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Illinois dairy farmers were digging into soil health week

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SPRINGFIELD, Ill. – With a renewed focus on environmental concerns associated with agriculture, Midwest Dairy Association sustainable nutrition manager Christine Cliff wants the public to know that only an estimated 2 percent of greenhouse gas emissions (GHGs) can be attributed to the U.S. dairy industry.

“Dairy farmers are striving to keep it that way,” Cliff said, launching an hour-long webinar that wrapped up five days of online and in-person events celebrating Soil Health Week in Illinois.

The dairy industry, in particular, is leading the way in employing innovative solutions to the climate crisis, according to the Midwest Dairy Association. “The U.S. dairy industry was the first in the food agricultural sector to conduct a full life cycle assessment (LCA) on a national scale. This assessment looked at dairy from ‘cradle to grave,’ meaning that dairy was evaluated all the way from fertilizer production to the home where milk is consumed, and finally when the milk packaging is discarded. The LCA found that U.S. dairy accounts for approximately 2 percent of total GHG emissions, 5.1 percent of water use and 3.7 percent of U.S. farmland,” said Cliff, whose Midwest Dairy Association represents over 4,400 dairy producers in a ten-state region.

The Soil Health Week webinar, “Digging into Soil Health on Illinois Dairy Farms,” included moderator Jim Eisermann, a soil health expert with the Illinois Sustainable Agriculture Partnership. Also participating were dairy producers Nathan Dinderman, co-owner of Hunter Haven Farms near Pearl City, and Andy Lenkaitis, of Lenkaitis Holsteins near St. Charles.

“Dairy farmers work very hard every day to provide us with delicious and nutritious dairy food as well as to take care of the environment and be good stewards to the land,” Cliff said while introducing the webinar panel. “By the year 2050 they are striving to reduce their GHG emissions to net zero.”

Lenkaitis operates his family Holstein operation with his wife, Sarah, who takes care of around 80 dairy cows among the 185 animals on their farm. Their farm in St. Charles, a western suburb of Chicago, is somewhat unique in that it is surrounded

by urban sprawl. “What’s important to us is that we make the best use of the resources we have available,” Lenkaitis said. “In our area land is not easy to come by, so we want to make sure we can utilize it to its fullest extent by treating it the best that we can. We currently produce about twice the amount of milk that we had previously on the same amount of land, and we do that by taking better care of the cows and better care of the crops that we feed them with. Part of that is healthy soil.”

The Lenkaitises planted Italian ryegrass as a cover crop after corn on their farm last fall. Along with the crops they grow, the family supplements their cattle feed with co-products such as corn gluten and whole cottonseed. Manure from their dairy cow herd is recycled and run through a separator to mechanically separate fiber from liquid. The liquid is retained as a fertilizer to be applied to the Lenkaitis crop fields, while the fiber is used as bedding.

Along with regular soil testing, Lenkaitis identified cover crops among the most important things producers could do to establish good soil health. He also encouraged farmers new to the cover crop world to have patience when attempting to establish a reliable cover crop stand. “It’s not going to work perfectly every time, but that doesn’t mean you have to give up on it. Try it on your own acres first,” he said.

Dinderman has owned his farm, home to around 1,000 cows on 2,500 acres, for the past six years along with Scott Brenner. As part of the farm’s soil health practices, the partners utilize alfalfa for a winter cover crop to help control soil erosion.

Dinderman said that the partners’ commitment to sustainable soil health practices is a continuation of the philosophies of past owners Doug and Tom Block.

“We’re trying to keep (the farm’s) reputation going for being stewards of the land. We neighbor a 650-acre private lake on our northern border, so there are a lot of things we do in order to do the right thing at the right time,” Dinderman said.

As done at Lenkaitis Holsteins, Hunter Haven Farms’ soil health practices include recycling and separating manure for use as a spring and fall fertilizer, replacing synthetic fertilizers almost entirely. Around 500 acres of

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Above: Aaron, Amy, Nate, and Ben Hirschy have raised, bred and shown boer goats for over 15 years. Their family backgrounds originated from a 400-head milking goat farm, along with a dairy farm. They are located in Decatur, Ind. Photo by Leondia Walchle

Farmers expected to plant less corn, more soybeans, in 2024

By Michele F. Mihaljevich
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WASHINGTON, D.C. – Farmers are planning to plant less corn – and slightly more soybeans – than expected in 2024, according to the latest USDA plantings report.

Corn acreage is estimated at 90 million, down from nearly 95 million in 2023, the USDA’s National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) said March 28. Before the report’s release, analysts were expecting 92 million acres, said Todd Hultman, DTN lead analyst.

Soybean acreage is estimated at 86.5 million, up from last year’s 83.6 million. Hultman said pre-report expectations for soybeans were 86.3 million acres.

Wheat is estimated at 47.5 million acres, down from 49.6 million in 2023. The 2024 number is close to pre-report expectations of 47.7 million, he noted. Winter wheat acreage is down 7 percent, from 36.7 million last year to 34.1 million.

The top eight corn-producing states all saw acreage drops. The top two – Iowa and Illinois – each will lose 300,000 acres. Indiana (no. 7) will lose 350,000 acres, NASS said. Minnesota (no. 4) saw the biggest reduction at 700,000 acres.

“Overall, it was a pretty widespread, the reduction in corn acres this year, but definitely Illinois and Iowa contributing their share,” Hultman explained. “I have to wonder if concerns maybe about dry conditions in Minnesota affected those totals at all.”

For soybeans, the top eight pro-

ducing states saw acreage gains. Illinois (no. 1) acreage is up 150,000, Iowa (no. 2) up 250,000, and Indiana (no. 6), up 250,000. North Dakota (no. 4) saw the largest gain at 700,000 acres.

“So outside of North Dakota and Missouri (up 400,000), small changes overall but, again, everybody showing some participation in today’s higher soybean planting estimate,” he said.

NASS also released grain stocks numbers as of March 1. For corn, stocks were up 13 percent from a year ago, to 8.35 billion bushels. The number was below what the trade expected.

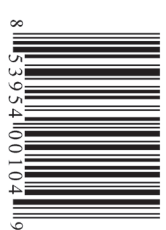
“USDA may raise feed residual on the coming April supply and demand report,” said Rich Nelson, Allendale, Inc., chief strategist. “So, a positive number there, stock numbers 80 million bushels below the trade expectation. Also positive for corn, the acreage numbers were smaller than expected here.”

“So, while we’re not exactly changing the corn balance sheets, we’re certainly making them less bearish. So a positive for both old and new crop there.”

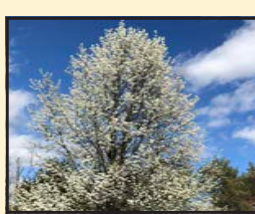
The lower-than-expected corn stocks number shows a little more active demand in the first half of the year than anticipated, Hultman said. “Even so, we still have to acknowledge the corn supplies for March 1 are still the highest in five years.”

Soybean stocks were 1.85 billion bushels, about 17 million bushels over the trade expectation, Nelson

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Cargill awards \$3.15 million grant to the National FFA Organization

INDIANAPOLIS — Cargill awarded a three-year grant of \$3.15 million to the National FFA Organization in support of its commitment to shape future agriculture leaders.

The grant supports a variety of National FFA Organization programs and events during the three-year period (from 2023 to 2025), including the organization's sustainability platform; the equity, diversity and inclusion (EDI) pathway; and the Living to Serve program. During the National FFA Convention & Expo, the grant supports a booth, the rodeo and travel grants for career development event (CDE) participants. In addition, the funding supports the American FFA Degree and the American Star Awards.

Cargill's grant also supports programs that encourage the exploration of career pathways in agriculture. This includes AgExplorer and two career pathways — Food Products and Processing and Animal Systems. In 2024, the grant will also support the Next Gen Conference, which is focused on food, processing and products. The conference will be June 25-29, 2024, in Minneapolis, Minn.

During its first year, the Cargill grant has significantly impacted FFA. In the fall 2023 semester, funding helped FFA members, non-FFA members and adults complete 77,678 hours of service through projects funded by yearlong Living to Serve grants. It also supported 619 FFA members who participated in national competitive events related to the Food Products and Processing career pathway and 1,600 members who par-

ticipated in Animal Systems competitive events.

Additionally, funds provided 14 travel grants to CDE participants to enable them to compete at the 96th National FFA Convention & Expo. The grant also helped fund the State Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Collaborative, which helps state FFA associations create and implement EDI plans. The 2022-23 cohort involved nine states, and 14 states are part of the 2023-24 cohort.

National FFA and Cargill look forward to continued partnership to ensure even greater impact in the remaining two years of the grant.

"We are honored to receive this grant from Cargill," said Molly Ball, president of the National FFA Foundation and chief marketing officer of the National FFA Organization. "Throughout our partnership, Cargill has been unwavering in its support and continues to see the potential leaders in our members and advisers. This grant allows us to reach more members and continue providing new opportunities that help feed the talent pipeline."

Rob Stewart, director of growth ventures and emerging markets for Cargill's North American protein business, said, "Cargill is grateful for the opportunity to continue our partnership with the FFA, which spans more than 60 years. Together, we're able to convene the best and brightest young minds to create awareness and enthusiasm for diversity, equity and inclusion as well as sustainability programming to ensure a stronger future for the agriculture industry and our world."

tilizer for growing our crops."

Dinderman echoed Lenkaitis in urging dairy producers to look into cover crops for their operations whenever feasible. "There are a lot of people that are doing this all across the country, and they are doing it well. There are resources and people out there to help you that can be found pretty easily, way more than even five years ago," he said.

Soil tests conducted over the past three years have proven that the soil of Hunter Haven Farms has increased in organic matter, according to Dinderman. "We're bringing the soil back to life, and probably one of the biggest benefits is the erosion control. I can sleep at night too, knowing that I may not be doing everything exactly perfect, but at least I'm trying. I think a lot of people get scared away with cover crops, but I think they're wrong. It's only going to be better for the industry looking down the road, and there are some really exciting things going on in the sustainability side of agriculture."

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alfalfa are incorporated into the farm's crop rotation as a cover crop that can be used as a feedstuff for cows, while also helping to maintain soil integrity on many of the farm's sloped sectors.

In addition, Dinderman and Brenner plant around 100-150 acres of wheat to utilize the straw and break up crop rotations. The co-owners also employ no-till or minimum tillage on their row crop acreage.

"We try to keep a good rotation, try to break up the farm the best we can with contour strips in some spots. We try not to put a whole hillside into one crop at a time just for erosion (control)," Dinderman said. "All of our liquid manure is custom applied at an agronomic rate according to what the crop is going to be needing. When we put our liquid manure on a corn-on-corn crop, we don't put any additional fertilizers out there. It is the main fer-

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said. Stocks were up 9 percent from a year ago.

Wheat stocks were a little larger than the trade expected to see, at 1.09 billion bushels. The number was 43 million bushels over the trade expectation, he noted.

Hultman said USDA may eventually need to raise the ending stocks number for wheat.

"It's not that we've had an overabundance of wheat supplies but we just haven't been able to move them," he said. "Exports have been among the lowest in over 50 years.

(We're) continuing to have a difficult time moving our wheat supplies here in the U.S.

Dr. Todd D. Davis, Indiana Farm Bureau chief economist, said market fundamentals could change from the latest projections because corn and soybean seeds are still in the bag.

"These reports are really about managing expectations, and the market moves when it's a surprise," he said in a release. "The only real surprise this time around was that corn acres decreased by 2 million acres more than expected. However, keep in mind that planters aren't rolling yet. These numbers reflect what farmers were thinking during early March."

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Brazil's safrinha crop acres is hotly debated market topic

The USDA has released its ag export revenue forecast for 2024. The USDA has the value of 2024 ag exports at \$170.5 billion, a \$1 billion increase from its November prediction. A decline in

soybean and product export income is expected, but these are anticipated to be offset by larger sales of other commodities. Soybean and soy product exports are forecast to generate \$36.2 billion in

revenue, a decline of \$1 billion. Grain export returns are pegged at \$38.2 billion, an increase of \$700 million. Beef export income has been raised \$700 million and pork exports to increase \$600 million.

China is forecast to be the largest buyer in 2024 with a projected \$28.7 billion in purchases, although this is an \$800 million decline from 2023.

Chinese officials have released their import data on corn and soybeans and verified a sizable shift in where needs are sourced from. In the first two months of 2024 China imported 6.19 million metric tons of corn. Of this, 4.1 mmt came from Brazil, a yearly increase of 178%. US corn exports to China only totaled 767,000 metric tons to start the year, a 67% decrease from last year.

One of the most debated topics in today's market remains safrinha acres in Brazil. Several analysts are using a low acreage number in their safrinha estimate due to weather conditions at the start of the planting season. One of these is CONAB who lowered their planting estimate by 7.6% from last year. Weather in Brazil has improved since planting started though, and now analysts in the country believe any reduction to safrinha plantings will be much less than initially predicted. These individuals believe safrinha plantings will be large enough to absorb a 5% loss in yield and still generate a larger corn crop than current projections indicate.

What is most notable about the safrinha crop this year is the early and rapid planting of the crop. The planting on safrinha this year has run 20% faster than last year given the fast harvest pace on Brazil's soybean crop. This will allow the safrinha crop to mature without being subjected to the late growing season weather which is known for stressing crops. This is further supporting ideas the safrinha crop will be larger than forecast. This is being heavily monitored by global corn importers, as the safrinha crop is where nearly all of Brazil's corn exports come from.

A story out of the livestock complex

that has caught trade attention is that China has opted to let its tariffs on Brazil poultry imports expire. China has been placing tariffs on Brazilian poultry since 2019 to counter what the

Chinese government claimed was "dumping" by Brazil. Dumping is when a large volume of commodities are sold at a highly discounted value into a market. These are normally below the fair market value of the commodity and can be below the cost of production. These Chinese tariffs ranged from 18% to 34%.

Chinese officials have also released a statement that they will lower the country's sow herd capacity to 39 million head. This is down from the current sow herd capacity target of 41 million head. Chinese officials are hoping that this move will trim the country's hog herd and support prices. China over-built its hog herd following heavy losses from African Swine Fever, and at the same time, pork demand in China has dropped. This is mainly from changes to the Chinese diet with consumers wanting more beef in their diets. The current sow population in China is reported at 40.4 million head, which is down 7% from a year ago.

The Chinese government has announced plans to provide additional funding to expand the country's commodity production and storage capacity.

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Grade school kids given lessons on farming

By Stan Maddux
Indiana Correspondent

LAPORTE, Ind. - Close to 1,000 fourth graders from northern Indiana learned a thing or two about where food comes from, and the work required to get it to their dinner tables.

All the students from LaPorte County attended Ag Days March 20 and 21.

The annual event is sponsored by LaPorte County Farm Bureau and the LaPorte County Row Crop Food Producers with help from Purdue University Extension.

Children from each grade school visited 12 stations manned by volunteer instructors touching on subjects like beef, dairy cows, farm machinery, row crops, rabbits and chickens at the LaPorte County Fairgrounds.

During a question-and-answer session, one boy from Kingsbury Elementary School asked if chocolate milk comes from a chocolate cow.

Instructor Frank Minich, a fourth-generation dairy farmer near Kingsbury, explained flavorings like chocolate are added to milk from a cow at processing plants before placed into containers for sale at grocery stores.

"That's a pretty common question. It doesn't matter what color the cow is. All of the milk that comes out is white milk," he said.

He also provided facts such as a cow drinks 40 to 60 gallons of water a day and, depending on certain factors, gives about 10 gallons of milk over a 24-hour period.

Instructor Paul Herrold talked about corn and how it's used to make ethanol to mix with gasoline for a cleaner burning fuel.

Herrold, who raises about 3,000 acres of corn and soybeans in the Westville and Wanatah areas, said a lot of corn harvested from fields is also used to feed farm animals before they're processed for human consumption.

"Corn is high in energy. When you give it to animals, they grow very quickly," he said.

Schasta Antrim, of LaPorte, adult 4-H volunteer, told the children rabbits give birth about a month after conception and have 28 teeth.

Antrim, 26, showed rabbits while in 4-H as a youth and, currently, her family has over 20 rabbits used for meat and for her younger siblings now in 4-H to show.

She said interacting with the kids

and getting them excited about learning is what she likes most about being an Ag Days instructor.

"When they start answering my questions and they have such confidence when they tell me the correct answer back, it's exciting to see their faces just glow. Of course, they can't wait to pet the animals," she said.

Some of the children petted live animals like a chicken and a rabbit during the presentations or while leaving for another station.

Megan Bowman, a fourth-grade teacher at Coolspring Elementary School in Michigan City, said it was her first time having a class at Ag Days.

She particularly liked her students' thrilled reaction to learning the ketchup they have at home is made from tomatoes grown in the fields, including some locally. "It's been really educational and we're having a blast," she said.

Westville area farmer Mark Parkman, president of LaPorte County Farm Bureau, said another purpose of the event is to promote the 4-H youth program.

Despite popular belief, Parkman said owning livestock is not required to enroll because there are many offerings for children in 4-H ranging from cooking to photography and small engine repair, aside from showing farm animals.

"There's something in 4-H for everybody," he said.

Students also learned about Future Farmers of America during their stops at a station manned by members of



Above: Zoey Smith (center), a fourth grader at Coolspring Elementary School, pets a rabbit during Ag Days at the LaPorte County Fairgrounds.



Above: Volunteer instructor Cole Antrim explains to a group of 4th graders where eggs come from during Ag Days at the LaPorte County Fairgrounds.



Above: Students from Renaissance Academy near Michigan City participate in a question-and-answer session during Ag Days.

the LaPorte High School FFA branch.

Stephanie Boo-Howe, a senior and FFA member since a freshman, said the students were told about the activities, contests and public service opportunities provided by the organization.

Boo-Howe, who lived on a cattle farm in Illinois until her family moved to LaPorte County, said she especially likes meeting people on her FFA-sponsored trips for activities in the region and as far as Indianapolis. "It's a lot of fun," she said.



