of fall was in the air this week as nights are starting to become cool and grain harvest is just starting for a few folks. Although no one wants to see it turn wet and become muddy a bit of moisture for pasture growth would be welcome as most areas have not seen any measurable moisture for a few weeks now. There is still some fall haying occurring around the state. Hay prices are steady. The overall supply of hay is light to moderate and demand is moderate. The Missouri Department of Agriculture has a hay directory visit <http://mda.mo.gov/abd/haydirectory/> for listings of hay <http://agebb.missouri.edu/haylst/>

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Medium Square 3x3	200.00-250.00
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Large Round	150.00-200.00

China studies show yields are up 11.6 percent with GMO crops

China has announced that studies with GMO crop production in the country have raised yields by 11.6 percent. While GMO production is not approved in China, this data will likely speed it up as China aims to become less dependent on imports to cover needs. Current average yields in China are 145 bushels an acre on corn and 40 bushels an acre on soybeans, well below most other grain and oil-seed producing countries.

While an El Nino is favorable for South American growing conditions, its slow build this year is still causing drought conditions in some regions, with most attention on Argentina. Widespread rains are not forecast to develop in Argentina until we get into October this year. This may cause a delay in the start of the corn planting season in the country.

We have seen a shift in Argentine planting in recent years though, with corn seeding being split into two windows. A small number of acres are seeded early, and the bulk of corn planting takes place later on. This is being done to help miss the most stressful growing conditions of the year and has improved yields. Argentine farmers are currently forecast to seed 21 million corn acres this year, but sources believe that if rains are delayed, we may see a reduction to this number.

Dry soils have not been a concern in Brazil and corn planting is now underway. An estimated 5 percent of Brazil's



MARKET ANALYSIS
By Karl Setzer

first corn crop has been seeded, which is twice the normal pace. This is giving trade the idea that corn harvest will be early this year as well. The first corn crop in Brazil is typically used to cover domestic needs but the large Safrinha harvest from this year will likely elevate Brazilian corn stocks all year and allow for some of the first crop to be exported.

While much of the attention in Brazil focuses on corn and soybean crops, the sugarcane crop in the country is expected to be record large this year. This would put the cane crop 7 percent larger than last year when drought impacted production. Historically Brazil has produced much of its ethanol out of sugar but poor crops in recent years have elevated corn-based ethanol manufacturing. Brazil is expected to produce 9 billion gallons of ethanol this year with 7.3 million from sugar and 1.6 million from corn.

The availability for Brazil to use sugar for ethanol manufacturing will allow more corn for other uses, including to export in Argentina to help cover their production losses.

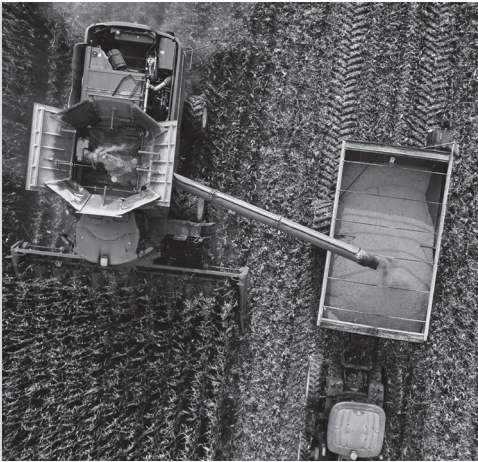
The August cold storage report showed us that as of July 31st, total red meat supplies in the United States were down 14 percent from July 2022. Beef in cold storage at the end of July totaled 420 million pounds, a 2 percent increase from June, but well below last year's 511.8-million-pound in-

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ventory. Pork in cold storage was down 3 percent at 473.8 million pounds and below the 526.5 million pounds from July 2022. Pork belly inventory came in at 51.77 million pounds, a large 26 percent decline from June, but above last year's 42.84 million pounds.

One of the biggest impacts in exports in recent weeks has been the strength in the U.S. dollar. This is making our commodity offers more expensive for an importer, even if commodity futures soften. In recent weeks this has been more of an issue for beef and pork than grains. Current U.S. beef export for the year stand at 661,300 tons. This is down 150,000 tons from a year ago. Pork demand is better at 1.24 million tons which is up 150,000 tons on the week. Even with pork demand up on the year, it is down from recent history.

The July fats and oils report showed us 185 mbu of soybeans were crushed in the month which was just above the average trade guess. This compares to 175 mbu of soybeans crushed in June and 181 mbu of industry consumption in July 2022. This produced 2.18 billion pounds of crude soy oil, an increase of 5 percent from June but steady output from July 2022. Given the expansion in the U.S. renewable fuel capacity of 100 percent from last

year, the U.S. will need to maintain this high crush pace which will help offset any potential reduction to export demand.

The grain crushing report for July has also been released and showed 454 mbu of corn was processed for ethanol in the month. This was just over the average trade guess. July ethanol demand on corn was up 3 percent from June and 2 percent more than in July 2022. Dried distiller grain production for the month totaled 1.78 million tons. This was nearly equal to June's production but 8 percent less than in July 2022.

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Are agricultural santions working?

WASHINGTON (AP) — Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen is facing growing skepticism from some leading rich and developing nations as the residual impact of sanctions against Russia is deepening divisions among the Group of 20 countries.

With world leaders and finance ministers meeting this week in India for the G20 summit, fractures have come into the open, and alliances are tightening among some nations that have long been resistant to the U.S.-led efforts to exact economic punishment on Moscow for its war in Ukraine.

The United States and its allies among the Group of Seven major industrial nations insist that the sanctions and a price cap on Russian oil have been successful at restricting revenue for the Russian economy, even though it grew, in a year-to-year comparison, by 4.9% in the second quarter of 2023.

Russia and China, meanwhile, have declared a "no limits" partnership of their own. And the economic bloc of Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa — known as BRICS — is trying to increase its use of local currencies instead of the U.S. dollar. Also likely to be seen at the G20 summit is budding closeness of U.S.-India ties in light of a shared concern about China's military and economic assertiveness.

As President Joe Biden and Yellen visit New Delhi, they will have to navigate a more fragmented economic and political environment during difficult negotiations over securing food and energy supplies for developing countries.

Yellen's trip, her fourth to India in less than a year, comes shortly after Russian President Vladimir Putin said a landmark deal that allowed Ukraine to export grain safely through the Black Sea during the war will not be restored until the West meets his demands on Moscow's own agricultural exports.

Putin says that a parallel agreement promising to remove obstacles to Russian exports of food and fertilizer has not been honored. Russian officials also complain that restrictions on shipping and insurance hampered its agricultural trade, though it has

shipped record amounts of wheat since last year.

Russia is hoping it can use its power over Ukraine's Black Sea exports as a bargaining chip to reduce Western sanctions.

"It's a combination of different factors that I think that makes it difficult for the G20 to work in concert in a way that they did in the past," said Rachel Ziemba, an adjunct senior fellow at the Center for a New American Security. Those factors include the war in Ukraine and nations' weaponizing currencies and commodities, she said.

"Something I imagine they can get behind is the importance of getting energy and food flowing and other food security issues for developing nations," she said.

The Treasury Department said Yellen's four-day trip will highlight "the importance of imposing severe costs on Russia and mitigating global spillovers."

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West Nile found in Tennessee horse

NASHVILLE, Tenn. – The Tennessee state veterinarian confirms that a horse in Gibson County has tested positive for West Nile Virus (WNV).

"The recent case of WNV is a reminder of measures horse owners can take to prevent this disease and others," State Veterinarian Dr. Samantha Beaty said. "Environmen-

tal controls against mosquitoes can stave off WNV, and horse owners should vaccinate against the virus. There is no cure for WNV, so prevention is key."

WNV is transmitted directly from infected mosquitos to equines, birds, and humans but not between animals or people. Symptoms in horses may include fever, weakness, weight loss, and circling or convulsions. WNV can cause lasting effects and can be fatal. Contact your veterinarian if you notice any signs of illness in your animals.

Tips to prevent vector-borne viruses include:

- Eliminate standing water sources and damp areas where insects could gather and breed.
- Keep animals inside during insect feeding times, typically morning and evening.
- Manage manure and disposal.
- Keep barns clean and apply fly sprays and insect repellants as needed.
- Never share needles, dental, or surgical equipment among different animals.
- Consult with your veterinarian to determine appropriate vaccinations for your herd.

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SUN | 24

FIRST DAY OF THE FAIR!

1 pm Rides Open
1 pm Exhibits Open
2-3:15 pm Church Service @Bandshell
4-5:30 pm Talent Show @Woman's Congress
4 pm @Grandstand
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Show @ 5 pm, Doors @ 4 pm
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5:30 pm Horseshoe Pitching-Open Singles
6-8 pm The Riflemen @Bandshell

MON | 25

VETERANS & CHILDREN'S DAY

Children 18 and under and Veterans* receive FREE admission! *Veterans only--any military service with proper credentials, including Reserves and National Guard.

9 am Judging of Floats
10 am Veterans Day Parade
10 am Exhibits Open
11:15-12:15 pm Veteran of the Year Program @Bandshell. FREE coffee/donuts for veterans and families at 10:30 am. Donuts by Hillsdale County Agricultural Society.
12 pm Heavyweight/Lightweight Pony Pulls
12:15 pm Pedal Pull Registration (Near the Horseshoe Pavilion)
12:15-4 pm Pedal Pull @Bandshell
12:30-3 pm Round 'Em Up Bible Camp
12:30 pm Horseshoe-Open Singles/Veterans
1 pm Rides Open
1:30 pm Woman's Congress Program
1:30 pm Horseshoe Pitching-Open Singles
5:30-6:30 pm Pure Energy Cloggers @Bandshell
7 pm @Grandstand
Madison Avenue Band
Show @ 7 pm, Doors @ 6 pm
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TUE | 26

CHILDREN'S DAY

Children 18 and under receive FREE admission! Children's Day is sponsored by McDonald's.

10 am Exhibits Open
12 pm National Heavyweight Horse Pulls
1:30 pm Woman's Congress Program
3 pm Rides Open
3:30-5 pm Hillsdale Jazz Band @Bandshell
5-6:30 pm Bob Pogue @Bandshell
5:30 pm Horseshoe Pitching-Open Singles
7 pm On The Rocks @Bandshell
7 pm @Grandstand
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Show @ 7 pm, Doors @ 6 pm
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WED | 27

1 TICKET PER RIDE!

10 am Exhibits Open
10 am Horseshoe-Doubles Tournament
12 pm National Lightweight Horse Pulls
1:30 pm Woman's Congress Program
3 pm Rides Open
4-5:30 pm Don & Friends @Bandshell
5:30 pm Horseshoe Pitching-Open Singles
6-9 pm Russ Martin @Bandshell
7 pm @Grandstand
Western Days Ministries Rodeo
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THUR | 28

10 am Exhibits Open
1:30 pm Woman's Congress Program
3 pm Rides Open
3:30 pm Horseshoe Pitching-Open Singles
4-5:30 pm In Accord @Bandshell
6 pm Small Animal Sale @ Expo Building
6:30-8:30 pm Cedar Creek Bluegrass @Bandshell
7 pm @Grandstand
Thunder Thursday Truck Pulls
Show @ 7 pm, Doors @ 6 pm
Reserved Box Seat \$15
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FRI | 29

SENIOR CITIZEN'S DAY

Senior Citizen's ages 65 and over have only pay \$2 for admission! Senior Citizen's Day is sponsored by Area Agency on Aging.

9 am Farm Tractor Pulls
10 am Exhibits Open
10-2 pm Senior Center Programs @Bandshell
12 pm Horseshoe Pitching-Open Singles
1:30 pm Woman's Congress Program
3 pm Rides Open
4-5:30 pm Jackson French Quartet @Bandshell
5:30 pm Horseshoe Pitching-Open Singles
6:30-9 pm Tara Rene @Bandshell
7 pm @Grandstand
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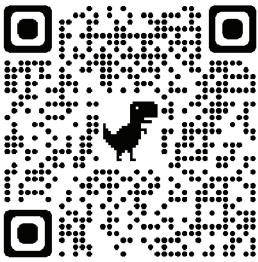
SAT | 30

9 am Large Animal Sale @Expo Building
10 am Exhibits Open
10-12 pm Destiny Worship @Bandshell
10 am Horseshoe Pitching-Open Singles
12-2 pm Pickin' Roots @Bandshell
1 pm Rides Open
3-5 pm Roger Marshall Band @Bandshell
6:30-9 pm Bad Mojo @Bandshell
7 pm @Grandstand
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Sustainable agriculture grants now available from North Central Region SARE

The North Central Region - Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education (NCR-SARE) program currently has four open grant programs to fund research and education projects that advance sustainable agricultural practices in the North Central region.

Since 1988, NCR-SARE's competitive grants have advanced agricultural innovation that promotes economic viability, stewardship of the land, air, and water, and quality of life for farmers, ranchers and their communities.

These grant programs are for farmers, ranchers, scientists, educators, institutions, organizations, and others exploring sustainable agriculture in the 12 states in the North Central region: Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota and Wisconsin.

Learn more about these open grant programs at <https://northcentral.sare.org/grants/>.

NCR-SARE's Open Grant Programs:

- Farmer Rancher Grant Program - a competitive grants program for farmers and ranchers. Proposals must be received by 4 p.m. Central, Dec. 7, 2023. NCR-SARE will host a Zoom meeting about this grant program on Oct. 4 at 4 p.m. Central.

Program feature: Read about a maple sugarmaker with the Nagaajiwanaang band of the Anishinaabe Ojibwe people near Cloquet, Minn. With SARE support, he improved his sugarmaking enterprise, helping his business and community.

- Research and Education Grant Program - a competitive grant program for researchers and educators. Preproposals for this program must be received by 4 p.m. Central on Oct. 5, 2023. NCR-SARE will host a Zoom meeting about this grant program on Sept. 6 at 10 a.m. Central.