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Indiana FFA names 2024 State Star finalists

INDIANAPOLIS – The Indiana FFA Association named its 2024 State Star finalists as a part of its preparation for the 95th Indiana FFA State Convention.

After submitting an application, FFA members participated in a personal interview. Finalists will now undergo a site visit to determine which members will be deemed State Stars in their respective categories.

Members determined as Star Finalists are interviewed for a chance to be named as a State Star in these four prestigious award areas: Star Farmer, Star in Agricultural Placement, Star in Agribusiness and Star in Agriscience. They will find out the results on June 19, 2024, at 7 p.m. at the Hoosier Degree Session during the convention at Purdue University. Those determined as State Stars in each of the categories will receive a cash award for \$250 sponsored by The Jeff Lehman

Family. Each star will receive a plaque during the State Star Awards Session sponsored by AgReliant Genetics. They will also receive a copy of the Star videos showcasing each candidate's program, which is sponsored by Beck's Hybrids. Elanco sponsors the State Star Banquet for the Stars and their family, which will be during the convention.

Below are the names, chapter, and SAE information of each Finalist.

Finalists in Agricultural Placement –
Tatym Green, Hamilton Heights FFA: Green works at TGTG Boer Goat Production, while also managing her own herd of 30 does and three bucks. Her work responsibilities include feeding, record keeping, breeding, and running social media for sales. Due to her experiences, she is now able to run operations on her own.

Camille Thopy, Southwestern-Shelby FFA: Camille's SAE consists of working at Barnyard Pals Mobile Petting Zoo. She assists with taking the petting zoo to local fairs, festivals, and other events throughout the state while also ensuring safety during the events. Thopy is passionate about educating others about agriculture and the various animal species that are part of the petting zoo's operation.

Josie Kelsay, Whiteland FFA: Kelsay works as a Farm Tour Assistant at Kelsay Farms where she is responsible for various duties including setting up and tearing down activities for seasonal events, welcoming visitors to the farm and leading tours, driving the "Moo Choo" children's train, preparing food in the concession stand, assisting with map development of the corn maze, organizing pumpkin

sales, and overall appearance of the farm. She has developed her communi-

cation and teamwork skills through her roles on the farm.

Jackson Beier, Jasper FFA: Beier works for the Jasper Vet Clinic, checking in patients and helping as needed. He has had the opportunity to shadow the veterinarians, assist with surgeries, vaccinations, and diagnosing sick animals. His greatest challenge is to triage the patients and assess the urgency of the patient's needs, including the type of treatment required.

Finalists in Agriscience –
Blaine Wagner, North Decatur FFA: Wagner conducted three agriscience projects during his career. Two of his projects studied the effects of COVID-19 on agility dog fitness and quality of training. The third project studied how landowners can increase carbon levels in the soil as a way to increase water retention capabilities, drainage, and storage of nutrients with their potential for income in the form

of carbon credits. He plans to continue his agricultural research after college.

Finalists in Agribusiness –
Grant Lake, Central Noble FFA: Lake is the owner-operator of Lakes Lube and Tune, a repair and maintenance business for outdoor power equipment. He has built up a customer base of 70 people while also buying, repairing, and selling used equipment for profit.

Alexa Newby, South Putnam FFA: Newby started Alie's Annuals in 2021 to fulfill her love for the marketing and floriculture industries. Alexa travels to an Amish farm where she purchases mums at wholesale, creates a digital flier to market her product, and then sells the mums to the local community. She has created a care sheet with instructions on how to provide care for the mums she sells, as well as keeping records of all orders and sorting the flowers into groups for buyers.

Abigaile Wolfe, Indiana Ag & Tech FFA: Wolfe is the owner-operator of The Barn Babysitter, a business offering farm care for local clients. She has built a relationship with more than 30 clients, providing care for a range of livestock and pets. Her SAE has allowed her to develop skills in public relations, communication, and critical thinking.

Finalists for Farmer –
Owen Knight, North Miami FFA: Knight's love for agriculture has centered around his passion for raising cattle. He purchases three-to-five-day-old Holstein bull calves and provides diligent care as he feeds them to 550 pounds. He manages all aspects of his operation to make sure the calves receive appropriate medical care before being ready for a feedlot or grass pasture before resale.

Cale Williams, Terre Haute South FFA: Williams purchased his first gilt in 2016 and has worked to ensure genetic excellence, biosecurity, and efficiency in his operation ever since. He currently owns 15 purebred sows spanning five different breeds. He credits the time spent learning from his family's farm as the third generation to helping instill passion for swine production.

Isaac Pohl, Gibson Southern FFA: Pohl began his SAE in 2019 due to his love for horticulture and the joy that plants bring to the lives of others. After his cousin was diagnosed with cancer, he started Pohl's Greenhouse in his honor. He began producing and selling vegetable seedlings and flowers with his first public sale coming in 2022. Pohl has cultivated 23 different species of plant and flowers, managing every aspect of the greenhouse and its products.

Addie Gauck, North Decatur FFA: Gauck started her SAE by joining her family's business, Gauck Meats. After seeing the potential to grow the company's impact, she started to purchase feeder pigs to raise and eventually butcher to provide fresh pork for the community. She also started raising meat chickens to process and sell. As of 2023, Addie has raised 23 pigs and 400 meat chickens, along with 100 laying hens. Her biggest challenge has been the growing pains from increasing to such a high rate of production which caused her to be creative by raising pigs at various ages so she could butcher on different dates, allowing for less freezer space.

					
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Quarterly hog report shows more pigs being saved per litter

By DOUG SCHMITZ
Iowa Correspondent

DES MOINES, Iowa - The number of pigs saved per litter took a nice upswing according to the latest USA Quarterly Hogs and Pig Report.

Steve Meyer, senior livestock economist with Ever.Ag in Lewisville, Texas, said a highlight of the report was average pigs saved per litter; the USDA reported a record high of 11.53 for the December-February period, up 4.6 percent.

We went three years without growing this, and I think it was because we were dealing with heightened disease incidents, mainly PRRS (porcine reproductive and respiratory syndrome virus), and some labor problems on our farms," he said.

"But boy, in the last year, we have really caught up," he added. "Now, as we go through the rest of this year, the year-over-year changes are not going to be nearly as dramatic."

Meyer joined Brett Stuart, Global AgriTrends president in Preston, Idaho, and Gordon Spronk, DVM, National Pork Board member in Pipestone, Minn., to analyze the report in a March 28 webinar with reporters.

Sponsored by the National Pork Board and the Pork Checkoff in Des Moines, the report said the U.S. breeding inventory, at 6.02 million head, was down 2 percent from last year, but up slightly from the previous quarter.

"The breeding herd inventory is not going to shrink much more," Meyer said. "I had -6 for December of this coming year, and at one time, I thought we might have to take it down 10. I'm going to be surprised if we're down much at all year-over-year when we come to December 2024.

Last month's total hog and pig numbers were 74.6 million head on U.S. farms, up 1 percent from March 2023, but down 2 percent from Dec. 1, 2023.

"Productivity gains are going to keep our numbers and pork supplies near or above the last years," Meyer said. "And I don't think we're going to see pork supplies decline much until 2025, and given the profitability changes we've seen, maybe not then."

The report said the U.S. market hog inventory, at 68.6 million head, was up 1 percent from last year, but

down 2 percent from last quarter.

Meyer said, "I think we're going to have plenty of hogs in the fourth quarter." But, he added, "I'm pretty concerned about slaughter capacity - especially with the loss of the Perry, Iowa (Tyson Foods) plant going forward."

The report said Iowa hog producers accounted for the nation's largest inventory, at 25.2 million head.

In Indiana, total hog and pig inventory was 4.4 million head, unchanged from a year ago. Breeding hog inventory, at 250,000 head, was unchanged from last March. Market hog inventory, at 4.15 million head, was unchanged from last year. The average pigs saved per litter for the December-February 2024 quarter was 11.30, compared to 11.25 last year.

In Illinois, total hog and pig inventory was 5.6 million head, up 2 percent from Dec. 1, 2023, and up 3 percent from last year. Breeding inventory, at 670,000 head, was up 40,000 from the previous quarter, and up 20,000 from last year. Market hog inventory, at 4.93 million head, was up 1 percent from last quarter, and up 3 percent from last year.

In Michigan, total hog and pig inventory was 1.22 million head, down 20,000 head from a year ago. Breeding hog inventory, at 115,000 head, was unchanged from last March. Market hog inventory, at 1.11 million head, was down 2 percent from last year. The average pigs saved per litter for the December-February 2024 quarter was 11.40, compared to 10.70 last year.

In Ohio, total hog and pig inventory was 2.5 million head, down 200,000 head from a year ago. Breeding hog inventory, at 190,000 head, was down 10,000 head from last March. Market hog inventory, at 2.31 million head, was down 8 percent from last year. The average pigs saved per litter for the December-February 2024 quarter was 11.45, compared to 10.70 last year.

Stuart said U.S. pork remains very competitive, globally: "From the global standpoint, things are good. There have been some years we'd be looking at this, going, 'This is not going to be a great year from the export side.' But things look really good on the export front. We're incredibly competitive."

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Soy-based baby wipes win Soybean Innovation Competition

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. – A skin-sensitive baby wipe with only one non-soybean ingredient besides water earned the \$20,000 grand prize in the 30th annual Student Soybean Innovation Competition, announced during an awards ceremony March 27 at the Purdue Memorial Union in West Lafayette.

SoySilk uses soybean ingredients in every step of the baby wipe production, including the base sheet and the formulation. SoySilk is a plastic-free, vegan, non-toxic, environmentally friendly, biodegradable and compostable alternative to other baby wipes.

SoySilk was created by Purdue University junior Kyle Han from Taipei, Taiwan, and Purdue freshman Ben Gottlieb, from Chappaqua, N.Y. H

The Student Soybean Innovation Competition is sponsored by the Indiana Soybean Alliance (ISA) and Purdue University. To win this competition, Purdue University students must develop novel applications for soybeans that satisfy a market need.

Baby wipes on the market today are made of pulp, plastic and chemicals such as cleaning or disinfecting agents. SoySilk uses soy fiber as the base sheet, soy protein crosslink to increase breaking tenacity, and soy glycerin and soy lecithin as emollients for the skin. With a soy fiber base sheet, SoySilk created a baby wipe that is 143 percent thicker than the average baby wipes on the market.

“Our product’s mission is to provide a top-tier customer experience in baby wipes while creating positive environmental effects,” Gottlieb said.

“Most importantly, SoySilk will pave a new path for wet wipe materials as countries pass new regulations to prohibit the plastic polymers contained in current baby wipes.”

According to Persistence Market Research, the global baby wipes market will reach \$9.9 billion by 2032. SoySilk contains 92 percent soy content on a dry weight, which can utilize \$313 million worth of soy protein through U.S. sales alone. Gottlieb added, “Our product introduces an innovative business opportunity in a high-value market with an enormous volume of soy for our high-quality Indiana soybean industry to profit and create a positive impact on our planet.”

“Global consumer-goods manufacturing companies like Procter & Gamble and Kimberly-Clark have been trying to develop a new material for their Pampers and Huggies baby wipes pipeline without plastic polymers but still strong,” Han explained. “Many companies believe that with the sustainability trend, the European Union and the United States will soon catch up on banning wet wipes that contain plastic. Our team is providing a new alternative with SoySilk baby wipes to tackle the ban and influence the business for the U.S. market.”

This year, 15 teams composed of 48 Purdue University students and 19 faculty advisers, finished the competition. These students represent a variety of majors including agronomy, biological engineering, animal science, pharmacy and environmental and natural resource engineering. Each team works with two faculty advisers who provide techni-

cal and market research support.

“The Student Soybean Innovation Competition allows ISA to create relationships with bright and creative students and their advisors at Purdue,” said ISA board member Jenna Scott, a farmer from Muncie, Ind., and chair of the ISA Sustainability and Value Creation Committee. “Some of the products from this contest will help us move more soybeans into the market. Indiana soybean checkoff funds are used to find new uses and new markets for our soybeans, which creates more demand and helps our farms to be more profitable and sustainable.”

Earning second place this year, and a \$10,000 prize, were the creators of SoyBox, a soy-based thermoplastic starch that can be used to manufacture cartons that can hold liquid. SoyBox is a multipurpose, water-resistant material for liquid packaging boards that can be used to store milk, juice, broths and other liquids typically stored in a carton rather than a bottle or jug. SoyBox is high in soy content and is a lower cost, sustainable, simpler, alternative to the multi-layered containers used today made from polyethylene, aluminum and paper.

Team SoyBox consists of Laurian Lien, a sophomore from Los Angeles, Calif., and Lewis Polansky, a freshman from Los Angeles.

Finishing third, and earning a \$5,000 prize, were the creators of Green Eggs, No Ham!, a novel egg substitute made with multiple ingredients derived from soy. The product has two parts: a soy-derived substitute for an egg white and a soy-derived substitute for an egg yolk.

Green Eggs, No Ham! provides a more authentic egg visual experience than traditional egg substitutes while also able to blend into one liquid for various end uses and product packaging. The product is cheaper to manufacture than existing products, using wholesale ingredient cost estimates. Green Eggs, No Ham! has 67.45 percent soy-derived ingredients.

The team has four Purdue students: Alekhya Ankaraju, a senior from Carmel, Ind.; Amanda Wolf, a sophomore from Indianapolis; Chris Mechalke, a sophomore from Corning, N.Y.; and Will Meyer, a sophomore from Lake Bluff, Ill.

InsectiSoy was the winner of the People’s Choice award. This \$500 award is determined by votes of the more than 300 attendees prior to the awards ceremony. Utilizing soy properties and a knowledge of natural insect repellents, the InsectiSoy team formulated a way to create an insect perimeter that is safe for families and pets. Along with safety, this soy-based solution is just as effective as insecticides on the market, holds a lower price point, is safer to manufacture, and is produced from naturally occurring, easily produced materials. The InsectiSoy team consists of Purdue junior Charles Sebright, from East Berlin, Penn.; Josh Stephenson, of Muncie, Ind.; and Sarah Juffer, from Fishers, Ind.

Go online to bit.ly/soycompetition for more details on ISA’s investment in soybean innovation. To watch the awards ceremony, go online to Purdue’s YouTube page at <https://bit.ly/Soylivefeed>.

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USDA investing \$138 million in smart-climate easement funding

**By Michele F. Mihaljevich
Indiana Correspondent**

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Landowners in Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Michigan and 17 other states are eligible for a USDA program designed to help them conserve prime farmlands, grassland and wetlands.

The Agricultural Conservation Easement Program (ACEP) has two components: agricultural land easements (ALE) and wetland reserve easements (WRE). ALE provides financial assistance to eligible entities such as land trusts and state and local units of government to purchase easements that protect the agricultural use and conservation values of eligible land by limiting non-agricultural uses of the land, USDA said. WRE allows private and tribal landowners to protect, restore and enhance wetlands that have been degraded due to agricultural uses, according to the agency.

The USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) will invest about \$138 million in 138 new climate-smart conservation easements. The funding comes from the Inflation Reduction Act, the largest climate investment in history, USDA said.

"Preserving your land in perpetuity through a conservation easement provides a lasting legacy for generations to come," Cindy Suseland, easement acquisition manager for the NRCS Indiana office, told Farm World. "Wetland reserve easements provide hab-

itat for migratory waterfowl as well as threatened and endangered plants and animals, improve water quality by filtering sediment and chemicals from runoff, provide resilience to climate change, all while maintaining the landowners right to quiet enjoyment of their land.

"Similarly, agricultural land easements protect productive working lands from being converted to non-agricultural uses, ensure viable food supplies, encourage historic preservation, create wildlife habitat, and protect open spaces from urban sprawl. Landowners can continue to farm and rest easy knowing the land they have carefully tended will be cared for in a similar manner in perpetuity."

Indiana is receiving about \$10.6 million for fiscal year 2024, Suseland said. The money will be used for 17 wetland easement projects, USDA said.

Indiana has a minimum application size of 15 acres, she said. There is no limit to how much land an owner can put into an easement, but size may be limited by funding availability, Suseland said.

NRCS said it prioritized land that will most reduce, capture, avoid or sequester carbon dioxide, methane or nitrous oxide emissions.

These projects were selected by NRCS:

- High threat of conversion to a non-agricultural use: Illinois, Kentucky, and six other states (ALE projects)

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- Lands with organic soils and high carbon mineral soils: Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, and four other states (WRE projects)

- Restored native forest habitat: Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, and five other states (WRE)

- Existing native forest habitat: Indiana, and five other states (WRE)

- Restored grassland habitat: Indiana, Iowa, and one other state (WRE)

- High threat of conversion to a non-grassland use: seven states, none in the primary Farm World coverage area (ALE)

Other states that will receive funding are Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, North Carolina, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, West Virginia and Wisconsin.

NRCS will assist with 50 percent of the cost of the easement purchase but will not hold the ALE easement, Suseland noted.

Michigan cattlemen sending supplies to Texas, Oklahoma

ALLEGAN, Mich. - The Michigan Cattlemen's Association, Great Lakes Sire Service, Bordner Angus Farm, Hopkins FFA & Alumni and many other Michigan farmers and business have geared up to help the Oklahoma and Texas Cattlemen with relief for those affected by wildfires.

The Farm and Ranch Aid from West Michigan headed south on March 28 with barbed wire, t-posts, corner post, milk replacer, calf grain, hay, supplies, medicines, easter baskets and much more.

Oklahoma and Texas farmers and ranchers are still assessing their situations and needs are arising every day. Supplies are hard to find, and what is available is very expensive.

For donations or more information please email dawn.punches@gmail.com Checks can be made out to Hopkins FFA Alumni with "Texas Relief" in the memo. Please mail to Hopkins FFA Alumni 2521 128th Ave, Allegan, MI 49010

For more updates, please follow the Facebook page Farm and Ranch Aid from West Michigan.