Program feature: Read about how farmers and researchers in Iowa have been planting prairie strips in crop fields to help reduce surface runoff and attract pollinators.

- Youth Educator Grant Program - a competitive grant program for youth educators to encourage youth to try sustainable practices. Proposals must be received by 4 p.m. Central, Nov. 9, 2023. NCR-SARE will host a Zoom meeting on Oct. 5 at 4 p.m. Central.

Program feature: Read about Growing Solutions Farm in Chicago, Illinois, and their sustainable growing program that engages with young, diverse West Side learners.

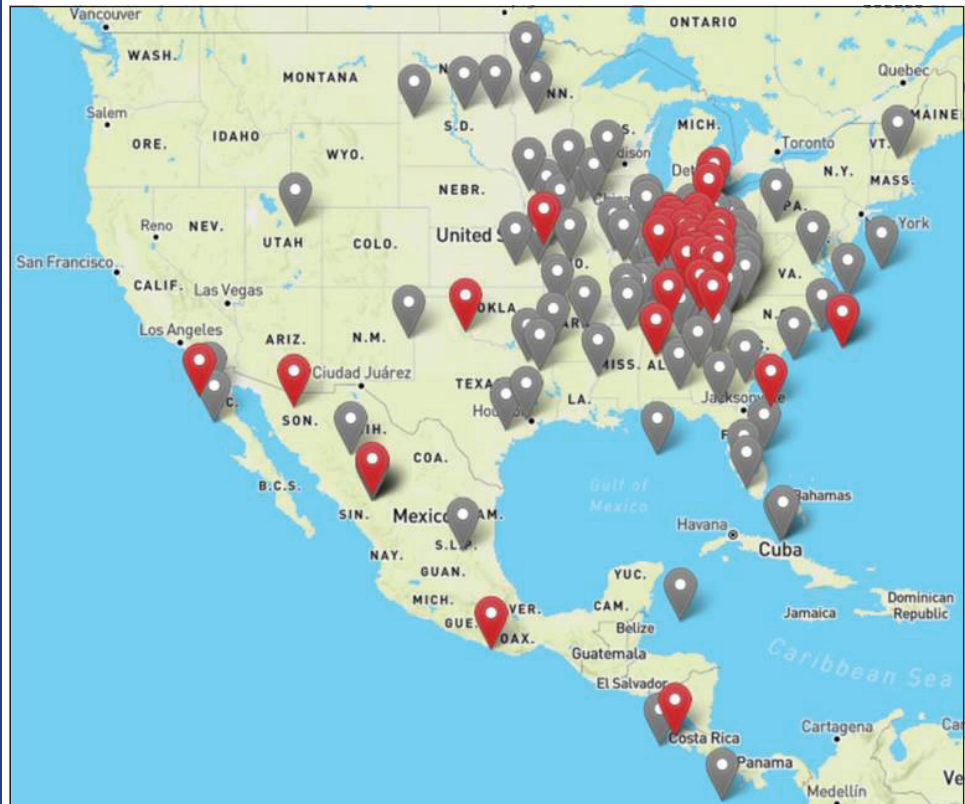
- Partnership Grant Program - a competitive grant program for cooperative projects between agriculture professionals and small groups of farmers and ranchers. Proposals for this grant program must be received 4 p.m. Central, Oct. 19, 2023. NCR-SARE will host a Zoom meeting about this grant program on Sept. 6 at 10 a.m. Central.

Program feature: Read about how Central State University is working with Ohio beekeepers to improve honeybee stocks' queen quality.

Funding considerations are based on how well the applicant presents the problem being addressed, its relevance to sustainable agriculture in the 12-state North Central region, and how well it aligns with NCR-SARE's goals. NCR-SARE's grant program Review Committees review proposals and make recommendations to the Administrative Council.

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Above: Chris Proeschel and his son, Alex, designed and built this cover crop crimper. They started with a big pipe from a well-driller and improvised.

Farmers attend Cover Crop Field Day in southwestern Ohio

By Celeste Baumgartner
Ohio Correspondent

TRENTON, Ohio – Brady Smith, Butler County Soil and Water Conservation District rural specialist, recently welcomed guests to the fourth annual Cover Crop Field Day, held this year at the Governor Cox Farm.

Dr. Alyssa Essman, Ohio State University weed science Extension state specialist, looked at how herbicides put down in the spring can carry over to fall. The interest in cover crops is growing as more weeds are developing resistance to herbicides, she said. Cereal rye is the most common cover crop used in Ohio.

Farmers need to be creative in dealing with herbicide resistance, she said. The best tool is the Weed Control Guide for Ohio/Indiana/Illinois/Missouri.

Smith discussed current manufactured cover crop crimpers that are available. Crimpers were first developed in South Africa and were brought to the United States in the early 2000s. They are designed to terminate cover crops, control early-season weeds, and conserve moisture.

After lunch the group went outside and Chris Proeschel showed them a homemade cover crop roller crimper that he and his son, Alex, designed and built.

“Several companies manufacture them but we decided to build this one on our own,” Proeschel said. “We got a large piece of pipe from a local well driller, then we bought material to make the frame out of to mount it.”

The crimper mounts on a three-point hitch which they have on one of the tractors. The crimper goes on the front and they pull the planter behind it making it a one-pass process. The paddles on it are flat steel plates. “The ones that you buy from a

(Farmers continued on page 13)



Above: Brady Smith, Butler County Soil and Water Conservation District rural specialist, recently welcomed farmers to the annual Cover Crop Field Day, held this year at the Governor Cox Farm.

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Above: An aerial view of the nearly complete dry fertilizer hub which will service farmers in a 45-60-mile radius of New Castle.

Co-Alliance Cooperative welcomes farmers to view \$15 million investment

NEW CASTLE, Ind. – Indiana-based agriculture and energy cooperative Co-Alliance Cooperative, Inc., welcomed more than 100 local farmers to their Mt. Summit facility August 28 to showcase the \$15 million of improvements made at the Henry County location.

The event consisted of a tour of the liquid terminal, which will provide faster, more efficient, and environmentally friendly product distribution to farmers within a 25-mile radius of the facility. It will also eliminate human error and afford the grower precise mixing capabilities. Herbicides, insecticides and fungicides will be housed and distributed through this facility.

In addition to the liquid loadout building, Co-Alliance allowed growers to see the in-production dry fertilizer hub and rail spur. The dry hub, which will hold 26,000 dry tons, should be completed and operational by the end of October 2023, providing reliable product supply for local growers and other Co-Alliance retail locations in the eastern Indiana trade area. This hub will service farmers in a 45-60-mile radius of New Castle. The hub's two rail spurs and the capacity to unload 400 ton per hour and state-of-the-art mixing system on the blend tower allows Co-Alliance to load a semi in under eight minutes.

"We are very excited to be able to show off these new assets to help our team better service and support our farmer owners. At Co-Alliance, we understand that we must grow with our customers," remarked Kevin Still, Co-Alliance president and CEO. "Our growers are covering more acres, more quickly, in a more complex marketplace. We must meet their needs today and prepare for their needs of the future. This investment in east central Indiana is proof of that commitment."

Co-Alliance has 16 agronomy locations in east central Indiana that will benefit from this improved technology.

Royce Cook, Mt. Summit Ag Center manager, is excited about the opportunities this investment brings local farmers. "We must be more efficient to keep pace with the farmers of this generation. This is a visible investment to show our members we're going to be here for the next generation."

Still also touched on the building

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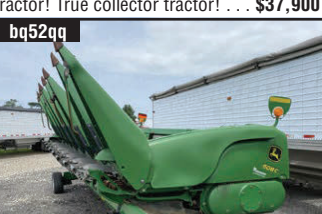
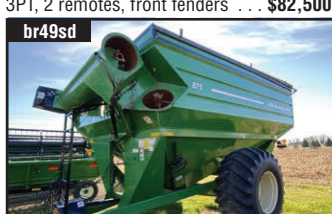
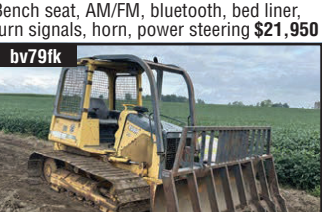
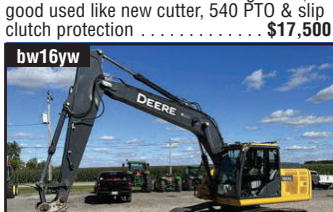
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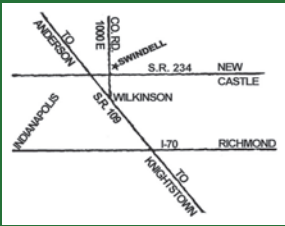
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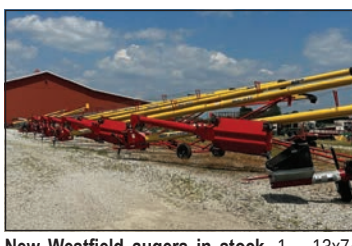
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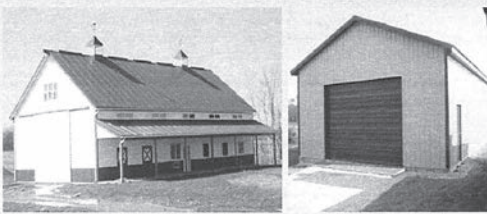
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By Tim Alexander
Illinois Correspondent

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. – 2023-2024 Illinois FFA Vice President Eric Wisely, 19, who hails from the Nashville Community High School FFA Chapter, has learned and experienced a lot in the two months since his election during the 2023 Illinois FFA State Convention.

During a break from activities at the FFA Barnyard pavilion during the 2023 Illinois State Fair, Wisely reflected on his recent experience visiting Capitol Hill as a guest of the Illinois Corn Growers Association (ICGA), and how things are going for him so far.

“The summer is going really great, super busy with a lot of travel. The week after we got elected the five new major state officers headed up to (Chicago suburb) Lisle, for the Ag Teachers Conference. After that we were in the office in Springfield for a couple of weeks, then we headed to a weeklong meeting with all the section presidents and the new state officers at Southern Illinois University in Carbondale. From there, we were in Washington, D.C., for two weeks,” said Wisely, who lives in the small farming community of Oakdale (pop. 211), near Nashville in Washington County.

The first week of the new officers’ July D.C. trip came as special quests of the ICGA during the National Corn Growers Association’s annual Corn Congress. The Illinois FFA contingent was able to meet with lawmakers, ag lobbyists and ag professionals through the ICGA.

“We got to meet with John Deere and their legislative team, and the U.S. Grains Council. We also got to do some congressional visits, which was super cool getting to be on the Hill. It was cool to see a whole side of agriculture we’ve never gotten to see before – the legislative side of it. And, the legislators were really receptive to the ideas of us FFA members,” Wisely said.

The FFA contingent were able to meet with Illinois lawmakers including Rep. Mike Bost (R-12th district), Sen. Tammy Duckworth, a Democrat, and a staffer for Sen. Dick Durbin, a Democrat. The 2023 Farm Bill, ethanol and voluntary conservation practices were priorities discussed during some of the meetings.

Another trip highlight came when the young FFA leaders were invited to take in a panoramic view of the White House and other significant governmental



Above: 2023-2024 Illinois State FFA Vice President Eric Wisely, 19, of Oakdale, is pictured at the FFA Barnyard on the Illinois State Fairgrounds in Springfield on August 15. (T. Alexander photo)

buildings and monuments from the roof of the John Deere legislative headquarters.

“Not many people get to take in a view of the White House from that perspective,” Wisely said.

Back from Washington, Wisely and other newly elected major Illinois FFA officers and section leaders gathered at the FFA Barnyard, which serves as a petting zoo and public meet-and-greet area at the Illinois State Fair, to mingle with fairgoers.

“(The state fair) is definitely our biggest audience as far as being able to get the FFA message out and expose the general public to production agriculture,” Wisely noted. “The state fair allowing us to have our FFA Barnyard here for so many years is really important to us. Getting to have conversations with fairgoers and seeing the young kids being exposed to production agriculture is really cool.”

In September, the five major officers will begin six weeks of chapter visits around the state, where they will meet and exchange ideas with individual chapter leaders at their schools.

Wisely said that now that Illinois FFA enrollment is free to any state high school agriculture student, young people “on the fence” regarding FFA should have little reason to not give the youth leadership organization a whirl.

“If your teacher or someone like that recommends a certain event that you should go to, just do it. The worst thing that could happen is that you get out of class for a day. I’d say just go for it – there is a whole lot to FFA than most people realize,” Wisley advised.

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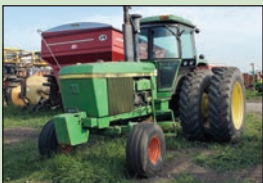
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200-year-old Hoosier family farm honored by state

By Stan Maddux
Indiana Correspondent

PARAGON, Ind. – The roots in agriculture don't get much longer than an Indiana family still farming ground that first belonged to their ancestors in 1823.

The Harry Goss Dow and Bessie M. Dow Farm in Morgan County was recently one of three farms to be awarded the bicentennial award under the state's annual Hoosier Homestead program. The same farm was also given the centennial award for having another parcel of tilled soil in the family for the past 100 years.

Patricia Dow said she and her husband, Philip, couldn't be happier than carrying on a family tradition since they married in 1965.

She grew up on a farm her father purchased in nearby Monrovia after returning from World War II. She and husband met from being in 4-H and competing against each other with their pigs in the show arena.

"We are so proud to continue being in agriculture as our ancestors were when they came up here. There's just no place my husband and I have ever wanted to live other than on the farm," she said.

The original 80 acres of ground was purchased by Ephraim Goss after he married his first cousin, Sally, when their families from Germany landed in North Carolina and then

settled between Indianapolis and Bloomington.

In 1850, Sally inherited her husband's estate, and then 25 years later she deeded the property to two of her sons, William and Lafayette.

By 1941, just one-third of the land remained in the family. The rest had been passed down or sold from generation to generation.

Two-thirds of the original ground was brought back together in 1985, though, when one-third of the land was purchased by Harry Goss Dow and his sister, Bessie Dow, whose third great uncle was the original owner of the entire parcel.

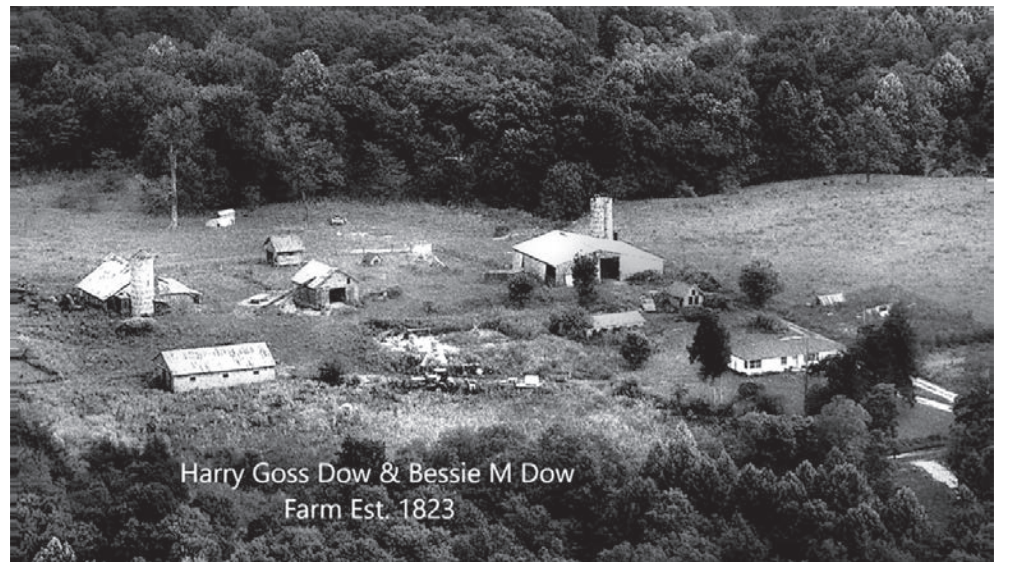
After Harry passed away in 1985, his son, Philip, and wife, Patricia, purchased his siblings' share of the farm and his mother's half of the property in 2007.

Eventually, the remaining ground outside the family's lineage.

"That's our roots and that's where we hope that our grandchildren and great grandchildren, eventually, settle down here, too," Patricia Dow said.

Philip, 78, and his sons, Paul and Chad, now farm 442 acres of rented ground and other land that used to be owned by his great grandfather, George Goss and grandfather, Charles Dow.

Paul Dow said all the parcels touching each other are used for raising corn, soybeans, hay and



Above: A farm in southern Indiana has been in the same family since 1823.

mostly Angus cattle. "We just enjoy the rural nature and the heritage of the farm," he said.

After getting married, Paul and his wife, Molly, moved to nearby Martinsville but 10 years later built a house on the family farm.

Paul Dow, 53, said he wanted to move out of the city to give his three young sons the same experience of growing up in a rural setting.

Some of his best childhood memories at the farm include he and his slightly older brother going raccoon hunting with their grandfather, who always brought his Bluetick Coonhounds along to help bag the animals.

"We would play in the creeks, climb the trees, be in the barns and dare each other to grab the electric fence. You name it. We kind of did it all," he said.

Paul Dow said he and his brother also used labor shortages back then to earn money during the summer by mowing the yards of elderly neighbors and baling hay at farms needing a helping hand or two. They returned home every evening to help their father bale hay.

He said both of them saved enough of their earnings to pay for new pickup trucks entirely with cash while

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Tractor driver at fair on path to becoming a diesel mechanic

By Stan Maddux
Indiana Correspondent

INDIANAPOLIS – A teenager has gone from steering a farm tractor in the lap of his grandfather to being one of the top finishers in a tractor skills competition during the recent Indiana State Fair.

Nick Curtis, a 10-year 4-H member from Montgomery County, is now in North Dakota learning how to repair diesel engines on farm and other heavy machinery.

After graduating in May from Southport High School, Curtis enrolled in Caterpillar Machinery's ThinkBig program.

The two-year program will require the 18-year-old Curtis to work three years for Caterpillar as a diesel technician after graduating from the school in exchange for his discounted tuition.

"I've always been interested in cars so why not just make a career out of it," he said.

Curtis did not grow up on a farm but often visited his grandfather's small farm in nearby Fountain County, between Terre Haute and Lafayette.

He recalled his grandfather, Jim Curtis, allowing him to sit in his lap for the first time and steer his antique Farmall tractor before his legs were long enough for his feet to reach the pedals.

Curtis said he also learned how to work on tractors from watching and listening to his grandfather, father and whoever else was helping to repair the two antique Farmall tractors and an old Allis Chalmers tractor on the property.

Eventually, Curtis was able to help

with the repairs. "We'd work on them a little bit, drive them a little bit and get them out of the barn," he said.

His grandfather passed away last year but that hasn't stopped the family from paying visits to the farm, which once had cattle and row crops.

Curtis finished in sixth place in the tractor skills competition at the state fair last month.

The scoring was based on a quiz about safety and maintenance, identifying tractor parts shown on pictures and executing maneuvers in a tractor while timed. Curtis said he did not strike or graze any of the posts set up on the course with a John Deere tractor pulling a four-wheel trailer.

The maneuvers on the marked course included pulling forward and backing up at a 90-degree angle between posts.

The contestants had to win the tractor skills competition at their respective county fairs then be among the top finishers in regional competitions to advance to the state fair.

Curtis said he's won first place at the local level many times since he began competing in middle school and advanced to the state fair in the competition last year when he finished 11th.

He didn't think he would qualify again for the state fair after finishing in fourth place in the regionals but he made it when the third place finisher was not able to make it to the competition.

He said operating a tractor at the state fair competition is different yet similar as on a farm or anywhere else depending on how the pressure is han-

dled.

"You're wondering if you're going to mess up or not, but if you stay calm and do what you've always done, you'll get through the course easily," he said.

The biggest adjustment for him in the competition was driving a newer model tractor compared to the ones on his grandfather's farm, which he believes were built in the 1950s.

"It's a big change for what type of tractor it is. It's a lot different," he said.

Curtis credited his experience at driving a tractor for managing to do well in the competition anyhow.

"I've done it a lot of times to where it's kind of muscle memory at this point," he said.

Right: Local tractor driving champion Nick Curtis is on the road to becoming a diesel engine mechanic for Caterpillar.



Above: An Indiana family was recognized last month for having a farm in the same family for 200 years.

Bicentennial farm

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in college. "We would just go out to work and come back. We'd have a good time at night then go back to working again," he said.

Paul Dow said his oldest son, Austin, is now a machinist after graduating from Vincennes University while his other sons, Garrett and Peyton, are attending Purdue University.

Garrett is majoring in horticulture and botany while the youngest, Pey-

ton, is studying finance. "It worked out," he said.

There are no original buildings left on the farm.

Dow, who's a full-time construction contractor, said he tore down the oldest structures remaining on the farm over a 10- to- 15-year period because they were in very poor condition and no longer useful in modern farming.

"Equipment keeps getting bigger and bigger. When we were building new buildings, they were just in the way," he said.



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Grain experts advise farmers to plan grain storage strategies

By Doug Schmitz
Iowa Correspondent

RADCLIFFE, Iowa – With the 2023 harvest season just around the corner, grain experts are advising farmers to start planning their grain storage management strategies, particularly with the ultimate goal of preventing spoilage and farm-related accidents.

“The biggest concern on our farm is how long we’ll plan to store our corn,” said Denny Friest, Iowa Corn Growers Association president, and a Radcliffe farmer. “Warm weather and time work against us in this process and can, unfortunately, cause corn to heat and spoil.

“That’s why for short-term storage through the winter, we try and

keep our corn at 15-17 percent on our farm,” he added.” As long as you can have fans to keep it cool, the corn rarely spoils. Long-term, if I am going to keep it for the spring or summer of the next year, I want it down below 14 percent.”

He said, “Another precaution we apply for long-term storage is we try to level off the peak and take the top of the bin out.

“This allows us to level out the bin and keep it at a consistent temperature,” he said. “On our farm, we also have moisture sensors in the bins that connect to a reader, which we check every two to four weeks. This allows us to know what’s really happening moisture-wise within the bin.

“Moisture readers can be a huge as-

set on a farm,” he added. “The other suggestion I have would be to check the top surface of the corn in the bin to make sure it is not crusting over. By regularly checking this, you can tell if there is a moisture build-up in the peak of the bin.”

Charles Hurburgh, Iowa State University professor of agricultural and biosystems engineering, said, 15 percent is not necessary “until March or so; longer if the corn is kept cold. Aeration fans should be able to take out the last point or two after that; 1 percent moisture costs you 7-8 cents in weight lost, plus 3-5 cents in drying cost if you take it out with a propane dryer.”

He said he’s not in favor of over-drying corn for storage until into early summer.

“At a point, you will have to aerate this down to a lower moisture, but there is no need to do this before there is a real spoilage risk,” he said, “unless you have bins with no air, or where you don’t have a fan to be able to maintain the temperature. Wet corn does cut down on your storage life. The roof ventilation makes a big difference.”

He said grain elevators typically have temperature cables hung in the bin that indicate where there is a hot

spot starting in one place: “The growing trend is to also equip the bins with a carbon dioxide sensor. It tells you before the grain spoils.”

He added test weight is a good variable to use if choosing which corn goes into which bins, and for how long: “Corn below 52 pounds per bushel test weight is generally an increased risk in storage.”

Randy Sheley, GSI Group, Inc., dryer product specialist in Taylorville, Ill., cautioned farmers on the importance of checking their grain dryers prior to the harvest season for any wear or tear that could affect safe and proper operation this fall.

“A complete preseason check, preferably by your servicing dealer, is extremely important to ensure dryers will be in good working condition to help protect the quality of stored grain,” he said.

He advised farmers to heed specific maintenance recommendations, while following dryer owner manual instructions.

“Lock out the electrical main safety disconnect before checking or servicing any electrical or mechanical device on the dryer,” he said. “Follow the dryer manual for safety guidelines, and do not attempt any electrical or gas repairs unless you are trained to do so.”

He said farmers need to make sure all supply augers, downspouts and columns of the dryer are completely free of any debris or birds’ nests. He added farmers should thoroughly clean the control box, if not done last fall, and make sure any floors or internal areas are also completely free of debris.

Regarding inspection, he said, “Check all belts for wear, hardness from age and proper tensioning, and replace any belts that are questionable.

“With all valves closed and lines empty for safety, check all gas hoses and connections to ensure all are in good shape and not leaking,” he said.” Inspect the burner to confirm there are no insect nests or other obstructions that would prevent proper operation.”

He said farmers should check the dryer for proper operation before filling with grain.

“Carefully turn on main power to dryer and make sure all emergency stop switches are closed,” he said. “Be sure all personnel are safely away from any moving parts or electrical connections. Bring up the control circuit to check safety and operational screens, then start the load, metering and unload systems, while testing automatic safety and shutdown systems.

“It is very important to do this before the dryer is loaded with grain to make sure the unload system is operational,” he added.

He added farmers should start fans and burners with the gas supply off to check for proper operation of the safety system.

“The dryer should shut down within a minute,” he said. “After carefully and slowly opening the gas supply, start the fans and then burners to make sure they properly light and operate with no unusual voids or color in the flame. On some dryer models, burners may not be operational until the dryer is filled with grain.”

He said farmers need to make sure the columns fill correctly and that dryer loading automatically shuts down after it is full.

“Do one final inspection after starting the fan, then the burner, to make sure the gas pressures are correct, and the temperature control system is operating properly,” he said. “Use the manual to start the regular operation of the dryer.”



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**Photos and story
By Leondia Walchle
Indiana Correspondent**

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shaking it to free fruit from the vine, then discards the vine back out into the field. The tomato runs through two sorters (one manual) that will differentiate between good and bad tomatoes although the settings can be adjusted. According to Max Middlesworth, “we are looking for a whole, red tomato.” This machine can harvest 60-80 tons of tomatoes an hour; which means there is a loaded 22-ton semi trailer every 20 minutes. The tomatoes will be unloaded with-

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\$200,000 raised for FFA at sold-out Tennessee State Fair breakfast

LEBANON, Tenn. – The Eighth Annual Tennessee State Fair FFA Ham Breakfast was a sold-out event with more than 1,200 business leaders, government officials, farmers, and members of the Future Farmers of America (FFA) present. The event raised \$200,000 for FFA and was presented by Farm Credit Mid-America. Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) CEO Jeff Lyash headlined the event with other guest speakers: Tennessee Gov. Bill Lee, United States Republican Sens. Marsha Blackburn and Bill Hagerty, both of Tennessee; Congressman Andy Ogles (R-5th district), and Congressman John Rose (R-6th district).

Lee Todd, of Germantown, was recognized with the prestigious Tennessee FFA Lifetime Achievement Award. Todd was a state and national FFA officer in the 1950s who carried his love of agriculture into a successful career as the executive director of the Cotton Ginners Association. Todd is a member of the Tennessee FFA Sponsoring Committee.

Each year, the event highlights the Tennessee Century Farm Program, administered by the Center for Historic Preservation at Middle Tennessee State University and the Tennessee Department of Agriculture. One of Tennessee's oldest farms, the Glenn Acres Farm in College Grove, was recognized.

The FFA program is one component of agricultural education, which is a course offered in some 230 middle and high schools across Tennessee. The administration of the FFA program is an effort between the Tennessee Departments of Agriculture and Education. Both Agriculture Commissioner Charlie Hatcher and newly appointed Education Commissioner Lizzette Gonzalez Reynolds were in attendance.