Above: Farmers in Texas and Oklahoma have been battling wildfires. A group of Michigan Cattlemen sent aid in the form of supplies and money.

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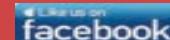
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1 - 20' x 14' Split Slide Dr.
1 - Entrance Dr.
Engineered Truss
4' on Ctr.

48'x80'x14'

1 - 24' x 14' Split Slide Dr.
1 - 20' x 12' - 6' Split Slide Dr.
1 - Entrance Dr.; Engineered Truss
4' on Ctr.

60'x120'x16'

1 - 24' x 14' Split Slide Dr.
1 - 30' x 16' Split Slide Dr.
1 - Entrance Dr.; Engineered Truss
4' on Ctr.

Due to the extremely volatile lumber market right now, we are unable to print starting prices for the above listed barn sizes. Please call for a quote.

CUSTOMIZABLE SIZES & STYLES AVAILABLE

MARKETS

Blue Grass Stockyards Lexington, KY

Livestock Weighted Average Report for 3/25/2024 - Final AUCTION

	This Week	Last Reported 3/18/2024	Last Year
Total Receipts:	1,425	1,488	1,805
Feeder Cattle:	1,250(87.7%)	1,321(88.8%)	1,575(87.3%)
Slaughter Cattle:	164(11.5%)	154(10.3%)	194(10.7%)
Replacement Cattle:	11(0.8%)	13(0.9%)	36(2.0%)

Special Note: Baby Calves: 450.00-625.00 per head.

Compared to last Monday feeder steers and heifers under 600 lbs sold 5.00 lower with good demand; yearlings sold 5.00 higher with very good demand. More new crop bawling and short-weaned calves coming to town putting some downward pressure on the feeder market. Slaughter cows sold steady with very good demand. Slaughter bulls sold 3.00 higher with very good demand. Supply included: 88% Feeder Cattle (24% Steers, 0% Dairy Steers, 63% Heifers, 13% Bulls, 0% Dairy Heifers, 0% Dairy/Beef Heifers); 12% Slaughter Cattle (1% Heifers, 83% Cows, 16% Bulls, 1% Dairy Heifers); 1% Replacement Cattle (71% Bred Cows, 29% Cow-Calf Pairs). Feeder cattle supply over 600 lbs was 67%.

Groups of 20 head or more:

- Heifers
- 77 hd 651 lbs 252.00 Btwf-Mixed Value-Added
- 77 hd 677 lbs 245.00 Mixed Value-Added
- 125 hd 745 lbs 227.00 Mixed Value-Added
- 65 hd 766 lbs 228.00 Mixed Value-Added
- 43 hd 859 lbs 224.50 Bk-Mixed Value-Added

FEEDER CATTLE

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
2	330-335	333	350.00-353.00	351.51 Value Added
4	350-397	385	339.00-345.00	341.91 Value Added
2	400	400	307.00	307.00
10	400-445	428	307.00-337.50	320.14 Value Added
9	465-486	477	288.00-306.00	295.81
15	450-490	469	308.00-337.00	327.39 Value Added
5	505-542	529	280.00-305.00	291.38
6	505-536	528	307.00-318.00	311.46 Value Added
5	550-595	584	277.00-289.00	284.86
18	552-591	570	290.00-312.00	305.48 Value Added
48	600-649	632	256.00-305.00	289.80 Value Added
32	650-692	675	250.00-280.00	272.14 Value Added
18	722	722	233.50	233.50
17	707-747	724	245.00-256.00	251.95 Value Added
2	785-790	788	229.00-231.00	230.00
36	750-795	770	240.00-254.00	249.59 Value Added
8	801-845	816	223.00-230.00	225.15
13	900-945	921	204.00-223.00	219.39
1	1070	1070	191.00	191.00
1	1240	1240	190.00	190.00

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	320	320	263.00	263.00
1	370	370	282.00	282.00
2	415-445	430	245.00-290.00	268.28
2	620-640	630	230.00-248.00	239.14
6	737	737	228.00	228.00
2	777	777	210.00	210.00
4	852-872	862	198.00-210.00	204.07
2	920-935	928	180.00-190.00	185.04

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	350	350	300.00	300.00
1	520	520	280.00	280.00
1	550	550	270.00	270.00
3	741	741	240.00	240.00

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	320	320	220.00	220.00
1	540	540	170.00	170.00
1	620	620	151.00	151.00
2	707	707	142.50	142.50
1	805	805	122.00	122.00

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
8	336-347	340	286.00-298.00	289.50
4	300-335	319	315.00-323.00	317.75 Value Added
2	350-370	360	281.00-290.00	285.63
19	357-395	381	300.00-330.00	317.76 Value Added
2	415-435	425	252.50-270.00	261.46
26	402-447	430	275.00-305.00	287.94 Value Added
16	450-490	473	241.00-265.00	257.61
12	457-492	473	274.00-280.00	275.05 Value Added
14	500-545	518	241.00-257.00	248.11
14	500-545	517	256.00-282.00	261.80 Value Added
19	550-590	571	239.00-255.00	246.91
21	553-596	570	256.00-275.00	267.46 Value Added
13	600-640	620	225.00-239.00	231.46
23	607-641	624	244.00-250.00	246.71 Value Added
17	650-690	663	219.00-239.00	232.47
170	651-677	664	241.00-252.00	247.85 Value Added
5	700-745	718	198.00-218.00	206.51
6	722	722	239.00	239.00 Replacement
157	700-745	738	225.00-237.00	227.67 Value Added
5	760-780	765	188.00-210.00	203.38
83	751-790	770	224.00-228.00	227.15 Value Added
2	820	820	184.00	184.00
4	805-846	836	199.00-205.00	203.56 Guaranteed Open
9	800-808	804	209.00-225.00	216.96 Value Added
2	890	890	195.00	195.00
1	865	865	212.00	212.00 Guaranteed Open
45	855-859	859	215.00-224.50	224.08 Value Added
2	987	987	196.00	196.00

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
3	215-230	225	227.50-262.50	238.65
6	255-273	267	249.00-261.00	257.90
4	305-340	320	200.00-265.00	242.17
3	360-390	372	255.00-260.00	257.34
1	440	440	236.00	236.00
3	465-495	478	212.00-232.00	221.13
11	550-595	565	225.00-237.00	232.27
3	600-645	628	210.00-217.00	213.75
4	650-665	659	180.00-218.00	206.44
2	790	790	158.00	158.00

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	545	545	237.50	237.50
2	762	762	206.00	206.00
1	890	890	147.00	147.00

1	545	545	237.50	237.50
2	762	762	206.00	206.00
1	890	890	147.00	147.00

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	295	295	213.00	213.00
4	450-468	464	210.00-215.00	213.79

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	885	885	117.00	117.00

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	680	680	197.00	197.00

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
2	292	292	331.00	331.00
3	335	335	310.00	310.00
8	344	344	348.00	348.00 Value Added
3	350-390	365	310.00-326.00	317.79
3	350-375	362	339.00-351.00	343.81 Value Added
11	400-447	426	295.00-317.50	304.29
3	418	418	337.50	337.50 Value Added
9	470-485	477	260.00-290.00	281.53
15	450-490	473	290.00-328.00	306.99 Value Added
5	500-530	518	265.00-279.00	272.72
8	500-525	513	280.00-300.00	289.36 Value Added
3	550-567	561	254.00-277.50	261.68
15	550-590	574	276.00-297.50	291.40 Value Added
19	600-642	613	251.00-283.00	265.81 Value Added
6	671-695	680	230.00-241.00	238.65
1	650	650	252.00	252.00 Value Added
2	725	725	218.00-224.00	221.00
3	700-715	710	233.00-236.00	235.01 Value Added
3	775	775	220.00	220.00
3	810	810	208.00-213.00	211.33
3	855-865	862	186.00-197.00	189.64
1	905	905	185.00	185.00

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	220	220	260.00	260.00
4	260-290	280	230.00-287.50	266.48
1	320	320	295.00	295.00
1	380	380	250.00	250.00
2	450-480	465	245.00-250.00	247.42
1	630	630	220.00	220.00
1	670	670	237.50	237.50
1	845	845	178.00	178.00
1	915	915	182.00	182.00

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
2	412	412	261.00	261.00
1	595	595	272.00	272.00

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	295	295	232.50	232.50
1	315	315	232.50	232.50
1	555	555	217.00	217.00

SLAUGHTER CATTLE

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing
1	1150	1150	142.00	142.00	Average

DAIRY HEIFERS - Choice 2-3 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing
1	1420	1420	135.00	135.00	Average

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing
3	1205-1855	1540	109.00-116.00	111.89	Average
38	1105-1740	1408	121.00-143.00	129.39	High
1	1470	1470	100.00	100.00	Low

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing
5	990-1245	1086	109.00-120.00	117.18	Average
39	935-1635	1247	121.00-149.00	133.62	High
1	1210	1210	96.00	96.00	Low

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing
9	765-1290	1010	100.00-110.00	105.94	Average
14	980-1325	1111	111.00-127.00	120.24	High
11	775-1085	927	90.00-95.00	93.06	Low
2	815-880	848	71.00-75.00	72.92	Very Low

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing
13	1205-2365	1643	130.00-148.00	141.66	Average
9	1310-2105	1734	149.00-163.00	155.20	High
1	1200	1200	119.00	119.00	Low

REPLACEMENT CATTLE

Kentucky Daily Grain Bids

Grain Report for Thursday, March 28, 2024 - Final

FUTURE SETTLEMENTS								
Closing Settlement Prices (¢/bu) as of 3/28/2024								
Exchange	Commodity							
CBOT	Com	442.00 (May 24)	454.50 (Jul 24)	464.50 (Sep 24)	477.75 (Dec 24)	490.00 (Mar 25)	495.75 (May 25)	497.50 (Jul 25)
CBOT	Soybeans	1191.50 (May 24)	1205.25 (Jul 24)	1203.75 (Aug 24)	1186.75 (Sep 24)	1186.25 (Nov 24)	1196.75 (Jan 25)	1194.50 (Mar 25)
CBOT	Wheat	560.25 (May 24)	575.75 (Jul 24)	591.50 (Sep 24)	612.00 (Dec 24)	628.25 (Mar 25)	638.50 (May 25)	640.75 (Jul 25)
CBOT	White Oats	357.00 (May 24)	352.25 (Jul 24)	350.75 (Sep 24)	360.75 (Dec 24)	357.75 (Mar 25)	363.75 (May 25)	368.50 (Jul 25)
KCBT	Wheat	585.25 (May 24)	579.75 (Jul 24)	590.75 (Sep 24)	609.00 (Dec 24)	624.50 (Mar 25)	633.25 (May 25)	629.25 (Jul 25)
MGE	Wheat	645.00 (May 24)	653.00 (Jul 24)	661.00 (Sep 24)	676.75 (Dec 24)	689.25 (Mar 25)	697.50 (May 25)	698.50 (Jul 25)

US #2 WHITE CORN (BULK)

Region/Location	Basic (¢/Bu)	Basis Change	Price (\$/Bu)	Price Change	Average
Pennyrile	20.00K	UNCH	4.6200	UP 0.1525	4.6200

Barge Loading Elevators - Conventional

Region/Location	Basic (¢/Bu)	Basis Change	Price (\$/Bu)	Price Change	Average
Ohio River - Lower KY	100.00K	UNCH	5.4200	UP 0.1525	5.4200
Ohio River - Lower KY	111.00K	UNCH	5.5300	UP 0.1525	5.5300
Ohio River - Lower KY	40.00Z	UNCH	5.1775	UP 0.1550	5.1775
Purchase	90.00K	UNCH	5.3200	UP 0.1525	5.3200
Purchase	40.00Z	UNCH	5.1775	UP 0.1550	5.1775

US #2 YELLOW CORN (BULK)

Region/Location	Basic (¢/Bu)	Basis Change	Price (\$/Bu)	Price Change	Average
Purchase	0.00K	UNCH	4.4200	UP 0.1525	4.4200
Purchase	0.00K	UNCH	4.4200	UP 0.1525	4.4200
Purchase	-30.00U	UNCH	4.3450	UP 0.1600	4.3450
Green River	0.00K	UNCH	4.4200	UP 0.1525	4.4200
Green River	10.00K	UNCH	4.5200	UP 0.1525	4.5200
Green River	-20.00Z	UNCH	4.5775	UP 0.1550	4.5775
Pennyrile	-20.00K to -10.00K	UNCH	4.2200-4.3200	UP 0.1525	4.2700
Pennyrile	-15.00K to -5.00K	UNCH	4.2700-4.3700	UP 0.1525	4.3200
Pennyrile	-40.00Z to -20.00Z	UNCH	4.3775-4.5775	UP 0.1550	4.4775
Louisville	-13.00K	UNCH	4.2900	UP 0.1525	4.2900
Louisville	3.00K	UNCH	4.4500	UP 0.1525	4.4500
Louisville	-13.00K to -38.00Z	UNCH	4.2900-4.3975	UP 0.1525-UP	0.1550
Bluegrass	-45.00K	UNCH	3.9700	UP 0.1525	3.9700
Bluegrass	-35.00K	UNCH	4.0700	UP 0.1525	4.0700
Bluegrass	-65.00Z	UNCH	4.1275	UP 0.1550	4.1275

Barge Loading Elevators - Conventional

Region/Location	Basic (¢/Bu)	Basis Change	Price (\$/Bu)	Price Change	Average
Ohio River - Upper KY	-10.00K	UP 1.00-UNCH	4.3200	UP 0.1625-UP 0.1525	4.3200
Ohio River - Upper KY	2.00K	UP 1.00-UNCH	4.4400	UP 0.1625-UP 0.1525	4.4400
Ohio River - Upper KY	-40.00Z	UNCH	4.3775	UP 0.1550	4.3775
Ohio River - Lower KY	-3.00K to -2.00K	UNCH-DN 2.00	4.3900-4.4000	UP 0.1525-UP 0.1325	4.3950
Ohio River - Lower KY	6.00K to 10.00K	UNCH	4.4800-4.5200	UP 0.1525	4.5025
Ohio River - Lower KY	-41.00Z to -23.00Z	UNCH	4.3675-4.5475	UP 0.1550	4.4650
Purchase	-11.00K to 7.00K	UNCH	4.3100-4.4900	UP 0.1525	4.4067
Purchase	4.00K to 5.00K	UNCH	4.4600-4.4700	UP 0.1525	4.4650
Purchase	-32.00U to -30.00Z	UNCH	4.3250-4.4775	UP 0.1600-UP 0.1550	4.3988

US #2 SORGHUM (BULK)

Region/Location	Basic (¢/Bu)	Basis Change	Price (\$/Bu)	Price Change	Average
Ohio River - Lower KY	-30.00Z	UNCH	4.4775	UP 0.1550	4.4775

US #1 SOYBEANS (BULK)

Region/Location	Basic (¢/Bu)	Basis Change	Price (\$/Bu)	Price Change	Average
Purchase	0.00K	UNCH	11.9150	DN 0.0100	11.9150
Purchase	0.00K	UNCH	11.9150	DN 0.0100	11.9150
Purchase	-30.00X	UNCH	11.5625	UP 0.0275	11.5625
Green River	-30.00K	UNCH	11.6150	DN 0.0100	11.6150
Green River	-30.00K	UNCH	11.6150	DN 0.0100	11.6150
Green River	-45.00X	UNCH	11.4125	UP 0.0275	11.4125
Pennyrile	-45.00K to -40.00K	UNCH	11.4650-11.5150	DN 0.0100	11.4900
Pennyrile	-45.00K to -40.00K	UNCH	11.4650-11.5150	DN 0.0100	11.4900
Pennyrile	-55.00X to -50.00X	UNCH	11.3125-11.3625	UP 0.0275	11.3375
Louisville	-58.00K	UNCH	11.3350	DN 0.0100	11.3350
Louisville	-58.00K	UNCH	11.3350	DN 0.0100	11.3350
Bluegrass	d-65.00K	UNCH	11.2650	DN 0.0100	11.2650
Bluegrass	-65.00K	UNCH	11.2650	DN 0.0100	11.2650
Bluegrass	-85.00X	UNCH	11.0125	UP 0.0275	11.0125

Barge Loading Elevators - Conventional

Region/Location	Basic (¢/Bu)	Basis Change	Price (\$/Bu)	Price Change	Average
Ohio River - Upper KY	5.00K to -4.00K	UNCH-DN 1.00	11.8650-11.8750	DN 0.0100-DN 0.0200	11.8700
Ohio River - Upper KY	4.00K to 5.00K	UP 1.00	11.9550-11.9650	UNCH	11.9600
Ohio River - Upper KY	-41.00X	DN 1.00	11.4525	UP 0.0175	11.4525
Ohio River - Lower KY	5.00K to 9.00K	UNCH	11.9650-12.0050	DN 0.0100	11.9800
Ohio River - Lower KY	9.00K to 15.00K	UNCH	12.0050-12.0650	DN 0.0100	12.0300
Ohio River - Lower KY	-31.00X to -18.00X	UNCH	11.5525-11.6825	UP 0.0275	11.6158
Purchase	-4.00K to 5.00K	DN 4.00-DN 3.00	11.8750-11.9650	DN 0.0500-DN 0.0400	11.9317
Purchase	0.00K to 6.00K	DN 2.00	11.9150-11.9750	DN 0.0300	11.9450
Purchase	-35.00X to -25.00X	UNCH	11.5125-11.6125	UP 0.0275	11.5650

US #1 MILLING SOFT RED WINTER WHEAT (BULK)

Region/Location	Basic (¢/Bu)	Basis Change	Price (\$/Bu)	Price Change	Average
Pennyrile	0.00K	UNCH	5.6025	UP 0.1275	5.6025
Pennyrile	0.00K	UNCH	5.6025	UP 0.1275	5.6025
Pennyrile	-10.00N	UNCH	5.6575	UP 0.1300	5.6575

US #2 SOFT RED WINTER WHEAT (BULK)

Region/Location	Basic (¢/Bu)	Basis Change	Price (\$/Bu)	Price Change	Average
Purchase	0.00K	UNCH	5.6025	UP 0.1275	5.6025
Purchase	-30.00N	UNCH	5.4575	UP 0.1300	5.4575
Green River	-85.00N	UNCH	4.9075	UP 0.1300	4.9075
Pennyrile	-65.00K to -30.00K	UNCH	4.9525-5.3025	UP 0.1275	5.1275
Pennyrile	-65.00K to -30.00K	UNCH	4.9525-5.3025	UP 0.1275	5.1275
Pennyrile	-60.00N to -30.00N	UNCH	5.1575-5.4575	UP 0.1300	5.3075
Louisville	-40.00K	UNCH	5.2025	UP 0.1275	5.2025
Louisville	-83.00N to -32.00N	UNCH	4.9275-5.4375	UP 0.1300	5.1825
Bluegrass	-65.00N	UNCH	5.1075	UP 0.1300	5.1075

Barge Loading Elevators - Conventional

Region/Location	Basic (¢/Bu)	Basis Change	Price (\$/Bu)	Price Change	Average
Ohio River - Upper KY	45.00N to -34.00N	UNCH	5.3075-5.4175	UP 0.1300	5.3625
Ohio River - Lower KY	30.00N to -22.00N	UNCH	5.4575-5.5375	UP 0.1300	5.4975
Purchase	-15.00K	UNCH	5.4525	UP 0.1275	5.4525
Purchase	-31.00N to -20.00N	UNCH	5.4475-5.5575	UP 0.1300	5.4875

Explanatory Notes: Price & Basis Values quoted are for Current Delivery, unless otherwise noted. CBOT/KCBT/MGETrade month symbols: F January; G February; H March; J April; K May; M June; N July; Q August; U September; V October; X November; Z December. FOB: Freight On Board. CIF: Cost, Insurance, and Freight. T: Truck, R: Rail, B: Barge, T/R: Truck/Rail, R/B: Rail/Barge, T/R/B: Truck/Rail/Barge, OV: Ocean Vessel

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Daily Livestock Slaughter Under Federal Inspection

Friday, March 29, 2024

Fri., Mar. 29, 2024	Week Ago	Year Ago	March 29, 2024				YTD		
			Prev Week WTD	Last Year WTD	2024 WTD	2023 YTD			
% Change									
Calves	1,000	1,000	1,231	5,000	5,000	5,614	60,711	80,622	-24.7%
Cattle	98,000	109,000	118,920	581,000	584,000	619,852	7,710,322	8,162,785	-5.5%
Hogs	442,000	485,000	469,813	2,388,000	2,437,000	2,390,423	22,665,884	22,424,171	0.8%
Sheep	4,000	6,000	6,446	32,000	40,000	41,146	470,245	461,351	1.9%

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Missouri Direct Hay Report

Direct Hay Weighted Average Report

for week ending 3/29/2024

A week of variety as far as weather goes in the state. Areas in the south saw excess of 3 inches of rain causing some local flooding, while some in the far northwest got a light dusting of snow. Some frosty nights might have set some growth back slightly but as the weekend nears a warmup is expected to push much of the state into the mid 70's for a few days. Mostly all producers are still feeding while they wait for grass to outpace grazing. Still a fair amount of hay for sale as some look to move some inventory before turn out occurs most cattle guys aren't looking to have much if any carry over so the hope for a good growing season is high. The supply of hay is light to moderate; demand is moderate, prices are steady to weak. The Missouri Department of Agriculture has a hay directory at <https://apps.mda.mo.gov/haydirectory> or visit the University of Missouri Extension feed stuff finder at <https://feedstufffinder.org>

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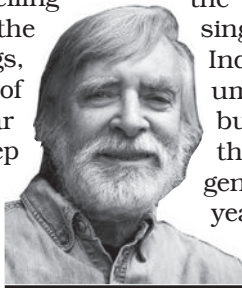


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Yellow blossoms of forsythia bushes announce arrival of Middle Spring

April... the month of the swelling buds, the springing grass, the first nests, the first plantings, the first flowers.... The door of the seasons first stands ajar this month, and gives us a peep beyond. The month in which to begin the world, in which to begin your house, in which to begin your courtship, in which to enter upon any new enterprise. - John Burroughs



POOR WILL'S ALMANACK
By Bill Felker

the chances of mild weather into single digits on the S.A.D. Stress Index scale. Only the cloud column holds out at March levels, but that is not enough to keep the Index from dipping into the gentle 20s. By this point in the year, S.A.D. readings are not high enough to contribute to seasonal affective disorder unless a person is extremely sensitive to sunlight deprivation.

approximate chances of frost follow a regular and steadily declining trajectory through the end of May.

- April 10: 80 percent
- April 15: 70 percent
- April 20: 50 percent
- April 25: 40 percent
- April 30: 30 percent

• 10 weeks until wild black raspberries sweeten

In the Field and Garden

The next two weeks are favored for completing the seeding of garden crops. Early sweet corn and peas should be put in as soon as possible.

Only seven weeks before the most tender plants can be placed outdoors. Three more weeks of relatively mosquito-free gardening remain.

Grass is usually long enough to cut by today across the nation's midsection. Strawberries flower when grass is long, and young groundhogs come out to feed on the greens.

Dig in new strawberry, raspberry and blackberry plants. Set out head lettuce. Check roses for disease and insects as new leaves emerge. Mounds begin to show on your lawn as moles wake up and hunt grubs and worms.

Cabbage butterflies are laying eggs on the new sets of cabbage, kale, collards, and Brussels sprouts. Carpenter bees appear around the house and barn, looking for nesting sites.

Mosquitoes bite you in the garden. Tent caterpillars begin to hatch on wild cherry trees Mulberry, locust, tree of heaven, viburnum, and ginkgo send out their first leaves.

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Elmer, "That Damn Dog"
By Pete Jones, Lynn, Ind.
Elmer was my dog. I picked him from 10 puppies that our family dog, Tessie, had. (She died of distemper soon after she gave birth to the puppies).
I picked Elmer after whistling at the puppies; his ears popped up right away. I was 15 years old. We lived on a 40-acre farm and had brown Swiss cows.

(Poor Will continued on page 16)

In the Sky

A total eclipse of the Sun will occur on April 8, visible in its entirety in a broad band from Texas through the Northeast. In much of Ohio, the eclipse will begin a few minutes before 3 p.m. (EDT), will reach its zenith at about 4:15 p.m. and end about 5:30 p.m. Check your local media for more details.

On April 10, the sun reaches a declination of 7 degrees 53 minutes, about 65 percent of its way to summer solstice.

If you get up before dawn, you will see the sky the way it will look after dark in early August. Hercules, which is just rising this week in the evening, has moved to near the center of the sky. The summer triangle, which includes bright Vega, Altair, and Deneb, are just a little behind Hercules, that is to his east. The rich star-dense band of the Milky Way passes through the triangle, separating it from autumn's Pegasus, the Great Square, rising on the eastern horizon.

The April Moon

- April 8: The Tadpole Moon is new.
- April 15: The moon enters its second quarter.
- April 23: The moon is full.

Weather Trends

A major weather system arriving on the 6th usually dominates the first quarter of April in the Lower Midwest, increasing the chance of precipitation. Lunar perigee on the 7th and new moon on the 8th will greatly increase the likelihood of cool conditions. Snow is most likely to fall on the 3rd, 4th, and 5th. There is a 20 percent chance of a high in the 80s this week, and there is more than a 50 percent chance of an afternoon in the 60s or 70s. Still, the first quarter of the fourth month is its coldest quarter, and with New Moon on the 5th, daily chances of frost remain steady at an average of 40 percent throughout the period.

The S.A.D. Stress Index

April brings the day's length and

Key for Interpreting the S.A.D. Index:

- Totals of: 75 to 65: S.A.D. Alert: Severe Stress
- 64 to 50: Severe to moderate stress
- 49 to 35: Moderate stress
- 34 to 25: Light to moderate stress
- 24 and below: Only people with extreme sensitivity to S.A.D. experience seasonal affective disorder below an Index reading of 24.

Day	Clouds	Weather	Day Totals
April 15:	14	8	9 31
April 30:	12	7	7 26

The Natural Calendar

The yellow blossoms of forsythia bushes always announce the arrival of Middle Spring. This is the time that the remaining daffodils and grape hyacinths flower in the garden.

Pollen appears on pussy willow catkins. Frogs and toads mate. Grub-worms come to the surface of the lawn when the temperatures rise past 70 degrees.

Farmers plant field corn and oats, and gardeners put in sweet corn and lettuce and spinach and potatoes. Toads and green frogs sing. Ducklings and goslings hatch. Creeping phlox and wisteria come into flower. Flowering pears and plums and apples and cherries bloom and set their fruit.

The day now starts increasing at the rate of two minutes every 24 hours.

Clover blooming in the fields tells you that tick and flea seasons have begun. The juniper webworm emerges, and eastern tent caterpillars may begin to weave on flowering fruit trees. And in a mild Middle Spring, the grass is usually long enough for cutting by this date.

April Frostwatch

From April 1 to June 1, up to dozen frosts occur at lower elevations along the 40th Parallel during a typical year. Of course, in some years, frosts end with March. Normally, however, the

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Above: Casey Montgomery's international leadership trip to Australia was packed with historical tours and agricultural learning opportunities. (photo submitted)

UK student represents in International Leadership Seminar

By Doug Graves
Ohio Correspondent

TAYLORSVILLE, Ky. - More than 70 current and past state FFA officers from across the nation started their new year off by exploring Australia and the various types of agriculture the country has to offer.

The students took part in the International Leadership Seminar for State Officers (ILSSO), which was supported by FFA corporate donors Bungee and John Deere.

University of Kentucky junior Casey Montgomery, of Taylorsville, Ky., was the lone UK student selected for this trip, Jan. 6-15. Current and past FFA officers from all 50 states were eligible to apply.

"This was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for me," Montgomery said. "It was my first time being outside of the country. It was so interesting to see how diverse the agriculture industry is in Australia and finding out there are many similarities and differences between the U.S. and the continent of Australia."

While in Australia, the students explored Sydney, where they took a tour of the Royal Botanical Gardens. They traveled to Canberra, where they visited with the counselor for agricultural affairs, agricultural specialists and agricultural marketing specialists based at the U.S. Embassy. The group then met with a representative from the National Farmers' Federation and a representative from the Australian Rural Leadership Program.

On subsequent days, the group took advantage of agriculture learning opportunities in other urban and rural areas. This included visiting the Agricultural Attache based at the U.S. Embassy, Future Farmers Network Australia, Australian Rural Leadership Program, Murrumbidgee Irrigation Area and Yarra Valley.

Montgomery and others visited perennial pastures and inspected Reiland Angus. While visiting the Darlington Point District they explored Australia's most productive farmland, where rice and other cereal crops, fruits, vegeta-

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Planting of Callery pear trees banned in Ohio since last year

**By Celeste Baumgartner
Ohio Correspondent**

COLUMBUS, Ohio - It's a horrible but beautiful tree. The stunning white blooms of Callery pear trees are showing up everywhere in Ohio and other states right now. But they are invasive and choke out native species. Callery pears have been banned from being planted or sold in Ohio since January 2023.

Callery pear trees were first brought from Asia to North America in the early 1900s, said Stephanie Downs, the Ohio Division of Forestry's private lands administrator. They were brought over primarily for agricultural use. Plant breeders were looking for a rootstock that they could graft commercial pears onto that would produce edible fruit and be disease resistant. Callery pears looked like the answer and that was fine as long as they were all root grafts.

"Callery pear is unable to self-fertilize, so as long as genetics are all identical, they don't produce seed," Downs said. "The problem was when the trees were planted in the landscape and after they were maybe 20, 30 years old, they started noticing the growth form of the trees lends itself to breaking apart in storms."

The landscape industry wanted to see how they could preserve this tree as a planting stock, Downs said. They started looking at different varieties or cultivars that had better form but still had the good characteristics - they grow in a lot of soils, tolerate a lot of conditions, and have really pretty leaves and flowers, so they started looking at developing cultivars. Bradford pear is a variety of Callery pear.

"The issue with the cultivars was they introduce different genetics, but once you have more than one variety they can pollinate each other and they start to produce seed," Downs said. "That's when the good reasons that they brought this tree over started becoming a problem. They grow in almost any soil type, they grow well in a wide range of conditions, and they produce a lot of seed. They started spreading."

"It took a few years for them to produce viable flowers and start cross-pollinating," she said. "People realized they were cross-pollinating and they started popping up all around. They reduced our native biodiversity, reduced habitat for wildlife, and started causing a lot of other problems."

The Ohio Department of Agriculture (ODA) began to notice this about 2016,

said Ken Reed, ODA's plant pest control administrator. There is an ODA committee that evaluates different plants. Callery pear came to the forefront in 2018.

"In 2018, the nurseries were given five years to phase out stock," Reed said. "The five-year period was given because it was a woody plant and nurseries had quite a bit of product in their stores. Our goal is never to cost commerce. So, there was a five-year period for it to phase out and it went into force in January of last year, 2023. This will be the second year for anyone not to be able to sell Callery pear trees."

ODA did not receive any pushback from nurseries, Reed said. The committee that made the decision has members from universities, nursery representatives, and more. They made the coming ban public knowledge.

"Each one of the inspectors worked with the nurseries in their territories to help them know it was coming and make sure they were phasing out their stock," Reed said. "The only thing we had was a few box stores, sometimes they ship in product from other states that don't have the Callery pear quarantine yet. We had three locations (in 2023) we came across and we had them take the trees out of sale and ship them back to the warehouse."

Homeowners most often notified ODA of the banned trees being offered for sale. That is helpful because ODA inspectors cannot get to every box store when they get a shipment, although they visit as many as possible.

"People knew it was a problem back in the 1970s," Reed said. "Callery pear grows quickly, has that pretty flower on it, but it becomes invasive. Now it is in road ditches, any unmanaged areas. It chokes out all of the native plants."

Just cutting the trees down doesn't help, Downs said. They will re-sprout from the roots and the stump. It takes chemical control, cutting the tree down and using an herbicide on the cut surface to let it soak in and kill the root system.

"Read the labels and make sure you can apply it to your site correctly," Downs said. "Make sure it is one you can use as a cut-stump treatment. They can still send up root suckers but most of it is spread by seed."

"At this point, we are reliant on the people who own property and who care about the environment," she said. "Right now, it takes management to restore the native ecosystem. We are try-



Above: There are so many Callery pear trees and the seeds are spread by birds who eat the fruit, so getting rid of them forever is no longer an option. Horticulturists recommend cutting the trees down, treating the stump with herbicide, and replacing them with a native tree.

ing to limit the impact that they have on our ecosystem to preserve all of the things that we like in our woods."


The problem is there are so many of the trees and the seeds are spread by birds who eat the fruit, so it takes continual management, Downs said. Getting rid of the trees forever is no longer an option.

"But we can pick the areas that provide all those ecosystem services we're looking for and protect them, focusing our efforts on those high conservation areas, controlling the Callery pear there and working to keep those areas


functioning," she said.

There are alternatives to Callery pear. Downs said her favorite is Serviceberry. It is a native small tree, has white flowers in the spring and produces a small, edible fruit. Other options are dogwood, Eastern redwood, black gum and hop hornbeam.


Bans similar to Ohio's will take effect in 2024 in South Carolina and Pennsylvania. North Carolina and Missouri will give residents free native trees if they cut down Callery pear trees on their property.



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Raising Hope aims to help farmers cope with mental health issues

By Doug Graves
Ohio Correspondent

FRANKFORT, Ky. – Kentucky farmers are the driving force behind the state's \$8 billion agriculture industry. For some of these farmers, the stress and isolation of life on the farm can be overwhelming. Such factors include financial stress, a lack of access to mental health services, and the inability to get away from the job.

From 2004 and 2017, there were 109 documented cases of Kentucky farmers taking their own lives. According to research by the University of Kentucky, farmers are more than twice as likely to die by suicide than the general population. Farmers who are 64 years and older are at the highest risk.

Offering assistance is Raising Hope, an effort dedicated to supporting and advocating for the mental health of Kentucky farmers. Each year for the past four fiscal years, the Kentucky General Assembly has appropriated \$500,000 to fund Raising Hope, a partnership between the Kentucky Department of Agriculture, the Cabinet for Health and Family Services and various state universities.

Raising Hope began in 2019 by Susan Jones, a professor emeritus at Western Kentucky University, and Cheryl Witt, a healthcare provider and professor at the University of Louisville.

Jones said early conversations with farmers within the region revealed a majority had dealt with suicide.

"I was in three counties, two in Kentucky and one in Tennessee, and over a third of those individuals had known someone who died from suicide," Jones said.

Jones and Witt began attending farmers' conventions across the state to provide health screenings and just

generally listening and getting to know farmers. The group also passed out tokens of solidarity to farmers to let them know they are seen and appreciated. Since its start, the organization has grown to more than a dozen staff members.

"I personally know of two farmers who have committed suicide," said former state agriculture commissioner Ryan Quarles. "Everybody knows somebody, and that's how we know it's a problem."

Joe Moore, who raises beef, pork and lamb on his 475-acre farm in Barren County in south-central Kentucky, struggles with the age-old challenges of his profession – long hours of manual labor, unpredictable weather and unforgiving markets. Moore knows nine people who have taken their own lives.

"They don't talk about it," Moore said. "They have so much pride. They don't want nobody to know their business."

Farming in Kentucky is especially difficult as most farmers typically operate at small scales with thinner margins for error. In Kentucky, the average farm size is just 171 acres compared to the national average of 444 acres. Over 90 percent of farms in the state are family owned, and two-thirds have annual sales of less than \$10,000.

"Margins have gotten tighter and tighter over time as fuel prices are higher, feed costs are higher, land is obviously much higher," said Alex Hagan, a farm veterinarian, cattle farmer and former deputy state veterinarian at the Kentucky Department of Agriculture. "So, it's very difficult for them to operate on a profitable level at a small scale."