Lieutenant Gov. Randy McNally, a sponsor of the event, and House Speaker Cameron Sexton (R-25th) were among the more than 40 state legislators in attendance. Other representatives of the state legislature that participated as sponsors of the event included State Sen. Jack Johnson (R-27th), the House Democrat Caucus led by State Rep. John Ray Clemmons (55th district), and State Reps. Michael Hale (R-40th district), Pat Marsh (R-62nd district), and William Lamberth (R-44th district).

Supporters of the event included agricultural household names such as the Tennessee Farm Bureau, the Farmers Co-op, and Tractor Supply Company. Other non-agricultural supporters were as varied as Meta, J&S Construction, Bristol Motor Speedway, and the Nashville Superspeedway. More than 150 sponsors participated in the event. All proceeds go to the non-profit Tennessee FFA Foundation to support the



Above: The 8th Annual Tennessee State Fair FFA Ham Breakfast boasted more than 1,200 guests Monday, including Governor Bill Lee and other dignitaries and business leaders.

students involved in the agricultural youth leadership program.

The event was capped off, as is tradition, with the auction of the two Grand Champion Hams – the Country Ham and the Packer Style Ham. The two winning entries came from Bobby Parker, of Woodbury (Country Ham), and Anna Whitt, from Spring Hill (Packer Style Ham). The Country Ham sold for a record \$20,000 to bidding partners H&R Agri-Power, an agricultural equipment dealer, and Catesa Farms, owned by George McDonald, of Riddleton, Tenn. The Packer Style Ham went for \$18,500 to the Tennessee Farm Bureau, well-known seed company Beck's, and John Deere dealer TriGreen Equipment.

To learn more about Tennessee FFA, visit tnffa.org.

Jasper County Extension educator honored by national organization

RENSSELAER, Ind. — Bryan K. Overstreet, Purdue Extension - Jasper County, Ind., agriculture and natural resources educator, received the Distinguished Service Award

(DSA) from the National Association of County Agriculture Agents (NACAA) during the 2023 Annual Meeting and Professional Improvement Conference in Des Moines,

Iowa, on August 16.

NACAA is a nationwide professional Extension organization established for Extension Educators/Agents and other professionals who work in agriculture, horticulture, forestry and natural resources, 4-H youth development, community development, and related disciplines. The DSA is conferred on members who have worked in Extension for at least 10 years, are held in high esteem by their fellow workers, and have developed and put into effect an outstanding Extension program. Overstreet was one of several honorees who represent the top 2 percent of the membership selected by their peers.

Overstreet has been a member of NACAA for 17 years and was awarded the NACCA Achievement Award in 2011. He is also an Indiana Extension Educators Association member and Director of Area nine.

Through his role at Purdue Extension, Overstreet has developed and led a comprehensive set of field crop production programs including field days, Private Pesticide Applicator Recertification Programs and Unmanned Aerial Vehicle certification trainings. He is a member of the Purdue Extension Farm Stress team that collaborates with farmers and mental health workers in Indiana. He has helped farm families with succession planning through the hosting of Annie's Project five times. Overstreet teaches Pork Quality Assurance and Youth for the Quality Care of Animals in Jasper and surrounding counties.

Overstreet is the vice president of the North American Manure Expo Board, Jasper County Plan Commission member and vice chair, and was selected as the Indiana Certified Crop Advisor of the year in 2018.

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Milk availability in the Midwest continues to tighten

Milk availability continues to tighten in the Midwest, according to Dairy Market News. Cheesemakers say several milk handlers have “gone silent on offers.” Spot loads at mid-week were reportedly \$1 over Class III or higher. Cheesemakers are growingly concerned about meeting demand, particularly mozzarella and pizza cheesemakers. Excessively available milk throughout the winter and spring kept cheesemakers very busy but that’s not the case currently.

You’ll recall July milk production was down 0.5% from July 2022 and July’s Dairy Products report shows the result. Cheese production totaled 1.162 billion pounds, down 0.7% from June and down 0.7% from July 2022. Output in the first seven months of 2023 totaled 8.2 billion pounds, up just 0.3% from 2022.

Butter production fell to 157.0 million pounds, down 5.1 million pounds or 3.1% from June, but was up 5.2 million pounds or 3.5% from a year ago. YTD butter stood at 1.3 billion pounds, up 4.0% from a year ago.

Yogurt production totaled 396.2 million pounds, up 4.3% from a year ago.

Dry whey production totaled 88.2 million pounds, up 2.7 million pounds or 3.1% from June, and up 2.9 million or 3.4% from year ago. YTD whey stands at 554.2 million pounds, up 2.3%. Stocks grew to 86.9 million pounds, up 3.2 million pounds or 3.9% from June and up 14.8 million or 20.6% from a year ago.

Nonfat dry milk output dropped to 134.9 million pounds, down 43.1 million pounds or 24.2% from June and down 30.8 million or 18.6% from a year ago. Stocks fell to 283.3 million pounds, down 15.4 million pounds, or 5.2% from June, and down 49.8 million or 15.0% from a year ago.

Aged cheese is abundant, says StoneX Dairy, but fresh cheese remains tight and the futures market seems to know that. “At some point, presumably, there will be more fresh cheese available, but we don’t appear to be at that place yet.”

Butter climbed to \$2.73 per pound Thursday but closed Friday at \$2.68, up 2 cents, reversing two weeks of losses, but 49 cents below a year ago, with 49 sales reported for the week.

Grade A nonfat dry milk fell to \$1.0575 per pound Tuesday, lowest CME price since Nov. 5, 2020, but rallied Wednesday, jumping 3.25 cents, and closed Friday at \$1.10, up 2.50 cents but still 47.50 cents below a year ago, on 21 sales.

Dry whey hit 32 cents per pound Tuesday, highest since May 8, but closed Friday at 30.25 cents, down a quarter-cent on the week, and 15.50 cents below a year ago. There were 11 sales reported for the short week.

Tuesday’s Global Dairy Trade auction saw the weighted average head up for the first time since May 2, up 2.7%, following declines of 7.4% on August 15 and 4.3% on August 1. Traders brought 83.2 million pounds of product to market, up from 74 million on August 15. The average metric ton price crept to \$2,888 U.S., up from

\$2,875 on August 15.

Whole milk powder (WMP) led the gains, jumping 5.3%, after leading the declines on August 15, with a 10.9% drop. Skim milk powder (SMP) was down 1.6%, after dropping 5.2% last time. Anhydrous milkfat was up 2.7%, after dropping 5.3%, and butter was up 1.1%, following a 3.0% decline. Cheddar was off 0.6%, after jumping 5.8% on August 15.

Analyst Dustin Winston reported “North Asia, which includes China, was back to being the largest purchaser, but volume did move lower in this event from the last. SE Asia volume increased. WMP purchases from SE Asia and the Middle East were a big part of the support in WMP prices,” says Winston.

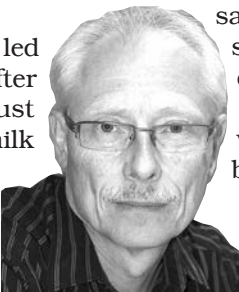
While China’s depressed economy and purchases are on everyone’s minds, Rabo Bank released its ‘Global Quarterly,’ focusing in part on the milk supply, which is contracting in most key regions like the U.S., European Union, and New Zealand. “That sets us up with a supply side that isn’t neces-

sarily firm,” Fuess stated. “Any sense of a demand recovery, especially if it comes quicker than expected, could mean we have finally reached the bottom on prices.”

With China becoming the world’s third largest milk producer, global purchases will be reduced, according to Rabo Bank, but China will not be self-sufficient enough and thus remain a big buyer of dairy products, Fuess concluded.

July milk production in New Zealand was another month of decreased output, according to DMN, and yields were smaller in June and July. Things are a little better in Australia however. “Even with poor weather conditions in most regions, which has challenged milk production over the course of the 2022-2023 season, Australia’s milk output ended the season with June up 1.2% however, overall seasonal milk output posted a 5.0% decline, says DMN.

July’s U.S. dairy exports showed a lot of declines from July 2022. Exports totaled 467.8 million pounds,



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By Lee Mielke

down 10% or 51.8 million pounds, the fourth consecutive month of double-digit losses, according to HighGround Dairy.

Nonfat-skim milk powder exports were up 2.8%, thanks to hefty shipments to Mexico and Vietnam but HGD says “Demand from China and other Southeast Asian nations, the Philippines, Indonesia, and Malaysia fell, which was unsurprising, given the ongoing reports of weak demand in those places and declining prices at recent GDT events.”

Total cheese exports were down 1.2%, the fourth consecutive month of decline but an improvement from the double-digit decreases of April to June. HGD pointed to “feeble demand from South Korea.”

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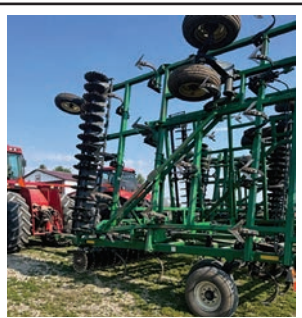
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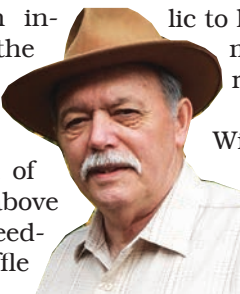
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Indiana DNR asking public to look out for wall lizards

Once I had the extension installed on the pole holding the bird feeder, I was confident there wasn't a squirrel capable of jumping onto the feeder from the ground. The bottom of the feeder was at least 5 feet above the concrete slab under the feeder. The metal pole and a baffle kept the little rascals from reaching the bottom of the feeder by climbing up the pole. I don't mind the squirrels scrounging the sunflower seeds on the ground, but I do get irritated when they hang on the feeder and scratch out all of the seeds.



SPAULDING OUTDOORS
By Jack Spaulding

A couple days later, my blood pressure took a jump when I looked out the window and saw a squirrel hanging upside down on the feeder, digging out sunflower seeds!

What the heck? How did the little bugger get on the feeder? I didn't witness it, but I did figure out how the squirrel got on the feeder.

The feeder hangs under the shade of a huge old Norway Maple tree. Above the feeder were several long springy branches. Apparently, the squirrel climbed out on one of the limbs and the springy branch lowered the squirrel within jumping range of the top of the feeder. I was being victimized by a paratrooper squirrel.

Thankfully, I have a great son-in-law who owns a pole saw. Answering my call for assistance, it took Dave only a few minutes to trim away any parachuting limbs over the feeder and put an end to the squirrel's limb dangling access.

Lizard invaders in southeastern Indiana
The Indiana Department of Natural Resources (DNR) encourages the public

to help it track sightings of common wall lizards (*Podarcis muralis*) in southeastern Indiana. DNR Division of Fish & Wildlife biologists recently observed an estimated 20 to 35 wall lizards living in a rock-lined embankment bordering the Ohio River in Lawrenceburg, about 2 miles from the Ohio state line. Since the initial discovery, members of the public and DNR have identified additional wall lizard colonies in Aurora and Rising Sun.

Common wall lizards are not native to North America and are not generally dangerous. However, there is some concern among herpetologists fearing common wall lizards may outcompete native species like common five-lined skinks for food and shelter, though more research is needed to understand their interactions. Further work is needed to determine the extent of colonization in southeast Indiana and inform the DNR's management recommendation.

Sightings of common wall lizards, especially sightings backed up by photographs, should be emailed to Herp-Surveys@dnr.IN.gov.

All currently known sites are located along the Ohio River where the lizards inhabit rocky and vegetated banks of the river and a nearby rock wall. DNR is conducting additional surveys to better understand the situation.

The common wall lizard is a European species which became established in Cincinnati during the early 1950s after several of them were intentionally released. The non-native species has since colonized much of the Cincinnati area, including parts of northern Kentucky, and is currently expanding into



Above: Indiana's DNR is asking for the public to help identify locations holding the invasive wall lizard.

nearby areas of southwest Ohio. They have been approaching the Indiana border in recent years.

Common wall lizards are approximately 5½ to 8 inches in length as adults and usually have a brown or gray back with mottling or spotting on the sides. Some of them have a reticulated pattern on their backs. The species tends to thrive in urban and suburban areas where they inhabit stone walls, rubble heaps, degraded building infrastructure, rocky hillsides, and shoreline areas found on the Ohio River.

Find out more about common wall lizards at wildlife.IN.gov/wildlife-resources/animals/wall-lizards/.

Boat accident injures juvenile
Indiana Conservation Officers are investigating a boat accident occurring on Lake James in Angola on September 2 which injured a juvenile. At 8:25 p.m., officers were dispatched to the area of Lane 585 on

the lake and found 46-year-old Kevin Crist, of Fremont, was operating his boat when he collided with a 13-year-old on a paddleboard near a dock. The collision ejected the juvenile into the water, causing minor injuries.

During the investigation, Crist displayed signs of impairment and was arrested for operating a motorboat while intoxicated and dangerous operation of a motorboat, both class C misdemeanors.

Indiana Conservation Officers remind the public to always designate a sober operator, and always keep a proper lookout while operating a motorboat on Indiana waterways.

Readers can contact the author by writing to this publication, or e-mail to jackspaulding@hughes.net.

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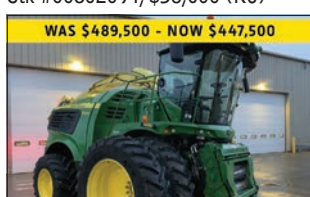


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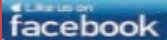
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U.S. dry whey exports were down a hefty 42.6%, the most significant year over year percentage drop since July 2009, according to HGD. Volumes were the smallest since October 2019.

Dairy culling maybe slowing. The week ending August 26 saw 59,200 cows go to slaughter, down 600 from the previous week and 800 or 1.3% less than a year ago, first time since the week ending March 4 to be below a year ago. Year to date 2,093,600 head have been culled, up 108,600 or 5.5%

from a year ago.

Beef slaughter levels increased a bit over the last few weeks but are still well below year-ago levels, says StoneX. “As a result dairy cow slaughter continues to hold a greater volume of the beef market share compared to last year.”

“Dairy margins improved the second half of August as a continued recovery in milk prices more than offset a slight increase in projected feed costs,” says the ‘Margin Watch’ from Chicago-based Commodity and Ingredient Hedging LLC.

The report detailed July Milk Production and Cold Storage data, stating that “July saw the first year-over-year decline in milk output so far in 2023 following USDA’s upper revision

to June production.” It also reported that the drawdown in July total cheese stocks was the largest year-over-year drop since late 2019 “as inventories have tended to increase between June and July in recent years, making this year’s drop even more noteworthy.” “A return to hot and dry weather across the Western Corn Belt has added risk premium to the soybean meal market,” the MW concluded, “while corn prices have held steady.”

In politics; the Federal Milk Marketing Order (FMMO) hearing continues and the National Milk Producers Federation says it’s been “much as expected.” “With NMPF’s proposed modernization plan serving as its bedrock, the topics under discussion very much reflect the areas we identified as key areas of improvement to FMMOs.

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Ohio teens capture top honors at Ohio State Fair

By Doug Graves
Ohio Correspondent

COLUMBUS, Ohio – Holden LeVan, of Champaign County, Ohio, has long searched for success in the show ring. Success found LeVan at this year's Ohio State Fair. LeVan exited the show ring with the Grand Champion Market Beef banner.

"I never thought this would ever happen, to be honest," LeVan said. "I've always dreamed of this. It's something everyone in my family has looked forward to and tried to do. I'm proud to be the first to accomplish this."

Things appeared bleak early in the competitions.

"I was a little nervous when I walked my calf and he decided he wanted to lay down because he was tired," LeVan recalled. "I was fortunate that he quickly got back up."

After listening to the speech from the judge, LeVan took his spot in the show ring. The judge quickly passed LeVan once and slowly made his lap around the field of competitors and their steers. The judge made a second pass around the group and headed straight toward LeVan and his animal, where he gave a quick slap on the animal signifying LeVan had se-



Above: Oksana Gossard – Oksana Gossard, of Allen County, Ohio, won Grand Champion Market Barrow with her 280-pound barrow named Black Hammer. (photo submitted)

cured the top prize.

"It feels really good because there's some really nice steers that pass through here," LeVan said. "It's a big compliment as I heard from the crowd that there were some really nice steers in the ring."

According to LeVan, the judge liked how stout the animal was and how big and wide his back was, and how nicely he handled the animal for as big as he was.

"He said my animal had big legs, nice hair, was clean-fronted, finished and tight," LeVan said. "He added that he was easy on the eyes to look at."

LeVan credits much of his success to listening to the advice from others.



Above: Holden LeVan – Champaign County resident Holden LeVan had the Grand Champion Market Beef at the Ohio State Fair. Here he sets his steer up for buyers at the Ohio State Fair Sale of Champions. It was purchased for \$80,000 by Mark and Megan Kvamme and family. (photo submitted)

"I think it's important to listen to people who criticize you even though it may be a little bit harsh," LeVan said. "Constructive criticism is what I've always learned off of from my brothers and people who I show for. I think it's best to work hard to do your best, because that's all you really can do. Things don't always go your way, but when they do it's a great feeling."

LeVan, 16, attends Triad High School where he plays basketball and is a member of the school's FFA program. He has been showing since he was nine.

"I have a few more years of showing left but it'll be hard to top this year," he said.

Similarly, Oksana Gossard has competed with animals in the show ring many times, but this eighth-grad-

er from Allen County, Ohio, hit pay dirt with her Grand Champion Market Barrow. In school she runs hurdles for her school track team. This is one hurdle she's cleared with flying colors, thanks to a 280-pound barrow named Black Hammer.

"This feels amazing, I never expected this," Gossard said. "I knew he was a good barrow, but I never expected he was going to win. He's previously won three Jackpot shows, so I felt my chances were pretty high."

"I've been showing at fairs now for five years, and in the past we've shown at the state fair and done pretty well, but nothing quite like this. The advice I have to others is that it will take a lot of work, but if they keep working at it, they'll get there."

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Grain tours with foreign buyers pay big dividends for farmers

By TIM ALEXANDER
Illinois Correspondent

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. — Kicking off the 2023 Illinois Grain Tour at the 70th Farm Progress Show in Decatur on August 29, Illinois Department of Agriculture (IDOA) Director Jerry Costello II referred to the annual farm machinery and technology exposition as the “Disneyland of all farm shows.” According to one prospective foreign grain broker, the description was apt.

“The FPS was excellent and very eye-opening from a farm trader’s perspective,” said Pham Hung, of Vietnam, during a phone interview following the three-day grain buyer’s tour, which ended on August 31 with a bus ride to Chicago.

Along the way, the 27 international tour participants from seven countries, along with interpreters and IDOA leaders, visited eight Illinois agricultural industry. The tour stops included visits to the Illinois Soybean Association offices in Bloomington, Marquis Energy in Hennepin, equipment and processing companies and MANNS Traders in Chicago. The whirlwind bus tour began with a greeting from Costello on the patio of the IDOA Tent on opening day of the 2023 FPS.

“Agriculture is the biggest industry in our state with over a \$25 billion annual economic impact,” Costello said. “This is our 27th grain tour, and we have 27 participants here today. Over the last five years, these grain tours have produced over \$270 million in sales. We look forward to forming relationships

and partnerships with you. Thank you so much for being here.”

Hung said he was very impressed with his visit to Illinois for the 2023 FPS and the Illinois Grain Tour. “In Vietnam we never have had a similar kind of experience before,” the trader said. “I gained a greater overall understanding about how U.S farmers do agriculture, from seeding to applying fertilizers and harvesting.”

Hung remarked that very little corn and soybeans are grown in his native country. Vietnam is known as a historical importer of rice and an importer of soybeans along with corn as a feed ingredient to support their increasing level of meat production, which increased 30 percent in the past decade. His interest in the Illinois Grain Tour was focused on securing the best quality and priced corn, distillers dried grains (DDGs) and soybeans the Midwest has to offer.

“I enjoyed the crop tour to RTS Farms on the first day of the tour, it’s where we really learned how Americans in Illinois do farming. With the development of technologies, and the way Americans seem to adapt it and use it earlier than the rest of the world, I would envision more business with Illinois farmers around the world including Vietnam, because Illinois is the number one state in the U.S. for soybeans and the number two state for corn,” said Hung.

Costello said that in addition to providing revenue for Illinois producers and the state’s economy, the annual IDOA Grain Tour helps feed the world. Meeting prospective grain buyers from

around the world and putting them together with food chain suppliers from Illinois checks all of those boxes, according to the IDOA director.

“If you look at the sales of these grain tours over the last five years, the Latin America grain tour was worth around \$65 million, and I believe the Asian grain tour was worth \$62-\$63 million for the sales that actually came out of those tours. This is something where again we are trying to connect the consumers of these products with the products we have right here in our state,” Costello said.

In its basic form the Illinois Grain Tour is about relationships, Costello concluded. “We’re able to help build relationships for producers here in Illinois they most likely would’ve never had,” he said. “We’ve got people from Nicaragua, from Honduras, as well as Mexico, China, Vietnam and elsewhere here for this grain tour. We’re putting producers and consumers together and hopefully those relationships grow and flourish to the benefit of the total economy.”



Above: Ill. Ag Director Jerry Costello is pictured welcoming prospective international grain buyers to the 2023 Farm Progress Show and the first stop on the latest Illinois Grain Tour on Tuesday, Aug. 29.



Above: Representing seven countries, the 27 participants in the 2023 Illinois Grain Tour are pictured in front of the IDOA tent at the 70th Farm Progress Show on August 29. Ill. . All pictures by T. Alexander.

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First Illinois Ag retail survey results show more no-till use

By **TIM ALEXANDER**
Illinois Correspondent

DECATUR, Ill. — The results of the first Illinois Agriculture Retail Survey were released during a press conference on the opening day of the 2023 Farm Progress Show. According to the Illinois Farm Bureau (IFB), high survey participation rates show that farmers and ag retailers were aware and engaged in the effort, with an increasing number of producers embracing no-till, strip till and split nitrogen applications.

Survey data will allow the industry to evaluate conditions on the ground across the state moving toward the Illinois Nutrient Loss Reduction Strategy (NLRs) goals of improved nutrient management and reduced nutrient loss, noted Kevin "KJ" Johnson, executive director of the Illinois Fertilizer and Chemical Association.

"The survey results are just a snapshot of a long-term process. It's the start of a baseline of data that will identify best management practice trends, like was established by Iowa State uni-

versity beginning in 2015 with their first ag retail survey," said Johnson.

Modeled after the Iowa Ag Retail Survey, the Illinois survey divides the state into nine regions or crop reporting districts (CRD). The final sample size included 917 fields.

The survey found that in 2022, 24 percent of corn and 44 percent of soybeans were no-till. Cover crops were found on approximately nine percent of fields in fall 2021, and while 49 percent of respondents reported fall application of anhydrous, 97 percent of the producers reported use of an inhibitor to reduce the potential for leaching.

"The survey shows that most farmers are not putting 100 percent of their ammonia on in the fall. What we are seeing is that they are putting about a half-rate on and then coming back," Johnson said, expounding on the survey data. "We're seeing that more farmers are using cover crops. Would we like to see more farmers using cover crops? Absolutely."

Johnson said he was most encouraged by 97 percent of survey participants indicating their use of nitrogen inhibitors with ammonia applications. "About 50 percent are using them in the spring. We'd like to see that percentage go higher, especially with those early season applications of ammonia."

But we are seeing it," he said.

The survey also indicated that 91 percent of participants conducted soil testing on their farms on a regular basis, primarily to determine soil P values. "They're looking to those test results to see where they need extra or less tonnage or lime moving forward," said Johnson.

Julie Hewitt, executive director of the Illinois Nutrient Research and Education Council (NREC), said the survey will help "get the message out" about farmers' resource stewardship when it comes to the use of fertilizers and inhibitors.

"One of the really big things is how many of our producers are using nitrogen in that MRTN, or maximum-return-to-nitrogen, zone. They may not call it MRTN, but now (farmers) know when they need less nitrogen. Our corn is more efficient, and we can better understand what is happening. That's a big part of starting to see some results," Hewitt said.

Shane Gray, Illinois Corn Marketing Board district ten director, said he was excited about what the survey research shows. "I think farmers, both the newer generation and older generation, are excited about change. Any kind of information or news that we can use to better our farms and the communities we live in, we're excited about that," said Gray.

Johnson said he is hoping for future funding to continue the retail survey. The survey is supported by the Council on Best Management Practices, which includes the IFB, Illinois Certified Crop Advisors and Illinois corn, beef, soybean and pork producers associations.

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TRACT 1 - 40 acres located in Section 20 at the corner of CR 300 E and 500 N. There are 38.79 acres of mostly level tillable land with 1.21 acres of roadway. Soil types are Blount-Glywood and Pewamo.

TRACT 2 - 67.54 acres located in Section 32 on CR 400 E. There are 30.97 acres of tillable land along with 31.5 acres of Classified Forest and balance in ditch and roadway. Soil types are Blount-Glywood, Bono and Glywood.

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I developed a preconditioning ration for a herd recently and the feed cost was under \$0.90/pound of gain. The producer has above average grass/legume hay and corn. He also has access to dry distiller's grain, soy hulls and a vitamin/mineral mix with Rumensin. With calves selling for over \$225/cwt., this is a tremendous opportunity to add value to your calves. In this herd, the owner should realize an additional profit of over \$200/calf for weaning and feeding the calf for 45 days. (We also included a Component TE-G with Tylan implant that returned \$35).

When I read articles on the profitability of preconditioning calves, I rarely see anything about the amount of shrink in calves sold right off the cow (not weaned) vs. those that have been on feed for about 45 days. An unweaned calf shrinks about 7 percent, so a 500-pound calf will lose about 35 pounds during transit to the feeder auction. A calf that has been on feed for about 45 days will only shrink 3 percent. We feel it is very doable to add 125 pounds in 45 days (2.8 pounds/day), so the shrink on this 625-pound calf is only 19 pounds. That 16 extra pounds (at \$2/pound with the price slide) is worth \$32/calf extra just in less shrink.

I checked the USDA feeder calf price data for several states in our area and

BEEF HERD HEALTH

BY W. MARK HILTON, DVM

calves that are verified to be preconditioned (weaned 45-plus days and received all necessary vaccinations) are selling at \$7-20/cwt over commodity (unknown history) calves. At \$10/cwt premium, that is an additional \$62.50 on your 625-pound calf. 2023 is the “no-brainer” year to keep your calves for at least 45 days post weaning to add and capture an even larger paycheck for your calves.

If you need help developing a post-weaning ration, contact your nutritionist, extension educator, herd health veterinarian, or feed specialist. Many of these experts are happy to help you.

W. Mark Hilton, DVM, grew up on a swine and beef farm near Morristown, Ind., and received his animal sciences and DVM degrees from Purdue University. He spent 15 years in an 80 percent farm animal practice in Iowa, 18 years as a clinical professor of beef production medicine at Purdue and seven years as a beef technical consultant at Elanco Animal Health. He owns Midwest Beef Cattle Consultants, LLC, where he helps beef producers have a healthier herd and a more profitable business. His column “Beef Herd Health” will appear monthly in Farm World. If you have questions or ideas for a future column, please email him at MBCCBeefTeam@gmail.com.