Small farms are also at an outsized risk from unpredictable fluctuations in the weather, markets, global supply chains and government regulations.



Above: Paul Dennison owns Dennison's Roadside Market in Hart County, Ky. "A lot of people don't really have a clue what goes on at a farm or how stressful it is," Dennison said. (photo submitted)

Kim Link, a co-director of rural health at Western Kentucky University and a psychiatric nurse practitioner, said a prevailing mentality among many in the farming community is that you shouldn't talk about your problems or struggles. It's a stigma that she said can lead to bigger issues.

"Farmers have some unique stressors that the general population may not have," Link said. "They really have no work-life balance because they pretty much live where they work."

Link said her practice has seen a recent uptick in farmers seeking attention for mental health issues, something she said is encouraging.

"In the practice here within Warren County we are getting a lot of referrals from outside counties and sometimes two or three counties over," Link said. "So, we are definitely seeing the need for people to get the help."

Link credits Raising Hope for its work

to bring more accessible programs for physical and mental health to farmers and their families.

Dale Dobson, the safety administrator for the Kentucky Department of Agriculture, has been teaching farm safety and farm rescue for 34 years. His focus is on injury prevention and proper equipment use. But after his best friend took his own life in 2017, Dobson joined the Raising Hope team to address challenges to farmers' mental health in addition to their physical health.

"Mental health should be taken as seriously as physical health," Dobson said. "If you're a farmer and you get injured on the farm, working in hazardous conditions, you go see the doctor, or you may have to go to the ER. We've got to have the same messaging toward those suffering from mental health issues."

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Poor Will

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I taught Elmer to climb a ladder. He could chase the old barn cat up to the hay mow and then climb up the ladder and be ready for combat with that old cat.

If my mother wanted a chicken for Sunday dinner, she would point out the chicken she wanted and Elmer would stand on the chicken's feet. Mother would grasp the chicken, twist it and wring its neck.

When it came time to ring the pigs, Elmer would grasp a back leg and hold the pig until my Dad would ring it.

We had an old gravel pit on our farm; it was in the north pasture field. You could point in that direction and Elmer would slip down there and catch a groundhog out of its hole. The fight was on. He never lost a fight with a groundhog.

My dad never called Elmer by name. He just called him "that damn dog." One day, he said, "Well, that damn dog isn't to be found when you need him. I've got all my cows out in the green corn, and he is nowhere to be found; they will all flounder."

Then I heard a big noise; there was

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UK Student

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bles and citrus are grown. They encountered a meat sheep enterprise and cattle feedlots. The students visited Australia's only independent agricultural college (Marcus Oldham College) and wrapped up their journey in Melbourne, where they visited the Healesville Wildlife Sanctuary.

"I learned that opportunities in agriculture are endless and diverse," Montgomery said. "This experience taught me that we need everyone and that I want to be a voice for this industry."

Montgomery grew up on a third-generation family farm that procures swine. She helped breed stock, raise commercial cattle, show swine, feed pigs and more. Her involvement with the 4-H Livestock Club at the Spencer County office led her to become involved in agriculture while in high school. She served as an FFA chapter president, 4-H Livestock Club vice president and volunteered in the Animal Science Club.

"My teachers and advisers in high school were inspirational, helping me transform my understanding of agriculture and giving back to others," Montgomery said. "Attending UK and pursuing my goal of becoming an agriculture teacher was the right decision for me."

At UK, Montgomery has been involved in Block and Bridle Club, Col-

legiate Farm Bureau, Agriculture Education Society, UK Dairy Judging Team, the UK Living Learning Program and the Kentucky State All-Star Livestock Judging Team.

"I was very grateful to represent UK and Kentucky during this trip," said Montgomery, who served as an FFA state officer from 2022-2023. "To meet all these past and current FFA student officers from different states was inspirational. I made it a mission to be a light for my program, our industry and to present my state in a bright, positive way."

Next spring, Montgomery plans to take advantage of an experiential learning opportunity offered in the agricultural education program at UK. She will be matched with a current agriculture teacher in Kentucky, known as a cooperating educator, and teach students in a real classroom setting, while gaining valuable mentorship.

Montgomery said this unique opportunity will help her obtain her teaching certificate and reach her career goal of becoming a teacher in a Kentucky high school classroom after graduating. She is slated to graduate in May 2025 with a bachelor's in agricultural education with a double minor in animal sciences in agricultural economics.

Other participants from the Farm World readership area included Collin Bauer, Lauren Beyer, Josephine Kelly, Annabelle Newson and Holly Schmitt, of Iowa; Haley Bode, of Illinois; Mary Jones, of Indiana; Lillian Houtteman and Dakota Spink, of Michigan; Chloe Howard, Luke Jennings, Katelyn Kinsella, Anna Moeller, Kaydence Morris, Lauren Thornhill and Emma Wells, of Ohio; and Lillie Cagle, of Tennessee.

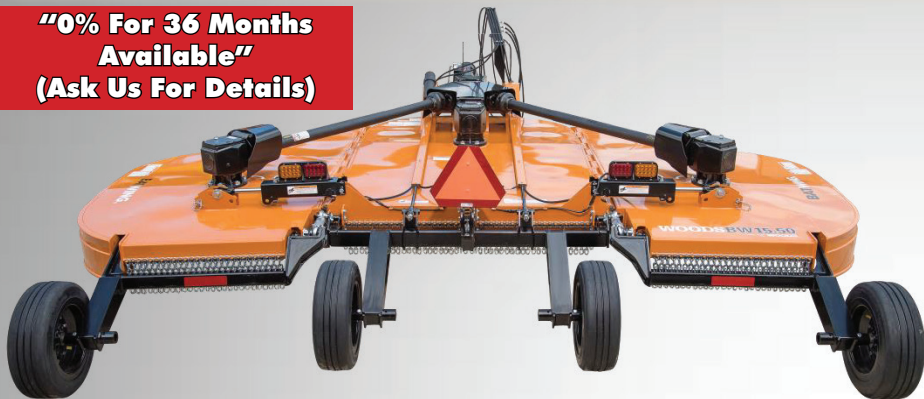
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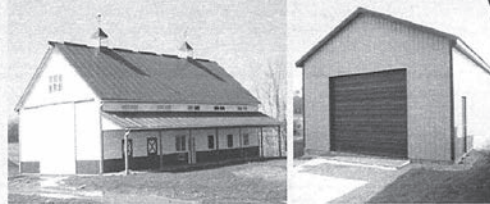
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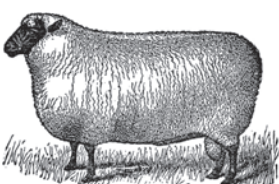
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Urban Acres helping Peoria residents grow food locally

By **TIM ALEXANDER**
Illinois Correspondent

PEORIA, Ill. — As a recipient of part of \$2 million in first-round funding from the Illinois Local Food Infrastructure Grant (LFIG) program, Andres Diaz has big plans to expand his family's Urban Acres community gardens project in one of Peoria's most disadvantaged neighborhoods. Conceptualized in 2018, Urban Acres strives to help residents of Peoria's North Valley neighborhood grow food for themselves, including non-native and hard to find produce suited to the neighborhood's ethnicity.

The community gardens now produce enough bounty to sell to others. With \$105,000 in LFIG funds, Urban Acres and neighborhood partner St. Paul Episcopal Church will be able to expand their operations -- including the opening of a new, commissary-style food court -- to enable more food entrepreneurs to create more food products while increasing economic development in the area.

"For us this is truly hyper-local," said Diaz, who started Urban Acres with his father and next-door neighbor, Rigo, and wife, Kathryn, after realizing an increasing need for fresh produce in their neighborhood. "It matters because these are our neighbors and this is where we live."

Served by a small niche grocer on a largely residential stretch of road, Diaz calls his North Valley home a

great place to live; however: "you can't lend everybody a cup of sugar, and everyone doesn't have a cup to share. We were talking to neighbors who couldn't get tomatoes. We saw the need, and the county had different lots for sale. I bought some of those lots, and at this point we have 17 or 18 lots over nearly three acres where we have these gardens."

In addition to helping to alleviate a food shortage in his neighborhood, Diaz' gardens also help to beautify the formerly vacant lots, many of which were home to broken glass, chunks of brick and mortar, and weeds.

"It wasn't the best land to start with, but it was what we had to work with. (A local company) helped us to disc and turn the soil, then we were able to bring in a ton of compost thanks to another local company. We made it into good soil and started to grow tomatoes, cilantro, corn and peppers, primarily for Latino families in the neighborhood," Diaz said, adding that Urban Acres has since added specialty crops like kousa (a type of summer squash favored by the North Valley's Lebanese community) to their gardens.

The success and popularity of his family's community gardens program allowed Diaz to expand the operation over the years to include a public Farmer's Market on Saturdays. In 2024, Urban Acres' new commissary will open at 614 Spring Street in Peo-



Above: Rigo Diaz is pictured tending to one of around 18 community garden spots established by his family in Peoria's North Valley neighborhood. Urban Acres will expand their operations to include a food commissary in 2024, thanks in part to a Local Food Infrastructure Grant from the state of Illinois. (Photo provided)

ria's North Valley, signaling a fresh chapter in the Diaz family's philanthropic food endeavors.

"With this new commissary we will help food entrepreneurs from cooking in their houses and selling (food) to their friends to actually being able to sell from a licensed kitchen,

post their products on Facebook and more. It's a maker's space that is licensed with the health department, and I (envision) people growing their brand and products to where they

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HPAI found in Michigan dairy herd; disease traced to Texas

LANSING, Mich. — Avian Influenza has been found in a Michigan dairy herd. The announcement came March 29 from the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD). Director Tim Boring announced the detection of highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) in a dairy herd from Montcalm County. The U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Veterinary Services Laboratories has confirmed this detection.

Further testing and investigation by state and federal officials revealed the farm recently received cattle from an affected premises in Texas before that herd showed any sign of disease. When the cattle were moved from Texas to Michigan, the cattle were not symptomatic and did not appear ill. As this national situation continues to develop, it is essential for all producers to contact their veterinarian if they have any concerns regarding the health of their animals, regardless of species.

"We have well-trained staff responding to this situation and I have the utmost confidence in our team. We will continue working with our local, state, and national partners to

protect animal and public health," said Boring. "Our highest priorities at MDARD remain protecting our food supply and ensuring animal health. As this situation evolves, we will provide critical updates to producers, industry, and all Michiganders."

"This case does reflect a lot of what is already known about this virus—namely, that it is highly contagious, it continues to be primarily spread by wild birds and contact with infected animals, and mammals can contract the virus," said State Veterinarian Dr. Nora Wineland, DVM, MS, DACVPM. "MDARD is working diligently and in close collaboration with government partners, producer groups, and Michigan dairy farmers to address the situation and prevent the spread of disease. As more is learned, it is vitally important for producers to work with their veterinarian and isolate sick animals from others, minimize the number of visitors to their farms, prevent contact between their animals and wildlife, and continue to vigilantly monitor the health of their animals."

HPAI is a highly contagious virus that can be spread directly by infected wild birds/animals or indirectly through any item that has been exposed to the virus—such as equipment, feed, or the clothing and shoes of caretakers. The virus has been detected in various species of mammals—presumably after the animals come into contact with infected birds.

If cattle producers notice decreased lactation, low appetite, and/or other symptoms in their herds, please contact your veterinarian to determine the next appropriate steps to take.

Analysis of the virus from this case and the other cases of affected cattle has not shown any significant new adaptation to make the virus more transmissible between mammals. Therefore, the public health risk associated with HPAI remains low.

According to the Food and Drug Administration and Centers for Disease and Prevention, the commercial milk supply remains safe due to both federal animal health requirements and pasteurization.

5 students win MSA 2024 scholarships

ST. JOHNS, Mich. — The Michigan Soybean Association (MSA) has announced the winners of the 4th annual Michigan Soybean Association College Scholarship. Each of these students has shown exemplary involvement in the agriculture industry and is highly deserving of the award. Students will receive scholarship funds for the upcoming fall semester.

The 2024 recipients are:

- Maddie Brink, Hamilton, Mich. - Purdue University, agronomy
- Brendan Falkowski, Bath, Mich. - University of Michigan, naval architecture and marine engineering
- Maxwell Harman, Mason, Mich. - Michigan State University, PhD - genetic & genome sciences and molecular plant sciences
- Larissa Lapak, Montrose, Mich. - University of Missouri, MS - agricultural leadership, communication and education
- Anna Woller, Montague, Mich. - Muskegon Community College, agriculture education

Since the scholarship program began in 2021, MSA has awarded more than \$32,000 in scholarships to deserving students. Helping the next generation of agriculture leaders aligns with MSA's mission of improving and advocating for the Michigan soybean industry.

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might eventually have their own brick and mortar businesses," said Diaz.

Funding from the Illinois LFIG program will help Diaz get the commissary "off the ground" and running sooner than he'd thought possible without the additional cash flow. He now envisions a soft opening for his commissary, or "ghost kitchen" coming as soon as this summer.

"With this funding we will be able to complete the kitchen, and do some updates and upgrades to the building so that we have a long-term (location). It will go towards building up the infrastructure and investing into the community where we live. For us, this is an investment by the state of Illinois into the North Valley area," he said.

Diaz's Urban Acres was just one of 247 LFIG applicants who submitted \$23.5 million in funding requests -- more than 10 times the amount of money available -- through the program, which is in its first year. Diaz's project proposal was one of just 19 selected for funding by the Illinois Department of Agriculture.

Because of the overwhelming response to the program, advocates are now pushing the Illinois General



Above: The youngest members of the Andres Diaz family are pictured lending a hand in one of the family's Urban Acres community gardens. The project began in Peoria's North Valley neighborhood in 2018 after the Diaz family responded to a need for fresh, healthy produce in the area. (Photo provided)

Assembly to approve at least \$2 million each year to support LFIG funding. LFIG funding was not included in Governor JB Pritzker's proposed state budget presented to lawmakers in February.

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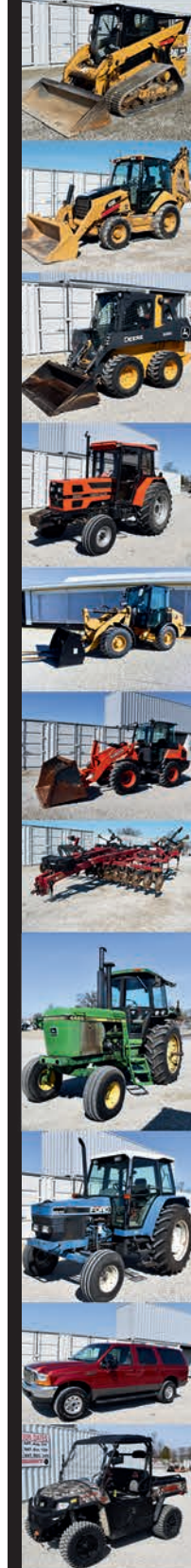
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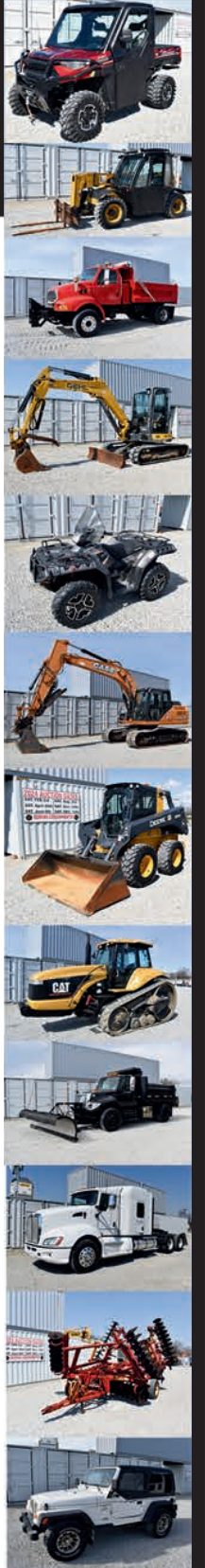
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Don't start grazing too early; forage plants need rest and recovery

As I write this, the sun is trying to shine and provide more growing degree days for plant growth. Forage growth might seem a bit early this year, and it is,

but not much earlier than last year at this time. Southern Indiana is about a week to 10 days earlier than last year. Some northern sites are about two weeks ahead of last year, but certainly still behind southern portions.

Do not get me wrong, I am glad to see new green growth on perennial forages, but I haven't forgotten last year yet. Last April we had a couple fairly hard freezes in late April. Nice, new, tender forage growth does not appreciate freezing temperatures. Last year's cold spell set forages back, stressed plants and initiated early seedhead production which reduced yields. If it wasn't grazed or clipped quickly to get it back in a more vegetative stage, production was really impacted. I tried both ways and wish now that I had gone ahead and clipped everything. I'm not going to borrow trouble, just hope that it doesn't do that again especially with a bit of early start.

All this new green growth does make me eager to get livestock back on pasture again although I'm not going to get in a rush. That initial growth is important to restore the solar panel/ photosynthesis and restore roots. You certainly don't want the forage to get ahead of you, but initiating grazing too quickly does hurt productivity.

Fields that have some dry matter left from the previous season are usually the best fields in which to start the season. This leftover dry matter not only

GRAZING BITES

BY VICTOR SHELTON,
RETIRED NRCS AGRONOMIST/
GRAZING SPECIALIST

is good material to help balance out the washy early spring forage, but it also has a bit more built-in armor and is better suited to be grazed under slightly wet-

ter conditions if present.

Mud also doesn't appear to be an issue this spring or at least not so far. Fields with a little leftover forage from the previous season with new forage growing in it is a great place to calve, kid, foal, or lamb.

It is a good idea to move to a high magnesium type mineral supplement (usually 10-20% instead of 12%) a week or so before grazing new grass and continue with it until we are past the early flush of new forage. Grass tetany is a risk any time cows are grazing lush spring forages that are high in protein, moisture and potassium, and low in magnesium, calcium and sodium. Supplementing dry forage can help to both slow the rate of passage through the digestive system and dilute the grass with dry forage. The issue with insufficient magnesium is more of a problem where nitrogen and/or potassium has been recently applied or are already in excessive amounts.

Grasses, including annuals and cover crops, are good at scavenging nitrogen from the soil. Spring growing annuals/cover crops that are heavily fertilized or manured may accumulate nitrates, which can be toxic. If questionable, test before grazing. For more detailed information about grass tetany or nitrates, contact your local extension. **(Grazing Bites continued on page 14B)**

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In a tight year, the goal is to survive

All indications are that if you're a crop farmer, 2024 is going to be a very tight year. While we have had a few years of profitable agriculture, about every 20

55 YEARS AND COUNTING FROM THE TRACTOR SEAT
BY BILL WHITMAN

years or so there comes around a season or two that causes us to evaluate our life choice. I believe that 2024 is going to be one such year.

There are many of us that remember the late '70s and early '80s with interest rates 17 percent and higher and crop prices that wouldn't support a third of that rate. Isn't it pretty close to half of that now? We watched as thousands of farms and ranches and a whole bunch of dairies went out of business. What I remember is that this followed a time when lenders were begging farmers to borrow more money.

I still remember my PCA rep coming out to the field and asking me to borrow more. I declined, but I still remember thinking what I might have been able to do with it. I started farming in the late '70s following an enlistment with the Air Force. I had a couple fairly good years where I worked full time and farmed part time. Twelve-dollar beans came along, and I thought, now is the time for me to go full time farming and took on quite a bit of ground. I clearly remember trying to purchase a used big tractor and was turned down, but hey, you can buy this big NEW tractor with little down. I still remember trying to figure out the logic of this. Point being, so many things of the last five or six years remind me of those days.

There are some fundamental things experience has taught us. First, take time to evaluate every decision that affects your finances. I like to use the acronym, G.E.D. to make decisions: (G)ather the facts, (E)valuate the facts, make your (D)ecision based solely on the facts. Take the emotion out of your financial decision making. I saw a study once that indicated that 90 percent of decisions made by emotions were wrong, and 90 percent of the decisions based on facts were best.

I often see historically successful farms reducing rarely used equipment to cash. It is a better use of these dol-

lars. It's hard to always keep in mind that every piece of equipment you own is an asset with cash value. Since it has cash value, it has a related cost.

The cost in the interest or value lost by ownership without a return value in use. Don't misunderstand, sell unused equipment at fair market value, not fire sale prices.

On operational expenses, use your cash on hand to pay for the expenses that would cost you the highest interest rates. It may also be to your advantage to negotiate with each of your vendors. There is often wiggle room or ways to save through negotiation.

The next thing you should do is preventive maintenance. Doing repair work pre-use, even though it may appear that it can wait, will often cost in a more severe breakdown and loss of time, in essence proving to be far more costly than simply repairing it.

Finally, be mentally prepared to absorb bad news. From the weather to crop or livestock prices to unforeseen expenses, if you're expecting it, the effect on you emotionally will be far less than if you place your expectations in hope only to have bad news following problems. It's also important that you communicate with your family. Help them to understand what you're experiencing and allow them to help you. Let them know in advance that the extra's we have gotten used to during the past several years just aren't going to be there this year. Let them know that things will improve, that all you have to do is work together to get through this year.

So, when you think about how to get through this year, use any or all of these suggestions to survive to farm or ranch another year. If it's any consolation, when city folks open their eyes, they're going to discover they're in much the same situation.

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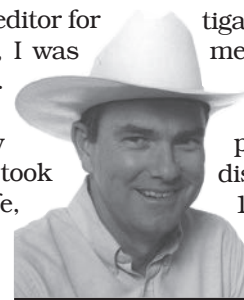
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Reminiscing about job as field editor for livestock weekly

When I was hired as a field editor for a prominent livestock weekly, I was 21 and greener than a gourd. I'd only been inside an auction market once, had no idea how to load film in a camera, never took a journalism class in my life, hated selling ads, didn't know how to type and didn't know a pronoun from a Pinzgauer. Other than that, I was totally qualified for the job.



It's THE PITTS
By Lee Pitts

Why would anyone in their right mind hire me I wondered? It didn't take long to find out. I was hired as an independent contractor who paid all my travel expenses and got to keep one third of every ad I sold to purebred cattle and horse breeders, of which there were very few in my territory. I had exactly two good accounts and another field editor had already glommed on to one of them and was trying to get my boss to give him the other one too. I was what old-time cowboys called a button, an Arbuckle, a shorthorn or a chuck eater. I was a pilgrim put ashore in Indian country. And all the other field editors and magazine reps at the time were at least 20 years older than me.

I admit I made a couple tiny blunders in the beginning. I puffed up like a toad when I got my very first photo credit on the front page which clearly showed one of the biggest advertisers at a sale with his arm around who I presumed was his wife. Imagine my surprise when I got a memo from the publisher informing me that the guy's wife was now suing him for divorce. But what did I care, the big advertiser wasn't my account but belonged to the guy who was trying to steal any decent account I had.

Then John Wayne's cattle manager wrote a letter to the owner of the paper demanding that I be fired because I'd hinted that some of the extremely high prices for bulls at the Duke's bull sale seemed to be somehow linked to feeding cattle at Wayne's Red River Feedlot. Instead of getting a Pulitzer Prize for inves-

tigative journalism, I got a scathing memo from the publisher.

I finally got smart and quit after I subtracted all my expenses from my total sales and discovered I was making about 13 cents per hour. When the publisher told me my writing wasn't up to the high standards of the paper, I told him that one day I'd show him by starting my own paper and that's exactly what I did.

This meant I had to get out of my comfort zone and travel the entire country working ring at bull sales in return for big advertising budgets. I felt I needed to make an immediate impact, so the first time I went to Idaho I had a bull order for what would have been the high selling bull if only I hadn't insisted on looking at him ahead of the sale. (He was a dink.)

It had been a real wet winter and the bulls were in a feedlot and I wondered why none of the buyers were out looking at the bulls. I charged in and immediately discovered why. Much to everyone's delight, I immediately sunk up to my knees in the muck and the mire. When I lifted my right foot, I left my boot buried beneath two feet of brown quicksand. I had no choice but to insert the left foot so I could get my right boot back. Then I heard a giant sucking sound when my left boot joined its partner.

This was not the impression I'd hoped to leave. I eventually unstuck my boots and carried them ashore with me right before the sale started so I had little time to get hosed off. For the entire sale every time I took a step the gooey stuff would ooze out the top of my boot like a pumping action, squish, pause, squish, pause, squish, etc. The folks at the sale seemed quite amused but not so the passengers on my Delta flight home who scattered like quail once they caught a whiff, leaving me an entire row so I could stretch out and catch some much-needed shut-eye.

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Fly control and oppressing pinkeye

Two nemeses of beef producers and their veterinarians are flies and pinkeye. Although pinkeye can occur at any time of the year, summer is still the most common time that we see outbreaks.

BEEF HERD HEALTH

BY W. MARK HILTON, DVM

Look at the map above and add 30-45 days to the time when you start the IGR. This is the ideal time to use fly tags. We want about 200 horn flies/cow when we

apply the tags.

Control of face and horn flies takes a multifaceted approach and timing of each step is critical in success.

The use of insect growth regulators (IGR) or larvicides in the mineral starting one month prior to fly exposure is a well-proven management practice to reduce fly pressure. Use a product labeled for controlling face flies (all control horn flies), as they can spread the pinkeye causing bacteria from animal to animal. Check with your feed supplier on options.

Utilizing insecticide impregnated tags in cows and calves is a cost-effective way to help control flies. While putting tags in both cows and calves is ideal, using them in cows is the key. Also, don't forget the bulls. They need fly control too. Rotate between pyrethroid, organophosphate and avermectin tags. There are many options on the market, and some are proven to be superior to others. Check with your herd health veterinarian to see what they recommend. If they have questions, I am happy to discuss the latest research. Also, be sure to wear disposable latex gloves when applying fly tags.

The top two concerns I see with use of fly tags is putting them in too early and then not removing them in the fall.

Remove the tags in the fall when cows are pregnancy checked. The tags are emitting a very small amount of insecticide now and that can breed resistance. Also, when you remove them, put them in a bucket that is on the pickup tailgate. If the farm dog chews on a few (not that it has ever happened to me), they can ingest enough insecticide to become ill.

I recommend using a pour-on product that is labeled for flies at the same time as I put in the fly tags. This gives a quick knock down of the fly population just as it is exploding. Do not use a macrocyclic lactone product (ivermectins, avermectins, etc.) if you are only targeting fly control. These products are also effective for internal parasite (worms) control and using them frequently for fly control allows the worms to become resistant to these products. We have not had a new class of dewormers come onto the market for about 40 years, so we need to preserve the products we have by not overusing them.

Many of the free choice mineral feeders come with an option that applies insecticide to the face of the cow as she consumes the mineral. These can be quite effective if they are kept recharged with insecticide.

If cows must walk through a narrow opening, using an insecticide soaked "fly wipe" can be helpful. There are also non-insecticide options where cattle walk through a "fly trap" where flies are mechanically "wiped" from the animal and then fall into a trap.

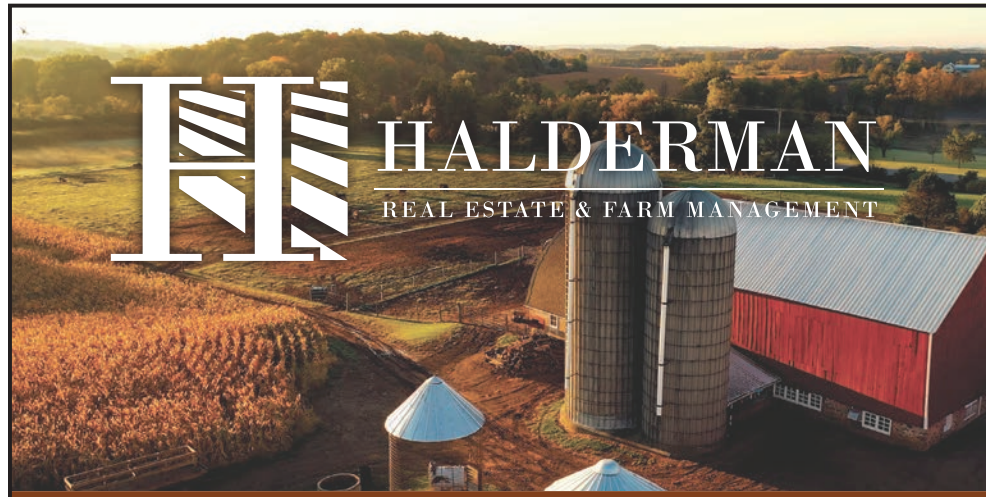
Spraying cows during the summer can be another effective way to reduce the fly pressure.

Herds that practice management-intensive grazing and never allow grass to become mature have less pinkeye issues than herds that allow grass to grow tall and form a seedhead. The grass can irritate the eyes and the seeds can lodge in the conjunctiva and scratch the eye. Keep grass under 10 inches by grazing or clipping to decrease the chance of irritation.

There are several vaccines for pinkeye

on the market and they contain various strains of bacteria. Select a product with advice from your herd health veterinarian, as they are the best source of information for the ideal vaccine for your area. If you are still getting cases after performing all the above, ask your herd health veterinarian about culturing the eyes to see what organisms are responsible.

We will never eliminate flies from our cattle businesses, but we need to have a plan to control them. University of Nebraska research showed a 12-20 pound weaning weight advantage for calves nursing cows where fly control was practiced. Make a plan now with your feed supplier and herd health veterinarian so your cows will have minimal impact due to flies this spring and summer.



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LOT 1 - 3 pt quick hitch
LOT 2 - JD 3 pt quick hitch
LOT 3 - Remlinger MFG 3 pt power ditcher, 1000 pto, low use
LOT 4 - Glencoe 3 pt power ditcher, 1000 pto
LOT 5 - Bushhog DM 90 disc mower, 3 pt, 540 pto, SN 12-06721
LOT 6 - 6' FMC rotary mower, 3 pt, 540 pto
LOT 7 - 10' rotary mower, 3 pt, 540 pto
LOT 8 - 20' Bush hog 2720 batwing mower, 1000 pto, Air Craft tires, stump jumpers, SN 12-01228
LOT 9 - 30' Great Plains HT100 Terra-Max, hyd adjust front gang, rear rolling basket, rear hitch w/ hyd hook up, only 1500 acres, VF 410/50 R 16.5 implement tires, SN GP-E1502H
LOT 10 - Landoll VT Plus, model 7431-29, single rolling basket, 20" blades, rear hitch w/ hyd, SN 74C1101377
LOT 11 - 2016 Case 875 Ecolo-Tiger 7-shank disc chisel plow, disc leveler w/ rolling basket, low use w/ original ripper points, 24" spacing, VF 445/65 R 22.5 tires, SN YG0081838
LOT 12 - Sunflower 11-shank disc chisel plow, model 4212-14, 15" spacing, hyd disc, adjust walking tandems w/ 11L-15 tires, Danish tine, rear leveler
LOT 13 - Wil-Rich 8-btm plow, spring reset, tongue hitch, w/ new spare parts
LOT 14 - Wil-Rich 6-btm plow, spring reset, 3 pt hitch
LOT 15 - 28' 3528 Yetter rotary hoe, 3 pt
LOT 16 - 15' M & W rotary hoe, 3 pt
LOT 17 - 30' Kongskilde 8200 Danish tine field cultivator, Remlinger rolling basket, 2 hyd remotes, plumbed to rear hitch, SN 8200-401151
LOT 18 - 24' Kongskilde 3500 Danish tine field cultivator, walking tandems, rear hitch w/ hyd, flat bar rolling basket
LOT 19 - 32' Kuhn Krause cultipacker, 9.5L-15SL tires, low acres, SN 4400-32-B0270
LOT 20 - Dolly hitch for Kuhn Krause cultipacker
LOT 21 - 27' Farmhand cultipacker, hyd fold, single gang
LOT 22 - 32' Farmhand cultipacker, hyd fold, single gang
LOT 23 - 32' J & M TF212 double basket, front knock-down spike harrow, wing gauge wheels, lights
LOT 24 - 27' Killbros dble rolling basket, round bar, knock-down spike tooth harrow
LOT 25 - John Deere 1790 16/32 planter, CCS seed delivery, 15" rows, no-till, Keaton seed firmers, cast iron closing wheels, pneumatic down pressure, hyd markers, SN A01790C725377
LOT 26 - John Deere 1770NT planter, 16 row x 30", Max Emerge XP, single disc 2x2 fert, row cleaners, Keaton seed firmers w/ liquid pop-up, hyd markers, John Blue ground drive for 2x2 fert, rear liquid fill, SN 1S01770YHBM740322
LOT 27 - 20' John Deere 1560 drill, 75" spacing, markers, 2 pt hitch w/ Unverferth fill auger, SN N01560XG86119
LOT 28 - AG Gator 1004 sprayer, 80' booms, 20" nozzle spacing, 1000 gallon SS tank, 16.9 R 38 tires, V-8 Cummins engine
LOT 29 - Dalton 15-knife liquid applicator, John Blue ground drive pump, 1300 gal tank, 2" fill, SN 12791
LOT 30 - Clark 13-knife NH3 toolbar, Raven cooler w/Raven controller, pull-type
LOT 31 - Newton Crouch SS lime spreader, 24" wide drive chain, only spread 300 T of lime, like NEW, hyd shut off, 19L-16-1SL tires, SN 1-15-11238

LOT 32 - 2014 450 DT Versatile tractor, 36" wide tracks, bareback, 6 hyd remotes, power shift, Case FM 750 monitor, 1149 hrs, SN 704884
LOT 33 - 2010 375 Versatile tractor, 4 x 4, bareback, 4 hyd remotes, full set of wts at back hitch, 520/85 R 42 dual tires, 1880 hrs, SN 305554
LOT 34 - 2012 305 Versatile tractor, MFWD, 3 pt, 1000 pto, 4 hyd remotes, 480/80 R 46 rear tires, 380/85 R34 front tires, front & rear duals, Case FM 750 monitor, 1137 hrs, SN 505944
LOT 35 - 1997 New Holland 8970 tractor, MFWD, 52 gal hyd. pump system, 3 pt, 1000 pto, 4 hyd remotes, 18.4 R 42 rear tires, 380/ 85 R 30 front tires, Case FM 750 monitor, 5746 hrs, SN D415988
LOT 36 - Galion 503 grader, 6 wheel, gas 6-cylinder engine, 10ft blade
LOT 37 - 2013 John Deere S670 combine, 4 x 4, contour feeder house, 26' high capacity unload auger, power cast tailboard, 520/85 R 42 front duals, 28L-26 rear tires, 1678 engine hrs, 1081 separator hrs, SN 1H0S670SLC0755448
LOT 38 - 2014 John Deere 635 FD draper head, steel dividers, SN 1H0635FDHE0766140
LOT 39 - J & M 35' header cart, 4 WS 15, ST 235/85 R 16 tires, lights
LOT 40 - 2010 John Deere 608 C corn head, 8 x 30" spacing, stubble lights, hyd cone ear savers, SN 1H0608CCX0740127
LOT 41 - Smyth Welding header cart, 205/65-10 tires
LOT 42 - John Deere 4240 Gen 4 display, AutoTrac, SN PCJUM051495
LOT 43 - Starfire 3000, SN PCG13TA452461
LOT 43A - Soybean sieve for John Deere combine
LOT 44 - Killbros 1820 grain cart, 900/60-32 tires, like new tires, SN D43840120
LOT 45 - 350 bu seed wagon w/ 12' poly auger, 12.5-22.5 tires
LOT 46 - 200 bu J & M seed wagon, JD running gear, 14' poly auger
LOT 47 - 200 bu seed wagon, steel auger
LOT 48 - 1978 Ford semi truck, 204" WB, wet line, spring ride, air sliding 5th wheel, Roadranger 13-spd transmission, 400 Cummins engine, 11 R 22.5 tires, shows 913,184 miles, VIN A90LVCH0343
LOT 49 - 2015 Merritt 38' grain trailer, elec roll tarp, elec grain doors, side sight windows, Ag hoppers, 11 R 22.5 tires, spring ride, alum outer rims w/ steel inners, VIN 1MT2P3926FH024170
LOT 50 - 2014 Merritt 38' grain trailer, elec roll tarp, elec grain doors, side sight windows, Ag hoppers, 11 R 22.5 tires, spring ride, alum outer rims w/ steel inners, VIN 1MT2P3924EH023761
LOT 51 - 1990 33' East alum dump trailer, elec roll tarp, grain chute, poly liner, LED lights, 11 R 22.5 tires, alum rims, spring ride, VIN 1E1DIS285L-RF1903
LOT 52 - 1970 Butler 4600 gallon insulated tanker trailer, spring ride, 11 R 22.5 tires, SN 5996PSSM
LOT 53 - Movall Low Boy trailer w/ winch, 8' neck, 24' deck, 8' ramp/tail, fold out side extensions, VIN 3791
LOT 54 - 1977 32' Landoll Haul-oll semi trailer w/ winch, SN A477328
LOT 55 - 8" x 31' Hutchinson transport auger, 540 pto driven
LOT 56 - 20' Omaha standard bed, 52" tall sides, steel floor, hyd pump, combination doors, no tarp
LOT 57 - 2000 gal poly leg tank - Only used for water - no fertilizer or chemicals
LOT 58 - Hutch Cleaner C-1600 grain cleaner, 8" loading auger, SN 173783

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Two Ohio young farmers named state farm bureau winners

By Doug Graves
Ohio Correspondent

COLUMBUS, Ohio - Catherine Wolcott, of Geauga County, and Sara Tallmadge, of Ashland County, were big winners in Ohio Farm Bureau Federation's (OFB) 2024 young farmer competitions.