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JD 1590 No-till 20-Ft., 3 Pt., Markers, Fill Auger, *Sharp*; JD 7200 Conservation 6x30 Planter Liquid Fert.; Great Plains 15-ft Solid Stand Drill w/Grass Seed; McCormick 16x7 Drill w/Grass Seed; CIH RMX 340 Disc, 30-ft., *Sharp*; Krause 2155 Rockflex Disc 36-ft.; Oliver 272 30-ft. Rockflex Disc; JD RWA 8-ft. Disc; Sunflower 1442 Rockflex 29-ft. Disc; (2) Brillion 34-ft - 32-ft XL 144 Notched Packers; Farmhand WP42 notched 36-ft. Packer; Brillion 7x Land Commander II Chisel; Landoll 9x Soil Saver; JD 714 7x Soil Saver; Int. 60 10x Soil Saver; Int. 720 6x16 Plow; Oliver 3x Pull Plow; JD 1350 5x Plow; Torline Strip-till 12x; Int. 183 8x Cult; Jd RM 6x Cult; Brent HCV 2000 27-ft. FC; Brillion 15-ft Cultimulcher; Westlake NH3 17x John Blue Pull; JD 158 Ldr.; Dunham Lehr Ldr. Fits JD 4020; New Leader L4000 Multi-Bin Spreader; Int. 700 7x16 Auto Reset Pull Plow; (4) NH3 1000-Gal. Tanks & Gear; (3) 2700-Gal. Fiberglass Tanks; (2) 1000-Gal. Poly Nurse Tanks; Bush Hog 12-ft Chopper; Woods 3180 15-ft Chopper; JD 709 Chopper; KK 7-ft Chopper; JD 100 3-pt. 10x Chisel; MF 1560 Round Baler; JD 980 22-ft. FC; UM 225 22-ft Rolling Harrow; E-Z 20-ft. Lift Belt Conveyor; Helix Feeder Cart; Woods S106 Ditch Bank Mower; Balzer 6000 Magnum Manure Tank w/Injectors; Clay Manure Pump; NI 224 Manure Spreader; NH 25-ft Bale Conveyor w/5-ft & 8-ft Extensions; Bale Conveyor 46-ft.; Killbros 385 Gravity Box w/Brush Auger; (2) Killbros 350 Gravity Boxes; UM 275 Gravity Box; (2) J&M Gravity Boxes w/tarp; Strickland Potato Digger; Behlen N380 Dryer; (2) 2000-Bu. Holding Bins; 60-ft Grain Leg; (2) Brock Grain Bins 16,000 & 10,000-Bu.; Reed Grain Bin 12,000-Bu.; Bin Structure; Westfield 71-ft. Auger 8"; (2) Hutchins 60-ft. Augers 8"; 12-ft. Snow Push Box.

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Proper etiquette for cowboys and cowgirls

Many people celebrated the 100th anniversary last year of Emily Post's book called Etiquette, but not me. The book was published in 1922, and it laid down a set of rules that we are expected to live by today, despite the fact she never even mentioned proper cell phone etiquette. There have been 19 editions of the book sub-titled, The Blue Book of Social Usage, and it seems the first rule is that every house should have one, thereby enriching Emily. I don't know who gave Emily the right to make the rules, other than she was a snobbish socialite.

In our house we have the 9th edition and on a lark I read the 671-page book and have never laughed so hard in my life as she addressed such burning issues as how to talk to your servants; how to enter a restaurant; how many servants should there be in a well-appointed house; how high a man should lift his hat to other members of the privileged class; and how to "take leave" from a bridge party.

First of all, I've never "taken leave" from anyplace that I know of, nor do I play bridge. I've never attended a formal dinner party that had more than one fork and one spoon per table setting and I've never packed for a picnic, dressed in tails to attend the opera or received an invitation to a ball of any kind. Nor have I ever employed a butler, parlor maid, private secretary, or footman, whatever that is. I don't know how to bow or curtsy, never dated a debutante, nor have I gone anywhere with a chaperone, other than my wife.

It's obvious that we need a new rulebook because Emily's book doesn't even address proper cowboy etiquette. Who better to write this new rulebook than a man who has lived his life surrounded by cowboys, truck drivers,

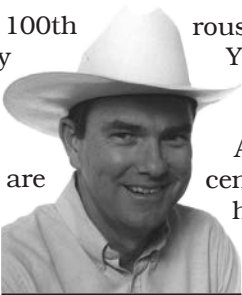
roustabouts and roughnecks?

Yes, that's right, I nominate myself to be the next Emily Post for the 21st century.

A lot of our rules were written centuries ago when men shook hands merely to show they didn't have a gun or sword in their hand. They rose from their seat when a stranger entered the room because they couldn't draw their sword from a sitting position. So why are we still doing these things when most of us don't own a sword, nor do we usually bring a gun to the dinner table? After COVID, no one shakes hands anymore anyway and we've replaced the handshake with the fist or elbow bump. I suppose I reluctantly approve but I simply cannot abide the use of all these secret handshakes that ballplayers do after a touchdown, three-point shot or home run because they are hard to remember and one could easily throw their shoulder out of place performing them.

The only idea I liked in Emily's book was when she talked about calling cards, which were credit card-sized pieces of expensive stationery with one's name on it that you presented to people of the same caste upon seeing them. In the Age of Alzheimer's, I think they'd be a great idea because while I can remember names OK, I don't always pair them up with the right person.

Seeing the profit potential in becoming high society's next Emily Post, I've started a list of proper cowboy manners such as, never take a beer cooler to church; don't put your spurs on the host's sofa; never ride your horse on a busy sidewalk; after you're married it's not necessary to open the door for your wife anymore; always drink your beer directly from the bottle; if you're a close relative who expects to be mentioned prominently in the will don't drive a U-Haul to the funeral just to rub it in; never talk about the condition of your bowels at the dinner table; don't eat chicken with a knife and fork, in fact, never eat chicken at all; and finally, never take your cowboy hat off except for the American flag, unless a utility company wants to lease your chrome dome for use as a solar panel, or at the funeral of an honest to God cowboy or cowgirl.



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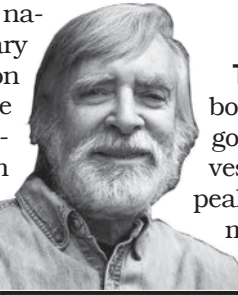
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Waxing moon favors planting, transplanting

While seeking the secrets of nature I have watched the salutary effects of stillness and peace on human hearts and minds. I have seen the overpowering beauty of dawns and sunsets reach into troubled breasts and heal hurts that were thought beyond medicine and philosophy.

– Sam Campbell



POOR WILL'S ALMANACK
By Bill Felker

The Moon: The Apple Cider Moon is new on September 14 at 9:40 p.m. Rising in the morning and setting in the evening, this moon is overhead in the middle of the day.

The Sun: As the sun comes close to its equinox position, shadows have reached full autumn length, and this is a good time to measure how far sunlight comes into a south window in the middle of the day. If you mark that position now, you cannot only watch winter approach, but you can also watch spring return with the sun's passage across your room.

The Planets: Saturn in Aquarius, rising three hours before Jupiter, precedes that planet across the sky throughout the night.

The Stars: Before sunrise throughout September, the southern sky offers a preview of February's evening sky: Orion due South, the Great Square setting in the west, and spring's Regulus rising in the east. Instead of a winter forecast, an ominous foretelling of the cold season to come, this sky is a sure promise of an April night when Regulus will have replaced Orion in the middle of the heavens, and when the first stars of the Summer Triangle appear on the horizon.

Weather Trends: The third week of September brings one of the most radical autumnal swings so far in the season. The likelihood of warm 90s or 80s falls sharply throughout the period, with September 18 bringing only a 20 percent chance of highs above the 70s, the first time that has happened since May 6. Each day this week brings at least a 30 percent chance of showers, with the 18th having the highest chance: almost 50 percent. The mornings are chilly, and the possibility of a light freeze grows steadily. Two weeks ago, the odds were high against frost. Now the chance of freezing temperatures to occur in a seven-day period is up to 40 percent. Next week it will be 50 percent. In two more weeks, it will be 80 percent, and in three weeks almost 100 percent.

The Natural Calendar: August's boneset and July's wood nettle go to seed as the corn silage harvest picks up speed. Aster bloom peaks. Throughout the pastures, milkweed pods are ready to open. The wingstem bows to sets its seeds. In the perennial garden, late-blooming hostas discard their petals. The cobwebs that blocked summer paths become less common. Butterflies that you might still see in the field and garden: skippers, seallowtails, cabbage whites, sulphurs, coppers, azures, viceroys, monarchs, buckeyes, red admirals, tortoise shells, question marks, commas, pearl crescents, fritillaries and graylings.

Over 100 species of birds have begun to fly south by equinox. Only about 60 migrating species remain above the Ohio Valley, and most of those will be on their way by the close of October.

In the Field and Garden: The waxing moon favors all kinds of planting and transplanting. Get ready to seed or re-seed spring pasture. Spread manure from the chicken coop on bare garden plots that will lie fallow until spring. Bring in winter tomatoes for greenhouse fruit but protect them from whiteflies. Seed your late-autumn greens for October, November and December salads.

Mind and Body: The high average amount of sunlight and the continuing mild temperatures generally keep people in good spirits this week of the year. Although the day has lost three hours since the middle of summer, the remaining 12 hours are usually bright enough to help people maintain emotional balance.

Almanack Classics

The Blue, Speckled Cup

By Becky Corwin-Adams, Englewood, Ohio

My Dad grew up poor on a farm near Defiance, Ohio. There were 11 children in his family. Like most families, they didn't have much during the Great Depression years.

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When Dad was young, he wanted a

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Poor Will

FROM PAGE 17B

bicycle of his own. There was no money for such luxuries. Dad pieced together a bicycle from old bikes he found. The bike had balloon ties. Dad was very proud of his bike.

Dad's mother baked the best bread. No one could ever duplicate the recipe. Grandma said she used "a pinch of this" and "a pinch of that." She was constantly baking bread to feed her large family. Often, bread and butter were their dinner. We thought we were in heaven when we visited Grandma on baking day and she gave us a warm loaf of bread to take home. It didn't last long.

Grandma was very thrifty. She did have electricity but never had running water or indoor plumbing. She could have easily afforded it. I remember visiting her outhouse with the Sears, Roebuck and Co. catalog nearby. When I was very young, I wondered why anyone would sit in that cold outhouse in the winter and read the catalog. Then I found out the catalog wasn't there to read. Grandma preferred to live a simple life. She had been born in that farmhouse. She didn't make very many changes during the 76 years she lived there.

Dad grew up drinking water from the well in front of the old farmhouse. Even as an adult, he loved that sulfur-tasting well water. When I was growing up in the sixties, I loved to visit Grandma. Whenever we went to Grandma's house, the first thing Dad would do is go to the well and pump the handle until the water came out. Grandma always kept

a plastic tumbler by the well to drink from. I can still see that blue speckled cup. I often wondered how many people had drunk out of it over the years. Our family was quite large by then. There were over 30 grandchildren. I hated the taste of well water and I definitely was not going to drink from a cup that so many other people had used!

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61st Farm Science Review allows attendees chance to ‘plant seeds for success’

By Doug Graves
Ohio Correspondent

LONDON, Ohio – London, Ohio, has the feel of a small town in the “middle of nowhere.” Surrounded by a landscape that’s dotted with fields of corn as far as the eyes can see.

When the 61st annual Farm Science Review (FSR) gets under way Sept. 19-21, however, more than 150,000 visitors will converge on the grounds of the Molly Caren Agricultural Center located 25 miles southwest of Columbus. The sounds from the crowd, combined with that of heavy machinery of all types, will pierce the air of this normally peaceful acreage.

“Farm Science Review has a long tradition of bringing together educators and industry to showcase the latest in agriculture innovation,” said Garrett Nowak, FSR site manager. “This annual three-day show provides opportunities for growers in the livestock industry, row crop farming, specialty crops, or even an individual with just a few acres and a small garden to plant seeds of success by learning from educators and industry experts about a wide variety of topics.”

Preparation for this year’s show began in April with the planting of the fields on the grounds by the FSR staff.

“Here at the Molly Caren Agricultural Center we have 2,100 acres, 1,400 of which is dedicated to our farming operation,” Nowak said, “where we implement the latest farming practices, technology and any pieces of equipment that we might see at the Farm Science Review on our farm. You’ll see everything from tillage, drainage installation, to drones, and we’re the only national farm show that has both corn and soybean harvest going on at



Above: The biggest and the best farm equipment will be on display at this year’s Farm Science Review, Sept. 19-21. (photo submitted)



Above: The demonstration fields at Farm Science Review will be dotted with the latest equipment available to farmers. (photo submitted)

the show.”

Overseeing the event is show manager Nick Zachrich.

“In all, our show offers an extensive range of opportunities to learn and grow for individuals in the agricultural



Above: More than 150,000 visitors will converge on the grounds of the Molly Caren Agricultural Center for the 61st Farm Science Review. (photo submitted)



Above: The 500 acres of crops that were planted last spring will be harvested by various new equipment, giving visitors a close up look at the capabilities and performance of that equipment. (photo submitted)

and environmental science industries. We take a lot of pride in offering our visitors the opportunity to witness both corn and soybean harvest demonstrations. No other farm show offers their attendees that up-close-and-personal opportunity for harvest of both crops.