Wolcott was named Outstanding Young Farmer while Tallmadge received the Excellence in Agriculture award last month during OFB's Young Agriculture Professionals (YAP) Winter Leadership Conference.

The Outstanding Young Farmer Award competition is designed to help young farmers strengthen their business skills, develop marketing opportunities and receive recognition for their accomplishments. Contestants are judged on the growth of

their farm business and involvement in farm bureau and their community.

Wolcott and her husband own and operate G.A.R. Horizons, a small farm that raises pork, beef and chicken. They have an on-site farm store and grow crops on 110 acres around the county.

An eight-year member of Geauga County Farm Bureau, Wolcott has served as a board member and secretary for the organization and is currently a Geauga County 4-H adviser. She is a member of many local organizations, including the Chardon Area Chamber of Commerce, Destination Geauga and Chardon Square Association.

Following Wolcott, the Outstanding Young Farmer finalists were Sheldon Miller (Ottawa County) and Brad Wolford (Pickaway County).

Tallmadge has been named the winner of OFB's 2024 Excellence in Agriculture Award. This award recognizes successful young agricultural professionals who are actively contributing and growing through their involvement with farm bureau and agriculture.

Tallmadge is a senior laboratory animal technologist and registered veterinary technician supporting livestock animal and public health research at Ohio State University's Center for Food Animal Health.

She is president of Ashland County Farm Bureau, serves on the YAP state committee and is a Class X graduate of Agri-Power, OFB's elite leadership program. She is a member of the Ohio Rural Health Association and has served on Ohio State's College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences (CFAES) staff advisory council.

Following Tallmadge, the Excellence in Agriculture finalists were Megan Dresbach (Pickaway County), Olivia Lang (Wayne County) and Hannah Thompson (Athens-Meigs County).

As winners, Wolcott and Tallmadge receive a \$3,000 cash prize, complimentary registration to the 2025 YAP Winter Leadership Experience and an expense-paid trip to the 2025 American Farm Bureau Federation (AFBF) annual convention in San Antonio, Texas.

Abigale Campbell, of Washington County, is the winner of the OFB's Young Agricultural Professionals 2024 Discussion Meet competition.

The Discussion Meet tests participants' subject knowledge, problem solving abilities and personal and small group communications skills. It is designed for young agricultural professionals to work together to find solutions around issues facing agriculture today.

Campbell and her husband, Blake, are fourth-generation farmers in their sheep and swine operation. They specialize in growing and direct marketing cut flowers, pumpkins, produce, meat and wool products.

Campbell is currently an agriscience educator and FFA adviser at Fort Frye High School. She is a member of the CFAES alumni board, the Barlow Independent Fair Board, and a teaching fellow with the Foundation for Appalachian Ohio.

Campbell also receives a \$3,000 cash prize, complimentary registration to the 2025 YAP Winter Leadership Experience and an expense-paid trip to 2025 AFBF annual convention.

In addition to Campbell, the other Discussion Meet finalists are Kane Lewis (Scioto County), Kendall Lovejoy (Fulton County) and Kameron Rinehart (Fayette County).

Ryanna Tietje, representative of Ohio State's Collegiate Farm Bureau, is the winner of OFB's 2024 Collegiate Discussion Meet competition.

Tietje grew up on her family's grain farm in northwest Ohio where they raise corn and soybeans. She is a senior at Ohio State, studying agribusiness and applied economics with a minor in consumer and family financial services. Tietje is also president of the OSU Agribusiness Club, a peer mentor for the OSU Honors program, and a member of the Advisory Council for the Farm Financial Management and Policy Institute. After graduation, she plans to return to the family farm and pursue a career in farm financial management or grain risk management.

As the winner, Tietje receives a \$1,000 scholarship and complimentary registration to the 2024 Young Farmers & Ranchers Leadership Conference in Omaha, Neb., where she will compete at the national level.

In addition to Tietje, other College Discussion Meet finalists are Ruth Beery (Wilmington College), Reagan Feldner (Ohio State) and Sarah Hoak (Ohio State).

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2018 JD 5075E w/LDR, SYNCRO, MFWD, 540 PTO, 646 HRS, S/N 1P1-5075EJJ107222	2011 JD CX15, WING FOLD, 15', S/N P0CX15F009082	2016 JD X950M, 72" DECK, GAS, TWEELS, 1534 HRS, S/N 1TC950MD-KGT050039
2013 JD 5055E w/LDR, POWER REVERSER, MFWD, 540 PTO, 1152 HRS, S/N 1LV5055ECDY145114	BUSH HOG 2615 BATWING, PULL TYPE, 15', S/N 12-05151	2016 JD Z997R, 72" DECK, DSL, 2WD, 2098 HRS, S/N 1TCZ997RL-GD020878
2009 C/IH FARMALL 90 w/LDR, SYNCRO, MFWD, 540 PTO, 956 HRS, S/N Z9JP53319	2013 WOODS BB720X, 6', 3 PT, S/N 1232009	2015 JD Z930M, 60" DECK, GAS, 2WD, 1340 HRS, S/N 1TC930MC-CFT030526
2021 JD 1025R w/LDR & DECK, HYDRO, MFWD, 111 HRS, S/N 1LV1025RHHM823714	WOODS 60-4.4', 3 PT, S/N 40359	2015 JD Z997R, 72" DECK, DSL, 2WD, 2470 HRS, S/N 1TCZ997R-JFD010473
2021 JD 1025R w/DECK, HYDRO, MFWD, 178 HRS, S/N 1LV1025RKM-MM822473	WOODS RM990 GROOMING MOWER, 7', S/N 965718	2014 JD Z925M, 54" DECK, GAS, 2WD, 802 HRS, S/N 1TC925M-FEEY020296
2020 JD 1025R w/LDR & DECK, HYDRO, MFWD, 70 HRS, S/N 1LV1025RALL811192	KING KUTTER RFM72, 6', S/N 1001351252	2014 JD Z920M, 54" DECK, GAS, 2WD, 945 HRS, S/N 1TC920M-VCET020274
2019 JD 1025R, HYDRO, MFWD, 50 HRS, S/N 1LV1025RCLK801667	WOODS RB84 REAR BLADE, S/N 842558	2013 JD Z920M, 48" DECK, GAS, 2WD, 718 HRS, S/N 1TC920MEJ-DT010154
2018 JD 1025R w/LDR, HYDRO, MFWD, 138 HRS, S/N 1LV1025RLJJ158860	LAND PRIDE GS1572 GRADER BLADE, S/N STK454781	2013 JD Z970R, 72" DECK, GAS, 2WD, 1075 HRS, S/N 1TC970RDU-DT010057
2016 JD 1025R w/LDR & DECK, HYDRO, MFWD, 671 HRS, S/N 1LV1025RLGG101712	KING KUTTER RTS-50 ROTARY TILLER, S/N 250499	2012 JD 997, 72" DECK, DSL, 2WD, 677 HRS, S/N 1TC997SCABT070023
2014 JD 1023E w/LDR, HYDRO, MFWD, 168 HRS, S/N 1LV1023ETE412585	2022 FRONTIER BB5096 BOX BLADE, S/N 1XFB850XPN0111599	2010 JD Z925A, 60" DECK, GAS, 2WD, 1745 HRS, S/N TC925AP014045
2014 JD 2032R w/LDR, HYDRO, MFWD, 579 HRS, S/N 1LV2032RPH112481	2011 JD RC60L SHREDDER, S/N 1TORC60LJB0000045	2009 JD Z810A, 48" DECK, GAS, 2WD, 127 HRS, S/N TC810AF020491
2006 JD 2305 w/LDR & DECK, HYDRO, MFWD, 542 HRS, S/N LV2305H222937	2015 BOBCAT 66 SHREDDER, S/N B37K00696	2007 JD 777, 60" DECK, GAS, 1100 HRS, S/N TC0777B050020
2007 JD 3520 w/LDR, HYDRO, MFWD, 2004 HRS, S/N LV3520H450204	2022 TRI-L MANUFACTURING BRUSHBOSS77 GRAPPLE, S/N 5101230287	2022 DIXIE CHOPPER XCALIBER 3566KW, GAS, 2WD, 45 HRS, S/N 22002952
2005 JD 3520 w/LDR, HYDRO, MFWD, 465 HRS, S/N LV3520H151560	JD 14" TRACKS, S/N B0070512	2019 EXMARK LZX980KC726, 72" DECK, GAS, 2WD, 1242 HRS, S/N 312633625
2013 JD 4720 w/LDR, HYDRO, MFWD, 711 HRS, S/N 1LV4720HVDH916194	ATVs	2015 KUBOTA ZD326, 60" DECK, DSL, 570 HRS, S/N 43914
2003 JD 4410 w/LDR & DECK, HYDRO, MFWD, 541 HRS, S/N LV4410H241363	2021 POLARIS RANGER XP1000, GAS, 4WD, ALL TERRAIN, PS, 365 HRS, S/N 4XARRU997M8483054	2011 KUBOTA ZD321, 54" DECK, DSL, 2WD, 1876 HRS, S/N 30144
2007 JD 3720 w/LDR & DECK, HYDRO, MFWD, 3015 HRS, S/N LV3720H381124	2020 JD TX 4X2 GATOR, GAS, 2WD, ALL TERRAIN, 689 HRS, S/N 1M04X2XDPLM150141	2008 SIMPLICITY CITATION 21, 48" DECK, GAS, 2WD, 913 HRS, S/N 1604768-00439
2015 KUBOTA L3901 w/LDR, HYDRO, MFWD, 681 HRS, S/N 54208	2018 JD XUV 835M GATOR, GAS, 4WD, EXTREME TERRAIN, 2882 HRS, S/N 1M0835MAVJM012854	2021 JD X580, 54" DECK, HYDRO, GAS, 2WD, 151 HRS, S/N 1M0X580AK-LM160062
2009 KUBOTA B3200 w/LDR & DECK, 739 HRS, S/N 50543	2018 JD XUV 835M GATOR, GAS, 4WD, PS, 2268 HRS, S/N 1M0835MD-KJM010138	2020 JD X734, 60" DECK, HYDRO, GAS, 2WD, 479 HRS, S/N 1M0X734AVLM080112
2005 C/IH DX29, HYDRO, MFWD, 658 HRS, S/N HBA012061	2016 JD XUV 8251 GATOR, GAS, 4WD, ALL TERRAIN, 1996 HRS, S/N 1M0825GELGM113597	2018 JD X584, 54" DECK, HYDRO, GAS, 2WD, 244 HRS, S/N 1M0X-584AJM131069
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2021 GEHL VT320 SKID STEER w/CAB & 84" BUCKET, AC, HAND CONTROLS, EH CONTROLS, AIR RIDE SEAT, HI-FLO, 400 HRS, S/N GHLYT320K00040839	2008 JD HPX 4X4, GAS, ALL TERRAIN, 2907 HRS, S/N MOHP4GX061154	2017 JD X580, 54" DECK, HYDRO, GAS, 2WD, 430 HRS, S/N 1M0X580AT-GM120065
2020 JD 333G SKID STEER w/CAB & BUCKET, AC, EH CONTROLS, HI-FLO, JOYSTICK, RIDE CONTROL, 2-SPD, SELF-LEVELING, 1562 HRS, S/N 1T033GMVLF384526	2014 CAN-AM COMMANDER 800, GAS, 4WD, EXTREME TERRAIN, PS, 270 HRS, S/N 3UBKCN11EJ000491	2016 JD X584, 48" DECK, HYDRO, GAS, 2WD, 352 HRS, S/N 1M0X584AT-GM110565
2019 BOBCAT S590 SKID STEER w/CAB & BUCKET, AC, 2-SPD, 768 HRS, S/N AR9R20983	2014 POLARIS RANGER 900, GAS, 4WD, EXTREME TERRAIN, 1120 HRS, S/N 4XAUH88A3EG289242	2015 JD X590, 54" DECK, HYDRO, GAS, 2WD, 454 HRS, S/N 1M0X-590ACFM103429
2019 CATERPILLAR 262D3 SKID STEER w/CAB & BUCKET, AC, EH CONTROLS, AIR RIDE SEAT, JOYSTICK, 2-SPD, SELF-LEVELING, AUX HYD, 1112 HRS, S/N CAT0262DCZB202024	2003 POLARIS RANGER 4x4, GAS, MID TERRAIN, 1229 HRS, S/N 4XAR-D50A74D167320	2014 JD X750, 54" DECK, HYDRO, DSL, 2WD, 171 HRS, S/N 1M0X750A-HEM020131
2019 JD 330G SKID STEER w/CAB & 84" BUCKET, AC, EH CONTROLS, JOYSTICK, WEIGHTS, 1478 HRS, S/N 1T033GKCKF366442	LAWN MOWERS	2009 JD X720, 60" DECK, GAS, 2WD, 441 HRS, S/N M0X720A041679
2018 BOBCAT S650 SKID STEER w/CAB, NO BUCKET, AC, HAND & FOOT CONTROLS, 2-SPD, 1404 HRS, S/N ALJ821973	2021 JD Z970R, 60" DECK, GAS, 2WD, 352 HRS, S/N 1TC970RC-CMT090168	2008 JD X749, HYDRO, DSL, AWD, 1575 HRS, S/N M0X749A030334
2015 BOBCAT S650 w/CAB & BUCKET, AC, FOOT CONTROLS, AIR RIDE SEAT, HI-FLO, 2-SPD, SELF-LEVELING, 1432 HRS, S/N ALJ814100	2021 JD Z930M, 60" DECK, GAS, 2WD, TWEELS, 370 HRS, S/N 1TC-930MCTL091954	2006 JD X720, 62" DECK, HYDRO, GAS, 2WD, 918 HRS, S/N M0X720A010581
2011 CASE TV380 w/CAB & BUCKET, AC, HAND CONTROLS, EH CONTROLS, AIR RIDE SEAT, AUX HYD, RIDE CONTROL, 897 HRS, S/N JAFV-380HBM441036	2021 JD Z950M, 60" DECK, GAS, 2WD, TWEELS, 624 HRS, S/N 1TC-950MCM091664	2009 CUB CADET SLTX1050, 50" DECK, HYDRO, GAS, 2WD, 596 HRS, S/N 1E120H30169
2011 JD 320D SKID STEER w/CAB, NO BUCKET, HAND CONTROLS, SELF-LEVELING, AUX HYD, 5188 HRS, S/N 1T0320DABVG213361	2020 JD Z915E, 60" DECK, GAS, 2WD, 254 HRS, S/N 1TC915ECAL081953	2023 JD 652M STAND ON, 52" DECK, GAS, 2WD, 7 HRS, S/N 1TC652M-KTPT110072
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2014 JD 338 SQUARE BALER, S/N 1E00338TCEE400383	2019 JD Z915E, 60" DECK, GAS, 2WD, 296 HRS, S/N 1TC915EJKT072955	2020 GRASSHOPPER 735BT FRONT MT, 72" DECK, GAS, 304 HRS, S/N 7016997
2008 NH 1432 MOWER CONDITIONER, S/N Y7B669385	2018 JD Z930M, 60" DECK, GAS, 2WD, TWEELS, 287 HRS, S/N 1TC-930MGCJT060931	
2022 ENROSSI BF150G HAY MOWER, S/N 202205453	2018 JD Z930M, 60" DECK, GAS, 2WD, 1281 HRS, S/N 1TC930MCE-HT060031	
2022 ENROSSI RP8CG RAKE, S/N 202204047	2018 JD Z930M, 60" DECK, GAS, 2WD, 1388 HRS, S/N 1TC930MCH-HT060030	
	2016 JD Z540R, 60" DECK, GAS, 2WD, 327 HRS, S/N 1GXZ540X-AGG011967	
	2016 JD Z930M, 54" DECK, GAS, 2WD, 988 HRS, S/N 1TC930MVK-GT040805	

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Above: Canadian-built Cockshutt

Cockshutt started as a maker of farming implements

Cockshutt has been a curiosity for the younger ag generation because fewer of them were produced. The company has an interesting history.