“During the field demonstrations, once our equipment has run through the field, attendees can walk out, put their eyes on it, put their hands on it and talk to the company representatives who are there to answer any
(FSR continued on page 4S)



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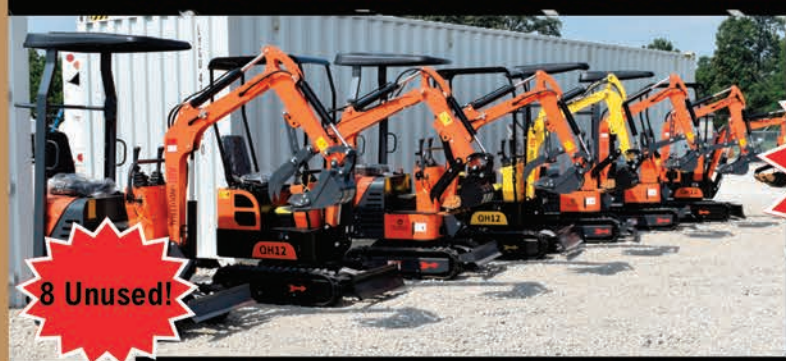
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questions they might have about the equipment or the farming practices that one sees”.

While field demonstrations are certainly the main draw to this three-day event, more than 100 educational sessions will be conducted by agriculture experts. Five miles of paths on the grounds criss-cross among roughly 700 exhibits, which range from topics like livestock, electric tractors and tractor implements.

The Gwynne Conservation Area exhibits another side of agriculture: its waters, woods and wildlife. Gwynne is divided into four areas: Forages & Grazing, Wildlife & Aquatics, Woodland and Cabin. Here visitors will find ideas on caring for their land. Shuttle buses will be on hand to take visitors through this 67-acre zone dedicated to the latest conservation practices one can implement on one’s property.

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Above: While attendees can get a close-up view of the newest machinery available, visitors will want to visit the William George Building at the show. The building houses more than 1,600 pieces of farm machinery from 1800 to 1930. (photo submitted)



Above: Once some of the latest equipment has run through the field, attendees can walk out, put their eyes and hands on it and talk to the company representatives who are there to answer any questions they might have about the equipment or the farming practices taking place. (photo submitted)

zinger Memorial Garden, a plot designed for those interested in gardens. Experts will on hand to discuss pumpkin production, improving tomato fruit quality, wine grape production, fungicides and disease control of fruits and vegetables, elderberry production in Ohio and the marketing of specialty crops, just to name a few.

Visitors wanting a glimpse of farming of the past will want to stop at the William L. George Building at Friday and Hay streets. There visitors will see more than 1,600 pieces of machinery, garden equipment and kitchen utensils from 1800 to 1930.

The Molly Caren Agricultural Center is 135 Ohio Route 38 near London. The event can be seen off Interstate 70.

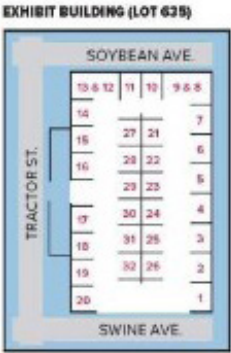
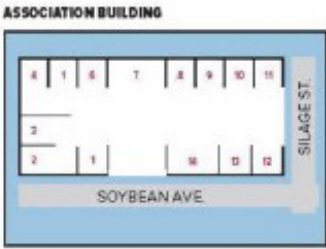
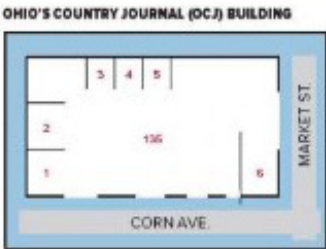
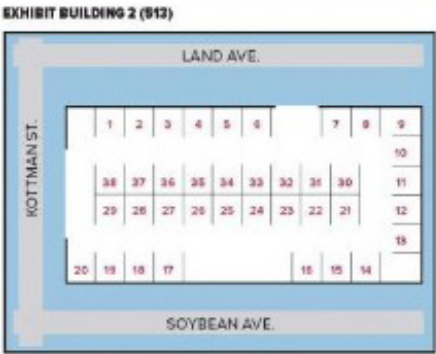
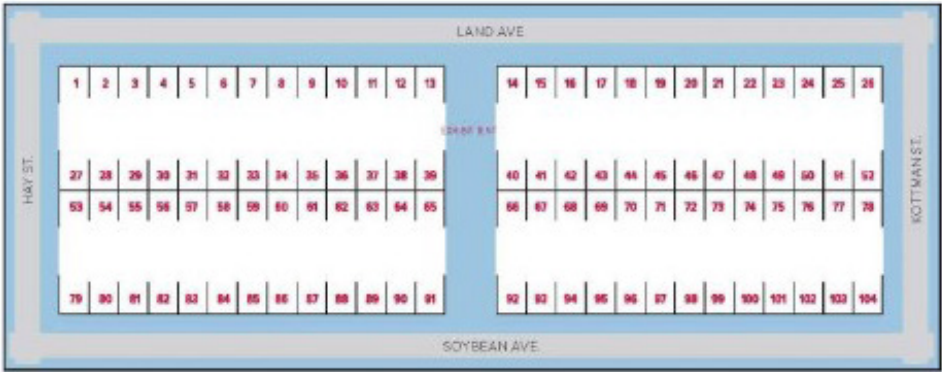
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Show hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sept. 19-20 and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sept. 21. For more information, visit fsr.osu.edu.

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Indiana Corn, U.S. Grains Council tout ethanol to Latin American influencers

INDIANAPOLIS – Corn checkoff organizations, such as the Indiana Corn Marketing Council (ICMC) and the U.S. Grains Council (USGC), make it a priority to find buyers for ethanol and improve the value of Indiana’s corn crop. To accomplish this mission, ICMC and USGC hosted opinion-makers, communication and public officials from Panama, Costa Rica, Guatemala, Peru, Colombia and Chile for a tour of Indiana’s ethanol supply chain.

The tour started in the cornfield of an Indiana farm, followed a grain truck to a nearby ethanol plant, watched ethanol filling gas tanks at a fuel station, then experienced the power and speed of ethanol-fueled racing cars. The tour attendees learned about the U.S. ethanol industry, the U.S. Renewable Fuels Standard (RFS)

and the benefits associated with the use of ethanol for transportation. The tour provided first-hand information to Latin American media, allowing them to gather objective details of the U.S. ethanol sector and its potential use in Latin America.

“The purpose of this tour is to highlight the reliability, economic and environmental benefits of U.S.-produced ethanol to people who influence the buying decisions of many people from Latin American countries,” said ICMC Biofuels Director Helena Jette.

She added that ethanol helps all Hoosiers by reducing greenhouse gas emissions and improving air quality. In fact, the American Lung Association reports that ethanol improves air quality by replacing some of the most harmful components in gasoline. This results in 43 percent fewer

greenhouse gas emissions than gasoline. Indiana ranks as the 6th-largest producer of U.S. ethanol. The Hoosier State produces nearly 8 percent of the total U.S. ethanol output. Collectively, Indiana’s ethanol plants consume about 45 percent of Indiana’s total corn crop – around 450 million bushels.

The USGC brought the tour group to one of its leaders to start the program. Recent USGC President Josh Miller, a farmer from Anderson, Ind., hosted the tour and explained how he grows the crop that makes the fuel.

The Latin American visitors next toured the POET ethanol biorefinery in Alexandria, Ind. This state-of-the-art bioethanol production facility consumes more than 21 million bushels of locally grown corn to produce 90 million gallons of bioethanol annual-

ly.

The next stop was a Casey’s gas station in Marion, Ind. Many Casey’s gas stations sell higher blends of ethanol such as Unleaded 88, a blend of 15 percent ethanol with 85 percent gasoline, and E85, a blend of 85 percent ethanol and 15 percent gasoline. The Marion store sells each of these blends. ICMC has helped Casey’s expand its ethanol offerings through a program that pays for pumps that sell higher ethanol blends.

The rest of the tour was dedicated to racing. The attendees watched timed racing at the Marion, Ind., airport called the Indy Airstrip Attack.

“This weekend’s events were more than a good time watching all types of racing,” Jette said. “This has been an excellent opportunity to share the story of Indiana-made ethanol.”

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Ohio’s creepy crawlers, others, highlighted inside BUGmobile

By Doug Graves
Ohio Correspondent

LONDON, Ohio – “If something gives you the shivers, but you would like to know a bit more about it, maybe it’s time to get to know a few of these ‘animals’ better.”

Those are the words of Jeni Ruisch, curator of the Entomology Insectary, and outreach program director at Ohio State University. Ruisch is bringing the BUGmobile to Farm Science Review to give growers and the general public an idea of what’s lurking in farm fields and elsewhere.

Ruisch calls the BUGmobile her mobile bug zoo and takes it to places like classrooms, retirement communities and the Farm Science Review.

“When you step on board the BUGmobile you are welcome to look, touch or even hold a few of the animals the BUGmobile has to offer,” Ruisch said.

The BUGmobile, a 28-foot-long Airstream trailer, includes a collection of about 200 species of beetles, spiders, crustaceans and other arthropods.

“It’s always a good time to get to know a few of these animals better,” Ruisch said. “You are never too old or young to learn. With this mobile laboratory it makes it easy to watch the bugs on board, or even touch and hold a few of them. We’re able to provide some unique insight into these animals who are so important to food and other ecosystems around the world.”

“We raise arthropods back at the Insectary at Ohio State University. A few days before the Farm Science Review, we put these animals in carriers and brought them to the show so people can walk through our displays.”

Tarantulas, cockroaches, scorpions and pill bugs are just a few of the live insects you can visit on the BUGmobile. There are also pinned and preserved specimens of bees, wasps and a multitude of other insects onboard.



Above: Cathann Kress (left), vice president of agricultural administration at Ohio State University, discusses the BUGmobile with mobile curator Jeni Ruisch. (photo submitted)



Above: The BUGmobile offers visitors the chance to not only look at the animals but to hold them as well. (photo submitted)



Above: An Airstream trailer houses the BUGmobile, which is home to over 200 species of animals. (photo submitted)



Above: A majority of the insects aboard the BUGmobile are pinned. (photo submitted)

“There is no video you can watch that can give you the same experience of holding an animal or just watching it in front of you and talking about it,” Ruisch said. “It’s about exposing people to these animals in a safe and controlled environment.”

Ruisch joined the Entomology Insectary in 2019 to undertake expansion of the teaching insect collection and creation of a physical Columbus Bug Zoo. Ruisch has formal animal husbandry experience with primates, parrots, reptiles and aquatic animals. In 2021, Ruisch took over the management of the Insectary, merging the separate operations into one live arthropod collection devoted to education and outreach, while also coordinating the creation of a truly unique outreach experience in the BUGmobile.

According to Ruisch, farmers might encounter a few of the bugs on display while others may be a continent away.

The Asian praying mantis is useful to farmers as it eats beetle larvae and caterpillars. It was brought to the U.S. for pest-control purposes. Like many of the creatures in the BUGmobile, this mantis was captive-bred.

“My goal was for all our animals to be bred in captivity,” Ruisch said.

Another is the American giant millipede. These slow-moving plant eaters are native to Ohio and love rotting wood. “They’re like kind of the cows of the bug world,” Ruisch said.

Must-see on the list for visitors is the Emperor scorpion and the Australian walking stick.

“The walking stick lives about 10 to 12 months, is native to Australia and eats eucalyptus leaves,” Ruisch said.

“These two are the stars of the show when we go out with the BUGmobile. They’re such weird looking animals.”

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Above: Holstein winner – Ty Etgen, of Harrod, Ohio, received the 2023 Distinguished Young Holstein Breeder Award at the National Holstein Convention in Lexington, Ky. He is shown here with his family at the 2021 Ohio State Fair. (photo submitted)

Ohioan receives 2023 Distinguished Young Holstein Breeder Award

By Doug Graves
Ohio Correspondent

LEXINGTON, Ky. – “It’ll never work.” “You have to be born into it.” “It’s going to be hard.”

Ty Etgen has heard all of these comments about his aspirations of becoming a dairy farmer. Still, he knew from a young age that this was his dream.

“I’ve always wanted to be a dairy farmer for as long as I can remember,” Etgen said.

Members of the world’s largest dairy-cattle breed organization met in June in Lexington for the National Holstein Convention. Honored at this huge event was Etgen, a Holstein breeder from the tiny northwest Ohio village of Harrod.

Etgen, who runs a 100-herd Holstein operation in his village of just 423 people, was honored with the Distinguished Young Holstein Breed-

er Award. The award recognizes significant accomplishments made by the breeder.

“The whole list of Distinguished Young Holstein Breeders is impressive, and to be on that list, it means a lot to me,” Etgen said. “Fifteen years ago, I had nothing, and to be recognized with this award, it’s awesome.”

“My advice to others is simple: work hard,” he said. “If you can outwork 95 percent of the population, you can do what you want. Don’t let the naysayers say you can’t do something. Use it as fuel for your fire. Stay laser-focused on your goals.”

Etgen’s path into raising Holsteins is rather unconventional. As a youth, he found his way to the dairy industry through jobs on dairy farms and involvement in 4-H and FFA. After high school, he worked fulltime on a dairy farm for 18 months. He then furthered his education with a degree in dairy cattle production and management from Ohio State Agricultural Technical Institute (ATI). At ATI, he participated on the dairy judging team and interned at Air-Osa Dairy in California as key learning experiences during college.

After graduating from college, Etgen farmed in a partnership for a few years before starting a small herd of his own. In spring 2015, he and his family broke ground on a 110-cow barn and double-seven herringbone parlor. Today, he takes on all the primary responsibilities on the dairy, and continuously works to improve his Registered Holstein herd.

“One thing that got me where I am today is, I’ve always been surrounded by great people who challenged me and pushed me on,” Etgen said.

The herd at Etgen-Way is milked twice daily and has a rolling herd average of 23,044 pounds of milk, with a 4.0 percent fat test and a 3.1 percent protein test. Breeding high-scoring cows is also important to Etgen, and in 2022 his herd had a Breed Age Average (BAA) of 111.4.

Ty and his wife, Heather, met while showing dairy cattle. To this day they show in the ring. Whether doing day-to-day chores or getting ready for a show, Ty said he’s thankful for the work ethic he’s teaching his two young sons. He’s also quick to give credit to the many mentors and friends he’s had in the dairy industry who have helped him pursue his dreams.

“Farmers work really hard and they don’t always get off the farm, so conventions can be a great time to

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Grain engulfments, iFarm Theater, drone spraying among many demos

By Doug Graves
Ohio Correspondent

LONDON, Ohio – Want to experience the feeling of flying in a crop duster? Ever wonder what it's like being trapped in a grain bin, or flying inside a bee hive?

At this year's Farm Science Review, there is no shortage of demonstrations to educate and amaze attendees.

Visitors to this year's show will want to stop by the iFarm Immersive Theatre for experiences similar to an IMAX theater for viewing agriculture-based films. Topics include a ride on a crop duster applying fungicide, exploration of natural habitats, a view from inside a beehive, an aerial tour of Ohio, multiple machinery demonstrations and a view from the cab during a tractor pull.

"This theater features a few different types of technology," said Brooke Beam, Extension educator from Highland County. "It uses projection magic and 360-degree video content to give the attendee this immersive experience. With this theater we can convey over 18 different kinds of film we've created, ranging from riding a processor to exploring different wildlife habitats here in Ohio."

Attendees will enter an inflatable dome and take a seat inside. The inside of the black dome will serve as the screen. The movie will project on the dome surrounding viewers.

"It's as if you're there in person," Beam said.

A key stop for any farmer, and one that has been present at the past 20 shows, is the Grain Cart with its Grain Rescue Simulator, designed by students from Ohio State University's College of Food, Agricultural and Environmental Sciences. The simulator is used to train first responders, grain



Above: At the Utzinger Memorial Garden, visitors can hear presentations regarding fruit diseases, fall-planted cut flowers, low maintenance perennials, growing ethnic specialty crops and much more. (photo submitted)

industry employees and farm families about the hazards of flowing grain. The demonstrations at this stop will be held several times each day and are headed by Dee Jepsen, state safety leader for OSU Extension.

"It is difficult for us as humans to always put safety first," Jepsen said. "There are daily pressures that affect us all. We attempt to get the message of safety out to people of all ages because people are getting more and more removed from what's happening on the farm."

In the past 10 years, 14 Ohio farmers have died due to engulfment in grain bins, entanglements in augers, falls from grain bin-related structures and electrocution. Live demonstrations of grain engulfment are scheduled regularly each day at the show.

At the Utzinger Memorial Garden, visitors can hear presentations regarding building a soil profile, fruit diseases, fall-planted cut flowers, low maintenance perennials, growing ethnic specialty crops, growing gourmet mushrooms, top-performing annuals and much more. Many presentations allow visitors to get their hands a little dirty with hands-on participation.

Join the 4-H program and explore STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) in agriculture through hands-on activities at the 4-H Ag STEM tent. Learn how your 4-H or FFA projects or favorite class in school are related to a possible career in agriculture.

The cultivator, planter, field sprayer, harvester and tractor are the top five most important items on today's farm. According to the USDA, gaining in strength in terms of usage is the chainsaw. Chainsaw maintenance, sharpening and cutting demonstrations will be conducted daily at Soil &

Water Conservation Park.

Ag Innovation Demonstrations will be held daily at the Trotter Field Demo Area. Experts and company representatives will be available before and after scheduled demonstrations of the latest ag technology. At this location visitors will see the latest in autonomous tractors and spraying with drones. Sure to catch all eyes is an autonomous irrigation system that has the ability of applying liquefied manure to row crops throughout the growing season.

At the Energy Tent, visitors will discover that as agricultural operations have become more sophisticated and automated, the electric demands of many farms have increased, requiring enhanced needs for high-quality electric to power equipment. Experts in electricity will illustrate ways in which farmers can reduce energy usage, lower energy costs and learn about ways to produce their own renewable



Above: In typical farm-like fashion, street signs with farm tie-ins dot the landscape to point Farm Science Review visitors in the right direction. Five miles of paths on the grounds criss-cross among roughly 700 exhibits. (photo submitted)

energy.

Listen to experts discuss and illustrate nutrient management to learn how to better utilize manure nutrients, how to side-dress corn with liquid manure, how to top-dress wheat with liquid manure and how many tons per acre your manure spreader applies.



Above: Farm safety is stressed at each Farm Science Review and this year is no exception. There will be several live demonstrations that put safety in the forefront of any agriculture business. (photo submitted)



Above: Want to know what it feels like flying in a crop duster? Or buzzing inside a bee hive? With help of the iFarm Immersive Theatre, Farm Science Review visitors can sit inside a small theater to take in such experiences. (photo submitted)

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reconnect with old friends and just meet new people with common interests,” said Holstein Association USA’s COO Lindsey Worden.

Etgen echoed that sentiment, adding that the convention allowed him a breather that he appreciated.

“I know it takes a lot of people to put this on, but, yeah, it’s been great,” Etgen said. “We were treated great. We drove around the area and enjoyed the scenery. It’s totally different than what I’m used to at home.”

Next year’s National Holstein Convention will take place in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Chornic wasting disease confirmed in Wisconsin deer

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Scientists have confirmed that a captive deer at a northwestern Wisconsin shooting preserve has tested positive for chronic wasting disease.

State agriculture officials announced Thursday that the National Veterinary Services Laboratories in Ames, Iowa, confirmed the 3-year-old doe at Thundeer Trophy Whitetails in Birchwood was infected, the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel reported.

Records show the doe was transferred from Rodenkirch Whitetails and Genetics, a deer farm in Beaver Dam, to the preserve on Oct. 4. The disease hadn’t been found at either facility at the time of the transfer, although a doe at the Rodenkirch farm tested positive in March. As a result the doe at Thundeer Trophy Whitetails was culled from that facility’s herd. The preserve has about 300 deer spread across 150 acres.

Chronic wasting disease is an always-fatal neurological disease in deer, elk and moose. It’s been found in 31 states, four Canadian provinces and several foreign countries, according to the U.S. Geological Survey’s National Wildlife Center. It was first detected in Wisconsin in 2002.

Deer can be tested for chronic wasting disease only after they’re dead. State agriculture officials didn’t say when the doe at Thundeer Trophy Whitetails was killed.

Wisconsin has about 300 deer farms or shooting preserves, according to state records. Forty-one have seen animals infected with chronic wasting disease since 2001. The disease has forced 22 facilities to depopulate.

Eight deer farms and 12 shooting preserves with the disease are still operating, according to state records.

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Kitchen Table Conversations support women on the farm

By Doug Graves
Ohio Correspondent

LONDON, Ohio – Farming has long been considered “a man’s occupation.” However, times are changing. Today, women play an integral part in farming, either as a principal operator (14 percent) or as a decision-maker (37 percent).

With this in mind, Farm Science Review has added Kitchen Table Conversations to its list of attractions as a way of allowing women on the farm the chance to address issues that they have, learn new ways of doing things, hear from other female farm experts and build new levels of confidence. Each session will feature a leading expert and moderators to generate dialogue and discussion among participants.

The Kitchen Table Conversations will be hosted by the Ohio Women in Agriculture of Ohio State University Extension. This program will focus on key topics related to health, marketing, finance, legal and production for women in agriculture, and others.

“Women attending this could be the farm owner, owner-operator or simply the farm wife,” said Gigi Neal, Ohio State Extension educator from Clermont County.

Neal is one of the presenters and is part of the OSU Extension Women in Agriculture Team that includes Ohio State Extension Educators Heather Neikirk (Stark County), Emily Adams (Coshocton County) and Beth Scheckelhoff (Putnam County).

“Last year we held these Kitchen Conversations at just one location at Farm Science Review, this year we’ll be holding six talks at various locations. They will be held at different locations because these sites are geared toward a specific topic.”

On Sept. 19, the talks will take place at the Ask an Expert Tent (10:30 a.m.) and the Gwynne Conservation Area (2 p.m.).

At the Ask the Experts Tent, women can learn about Annie’s Project, a national non-profit that helps to ed-

ucate and empower women in agriculture. The organization is celebrating its 20th year. It has more than 19,000 graduates across 38 states and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Topics will include such things as estate planning, finances and bookkeeping.

At the Gwynne Conservation Area, Ohio State Extension educator Amy Stone will discuss the havoc played upon crops and trees by the spotted lanternfly.

On Sept. 20, the Kitchen Table Conversations will continue at the Ag Safety Area (10:30 a.m.) and the McCormick Building (2 p.m.).

During the gathering at the Ag Safety Area, women will learn about personal protection equipment (PPE) used on today’s farm. Heading up these talks will be Dr. Dee Jepsen, agricultural safety and health program director at Ohio State. Jepsen has been with the program since 1992.

“A lot of times this personal protection equipment is made for adult males, so women need to make sure they’re obtaining the proper size that suits them,” Neal said.

At the McCormick Building, Bridget Britton will lead talks about family, life and mental health on the farm. Britton, from the Tuscarawas County Extension office, is a behavioral health field specialist in the agricultural and natural resources program for Ohio State.

On Sept. 21, the Kitchen Table Conversations will be held at the Small Farms Tent (10:30 a.m.) and Livestock Tent (2 p.m.).

At the Small Farm Tent, Neal will lead a discussion entitled “Where’s Waldo.”

“It’s called Where’s Waldo, which refers to how to find the equipment to operate on a small farm,” Neal said. “I get calls from women all the time asking me where they can find a specific piece of equipment for a small farm. Maybe they’re looking for a smaller hay baler. It could be anything. At the Livestock Tent, women will discuss all things livestock.



Above: Ohio State University farm safety expert Dee Jepsen will discuss personal protection equipment during a Kitchen Table Conversation talk at this year’s Farm Science Review. (photo submitted)



Above: Nowadays, more women than ever are becoming more involved in the operation of the farm. Knowing this, Farm Sciences Review will host the Kitchen Table Conversation gatherings. Six different discussions are scheduled this year at Farm Science Review. (photo submitted)

“We’re trying to put programs like this, not just at Farm Science Review, but all across the state to highlight all the different aspects of women in agriculture. Women can do the same things as the adult males, we just need to do things with our muscles, not their muscles.”

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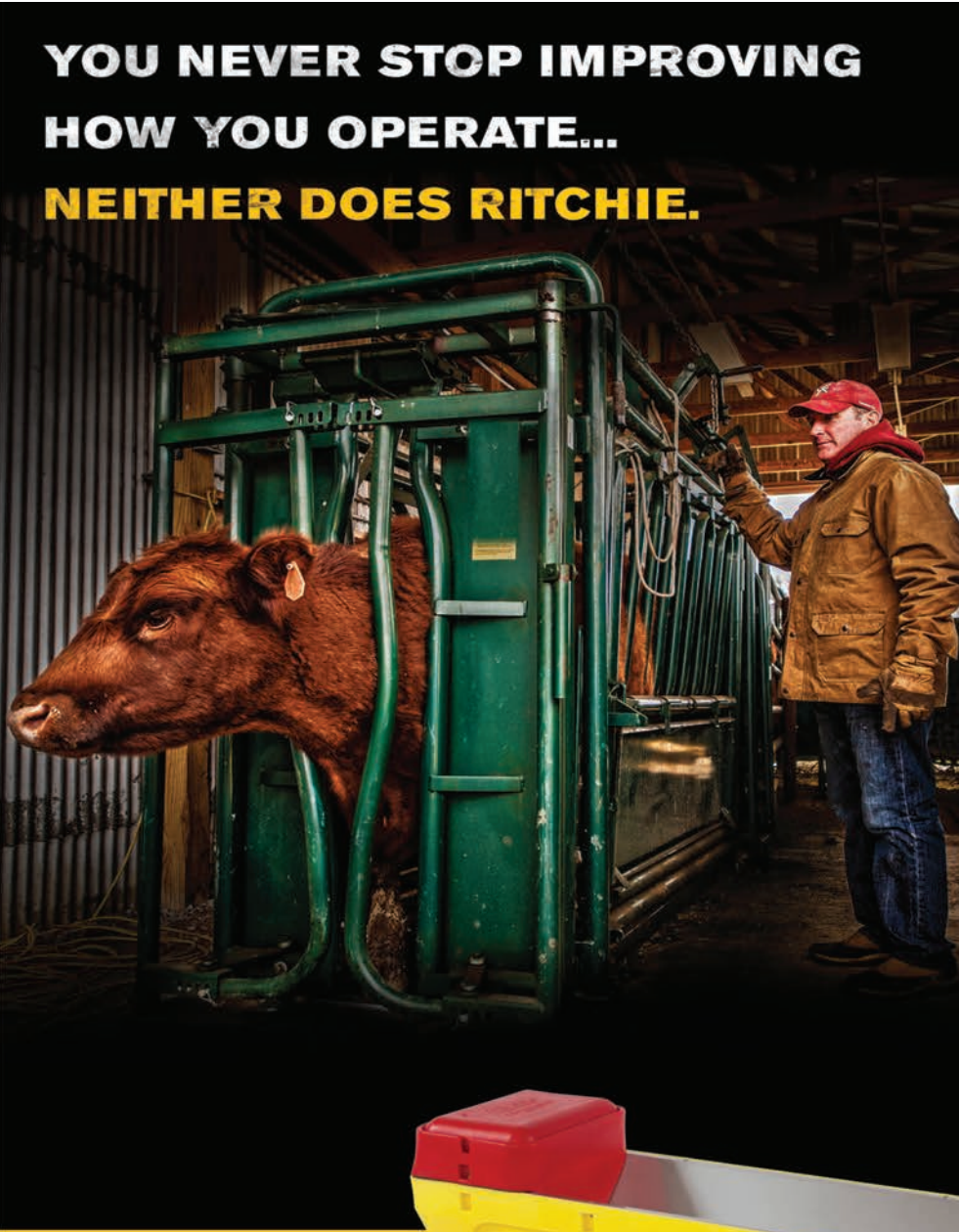
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