Started by James G. Cockshutt in 1877, it began as Brantford Plow Works, located in Brantford, Ontario. It was incorporated in 1882, and the name was changed to Cockshutt Plow Company. By the 1920s, the company had become well-known for its quality tillage tools. By 1929, they didn't have a tractor designed, which their dealers needed, so they arranged to distribute Allis Chalmers model 20-35 tractors.

In 1935, Cockshutt took on the Oliver line of tractors for their dealers to sell.

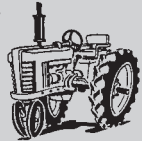
During World War II, the Cockshutt Brantford factory became the Cockshutt Aircraft Division. They built British bomber undercarriages, fuselages, wings for training aircraft, and the De Havilland Mosquito bomber. Their Munitions Division produced artillery trailers and shells.

While the war was still on, Cockshutt designed their first tractor, the Model 30, which was produced until 1946. By 1947, 6263 had been built. Their model 30 was the first modern tractor built in Canada. It was painted vermilion red with cream-white wheels.

Cockshutt had no sales network in the United States but wanted to enter that market. In 1945, agreements were made with a co-op to sell the model 30 as an F-3, painted orange with black lettering. Cockshutt later came out with the model 40 (45HP) and, in 1949, released the model 20 (25HP) in 1952. 1953 brought the model 50 (60HP) off the assembly line. By 1958, the company had a full lineup of tractors on the market.

ALL ABOUT TRACTORS

BY PAUL WALLEM



English Transcontinental, a British Mercantile Bank, took ownership of Cockshutt in 1958. That organization changed its name to Cockshutt Farm

Equipment Limited. In 1962, White Motor Company became owner.

During 1964-69 the 50 series 1450-2150 models were identical to Oliver, which had become a part of White (who had also acquired Minneapolis Moline.)

White established White Farm Equipment in 1969 when they consolidated all three. From 1971 to 1975, four brands were offered: White painted silver, Cockshutt in red, Oliver green, and Minneapolis yellow. All were the same tractor, and all were manufactured by Fiat.

By 1975, White had discontinued all three previous brand names and offered only White equipment. The Cockshutt name was no longer in use after the mid-70s.

Paul Wallem was raised on an Illinois dairy farm. He spent 13 years with corporate IH in domestic and foreign assignments. He resigned to own and operate two IH dealerships. He is the author of THE BREAKUP of IH & SUCCESSES & INDUSTRY FIRSTS of IH. See all his books on www.PaulWallem.com and email your comments to pwallem@aol.com

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Monday, April 8, 2024 @ 9:00 A.M.

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ANTIQUE & COLLECTABLE TRACTORS

2-Farmall H's; 2- Super H's, 2- Farmall M's; Farmall Super M (Louisville) 2- Farmall 300's w/ F.H.; Farmall Super C; Farmall 400; Farmall Cub w/ cultvs; IH 274 w/ cultvs; IH 756 WF gas, IH 706 Dsl. Fresh O.H. w/ Ldr; IH 504 Dsl WF 3pt; IH 656 gas WF w/ Ldr; IH 460 LP w/ FH; '76 IH 1066 Black Stripe 5500 hrs CAB; IH 1466 Dsl Fenders; MMZB; MM 1400 Dsl 4WD; Case 444 Lawn Mower; JD 40; JD B; JD LA; JD 60NF; JD 520 NF gas 3pt; 2- JD 3020 Dsl's; JD 4010 LP WF; JD 4020 Dsl Hi Crop; JD 4230 Dsl Hi Crop 3pt; AC G w/ plow; AC B w/ mower; 2 - AC WD 45's WF; Ford 860 gas WF; Ford TO-20 gas; 2- Ford 8 N's; Ford Jubilee; Oliver 550 w/Ldr; Oliver 770; Oliver 1255;

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CONSTRUCTION EQ

White 2 - 63 TLB; Yale Forklift; Bobcat 963 Skid Steer; Bobcat 853 Skid Steer; Case 1818 Skid Steer, gas, 1748 hrs; NH L-785 Dsl Skid Steer; Case 1840 Dsl Skid Steer; Bobcat 540 gas Skid Steer; 7' 4 in 1 Bkt off NH 95 TLB; NH 95 B Hoe Unit of outriggers & 24" Bucket; Bobcat 543 Skid Steer; Onan Gen Set, gas, needs work; Ditch Witch A220 Dsl Trencher/ B Hoe

Annual Lawn & Garden Auction Monday 5:00 p.m.

Featured Lawn Mowers

JD 425; JD 445; JD 317 w/ hyd front blade, new engine; JD Z930 Zero Turn; JD Z950A Zero Turn; JD F1145 Front Mtd Mower; JD X775 Lawn Tractor; JD X300, X320, LA175 Riders; JD 4 wheel steer rider; JD XUV 865M Gator, CAB, Pwr Steering, Elec Dump; 2 - JD Gators; JD 660 Roto Tiller 3pt; Kubota F3600 Front Mtd, dsl, 4we; Kubota B2400 Dsl 4WD w/ ldr & mower; Kubota F2400 Dsl 4WD w/ Cab, mower & hyd blade; Kubota B7100 Dsl 2wd 3pt pto; Kubota Z724, gas/ Zero Turn; Simplicity

Prestige 4z4 Riding mower; Simplicity 20 GTH w/ mower, snow blower, cab; Cub Cadet Tank Zero Turn Commercial; Woods FZ22K Front mtd, power lift deck 518 hrs; Ex Mark Lazer Z S Series 60" deck Zero Turn; Ex Mark Lazer Z S Series 52" Deck Zero Turn; Ex Mark Turf Tracker - Stand On; Hustler Super Z VX4 w/60" Deck Zero Turn; Stihl RZ 560 K Zero Turn 5 hrs (New) ; 2 - Stihl RZ 152 Rear Eng Rider; Jd Front hyd blade; Lawn sprayer; AS is Non Runners sold after running mowers including Harry Ladd Estate of CubCadets.

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Tuesday April 9th

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FARMER 1

1984 Ford TW35 MFWD 1199 on Eng OH (6000 Hrs total) excellent rubber Firestone 20.8x38 tires w/ GY axle Duals, 14.9R28 Firestone front tires w/ fenders, 3pt pto 2 hyd w/ pwr beyond, Front wts, clean Tractor; JD 722 soil saver 9x w/ rear leveler; 6- JD 30 series front wts; FMC 6' 3pt Rotary Cutter; Pipper 3 section 15' Spike Drag; 24' hyd fold Haragator; McCurdy Wagon w/ 12' Poly Auger & tarp; Brillion 12' Packer w/ 1-5' pup; Anhyd 3pt tool bar 3x; 2- Pull Dollies; hyd cyl's & hoses;

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Bryan Ohio

FARMER 2

Farmall 806 Dsl WF; 24' Haragator; 18' Glencoe Fld Cultv; Badger 10' Pull Rotary Cutter; IH 475 Wing Disk 18'; 3 - Wagons W/ JD Gears; Burdell Nofziger Archbold, Ohio

FARMER 3

IH 966 Dsl WF 6524hrs 3pt 2pto 1 hyd 18.4 x 34 Tires; JD 7000 4x36 Dry Fert Planter; 2-JD 12' Wheel Disks; 14' Haragator; IH 720 Forage Chopper w/ 2x chd& hay hd; NI 214 pto Manure Spdr; Kew 9sk 3pt chisel Plow; JD 15' Spike Drag; JD 4 Section Rot Hoe; NI Forage Wagon; 2 150 Bu Wagons; JD FB-B Drill w/ seeder 15x; Bush Hog 4x Dt Cultv 3pt; Gehl 72 Green Chopper; NH 256 Rake; 2- Bale Kicker Wagons Wood Racks 16' & 18'; JD 336 Sq Baler; 2- 40' Elevators;

Larry Stuckey Estate
Stryker Ohio

FARMER 4

1971 JD 4020 Dsl WF 8333 hrs side Console Syncro Range 3pt 2pt 2 hyd top link front wts 16.9 x 38 tires; 1975 JD 4230 Dsl Cab 7706 hrs pwr shift AC/Heat 3pt 2 pto top link 18.4 x 38 tires; JD 7000 6x30" Dry Fert Planter Row Cleaners; Centruy 500 Gal Sprayer 45' Booms pto pump; Case IH 475 Disk 13' 10" Disk 7 1/2" spacing; IH 4500 VS 18 1/2" pull Fld Cultv; Brillion 12' Packer; JD Packer; Packer Pups; JD 400 15' 3pt Rot Hoe

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Auction Location: Fleming County Golf Course

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Tract 2: 1.1 acres (+or-) with a Log Home with approximately 1050 sq ft. 2 Bedroom, 1 bath, Large Kitchen and Front room, mud room, utility room. Metal Roof, Large

Tract 3: Consisting of 2.3 acres (+or-) A wonderful tract of land with frontage on Cord Lane!!! County water available. Great building site.

Tract 4: Consisting of 13.8 acres (+or-). A Great level to rolling tract. A super tract of land that has several possibilities.

Tract 5: Consisting of 10.9 acres (+or-). This tract is mostly level with frontage on Ky Hwy 1325. A large cattle or horse barn located on this tract.

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Above: Ohio 4-H – Ohio 4-H offers numerous programs to prepare youth to accomplish their high school, college and career goals. (photo courtesy Ohio 4-H Youth Development)

Ohio 4-H programs connect members with opportunities, real-world readiness

By Doug Graves
Ohio Correspondent

COLUMBUS, Ohio – Ohio middle- and high school-aged youth have the opportunity to track their Ohio 4-H youth development participation and earn digital badges in the skills needed to be successful in the future. Students can do this thanks to BuckeyeNext, an app in which young people can earn points for activities, event attendance and accomplishments during their 4-H career.

"The Ohio 4-H Pathways to the Future initiative partnered with Suitable to design BuckeyeNext, which is built like a game where youth can identify the opportunities available through Ohio 4-H, organize their categories or participation and track their cumulative progress in real time," says Margo Overholt-Seckel,

program manager for Ohio 4-H Workforce Development and Pathways. "It provides insight about how 4-H experiences align with various skills that employers are seeking in their future workforce."

Built like a game, this app provides fun, engagement and impact. It gives youth a way to easily identify the opportunities available through Ohio 4-H, organize their categories of participation and track their cumulative progress in real-time.

BuckeyeNext is comprised of activities, events, and project-specific opportunities available through 4-H. Participants receive points for completing an activity. The standings are updated on a leaderboard where they can compete

(Ohio 4-H continued on page 13B)

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New Illinois legislation will benefit local food infrastructure

By **TIM ALEXANDER**
Illinois Correspondent

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. — Local food production and infrastructure are receiving a much-needed boost in the Land of Lincoln, thanks to new legislation both in effect and awaiting approval from the Illinois General Assembly.

At a March 20 Statehouse news conference, the Illinois Stewardship Alliance joined with top state officials, a bi-partisan group of state legislators and some of the recipients of the state's inaugural Local Food Infrastructure Grants (LFIG) to support the development of local food networks. The group was celebrating the awarding of \$2 million in state funding this spring to 19 Illinois food producers who provide a wide array of creative and essential projects that help local farmers and growers get more products to more markets.

"We had so many difficult decisions to make, and for every recipient we selected, we had many others whose projects were just as innovative and meaningful for local food development," said Josh Snedden, grant program coordinator for the Illinois Stewardship Alliance. "We thank the (Illinois) Legislature, the Pritzker Administration and the Illinois Department of Agriculture for being great partners on this first round of LFIG funding."

Recipients of the first round of LFIG funding are indicative of the diversity of Illinois producers targeted by the initiative. The recipients include the Just Roots program, which

partnered with Saint James Catholic Church and Food Pantry to convert a vacant lot into the Saint James Community Farm, a half-acre fruit and vegetable farm located on Chicago's south side. In 2021, they partnered with Grace United Church of Christ and Good Vibes to establish the It Takes A Village Community Farm, a three-acre farm located in Sauk Village, a Chicago suburb.

Just Roots envisions a world in which every person can access food that benefits their health, community, and environment. With \$70,000 in LFIG funds, Just Roots will be able to purchase a refrigerated van and expand their on-site refrigeration capacity, which will help them transport produce between farms and distribute fresh produce to the community.

Another LFIG recipient, Terrapin Farms of Quincy Illinois, will utilize \$150,000 in grant funds to create a value-added processing and storage facility, helping many small farmers to create less waste and more value-added products to sell in Illinois. Currently, Terrapin Farms grows 15 acres of produce crops, flowers, pumpkins and more. They also operate a Farm Stand and Co-op located on their farm. Produce for the Farm Stand comes from the farm and as many as 15 other specialty farms located within 50 miles of Adams County.

For more information on the LFIG program, visit: <https://www.illinois-lfig.org>.

Two bills recently introduced in the Illinois General Assembly also

relate to local food production within the state. State Senators Dave Koehler (D-Peoria) and Doris Turner (D-Springfield) are offering legislation to bolster local food economies and uplift farmers, while also tackling food deserts.

"Continuing our commitment to address food deserts across the state, it's important that we allow farmer-owned grocery stores and markets to receive grants," said Turner. "Everyone deserves access to fresh, nutritious foods no matter where they live. With this initiative, we can ensure our communities have access to food, while boosting our local economies and prioritizing our farmers."

Turner's Senate Bill 3219 would expand on the 2023 Illinois Grocery Initiative by allowing the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity to provide grants for equipment upgrades for farmer-owned grocery stores or markets. DCEO currently offers these grants to existing independently owned for-profit grocery stores, cooperative grocery stores or not-for-profit grocery stores.

"By incentivizing the growth and collaboration of local food providers, we're not just investing in infrastructure — we are investing in a healthier Illinois," said Koehler. "This program represents a strategic investment in our communities, reinforcing our commitment to a sustainable and thriving future for everyone."

Koehler's Local Food Infrastructure Grant Act (Senate Bill 3077)

would require the Illinois Department of Agriculture to amplify local food processing, collection and distribution within the state through grants. Eligible applicants would include farms, co-ops, process facilities, food businesses and hubs with fewer than 50 employees, as well as Illinois nonprofit organizations and local governments.

In addition to the available and currently deliberated Illinois local food bills, an opportunity for federal support is now available under the USDA's Urban Agriculture and Innovative Production (UAIP) grants, with applications due by April 9 at www.grants.gov. Established via the 2018 Farm Bill, UAIP Planning Projects initiate or expand efforts of farmers, gardeners, citizens, government officials, schools and other stakeholders in urban areas and suburbs. Projects may target areas of food access, education, business and start-up costs for new farmers and the development of plans related to zoning and other needs of urban production.

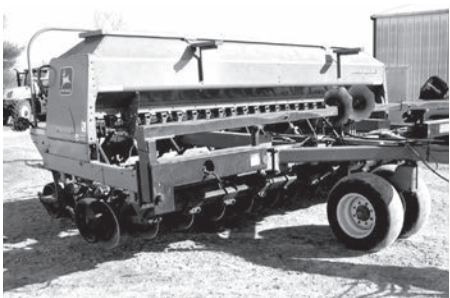
"This grant program has proven very popular and impactful in recent years, and we look forward to partnering with more communities nationwide to strengthen local food systems and increase access to healthy foods," said Terry Cosby, Chief of USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). "These projects will add to the important work communities are doing to build food security in underserved areas."

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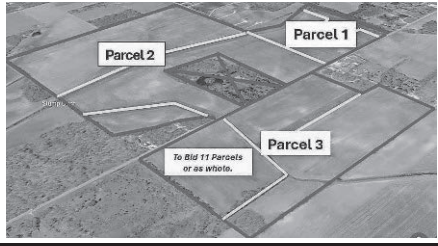
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Ohio 4-H

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with their peers. Participants then earn achievement badges in various categories for completing a series of activities. Badges exist for levels, competencies, events, programs and more.

Last summer Ohio 4-H youth from 20 counties piloted the BuckeyeNext platform at the Ohio 4-H SparkEXPO and tracked their learning experiences.

"BuckeyeNext is the result of hard work and hours of thinking outside the box to make recordkeeping easier and provide certifications for our members," said Jessica Adams, 4-H educator in Miami County. "Our hard work paid off when we were announced as one of the three Suitable Innovator Award recipients."

Sophia Preston, a Fairfield County 4-H member, said, "The BuckeyeNext app is very easy and simple to use. It helps with 4-H records because you can look back and remember what you've done, and the competition part pushes you to do more."

Youth who participate will create a digital portfolio and transcript that demonstrates how their abilities align with the eight career-readiness competencies identified by the National Association of Colleges and Employers: Career & Self-Development, Communication, Critical Thinking, Equity & Inclusion, Leadership, Professionalism, Teamwork and Technology.

The backbone of BuckeyeNext is the Ohio 4-H Pathways to the Future program. This college and career-readiness program is a partnership with Ohio 4-H and the Ohio State University College of Food, Agricultural and Environmental Sciences to prepare youth to accomplish their college and career goals following high school.

BuckeyeNext is open to all youth be-

ginning in their eighth grade year. Youth will engage in specialized events, activities and curricula focused on career exploration and career readiness. This program is focused on career exploration and career readiness. It is also focused on developing and refining skills through experiences and a variety of strategies to help youth successfully transition to post-high school earning experiences and the workforce.

In an effort to engage 4-Hers during the summer months, Ohio 4-H offers its SparkEXPO, a four-day, three-night time of fun and learning at the Nationwide & Ohio Farm Bureau 4-H Center in Columbus. This event is for students who have completed the eighth grade at the end of the current year and offers activities designed to explore a variety of career and educational opportunities.

"Not all students find their way to a four-year college, so we want to ensure all young people know 4-H is a space to prepare them for wherever their path may lead them after high school," Overholt-Seckel said. "Spark introduces them to a variety of educational and career opportunities they may not know about."

This is the third year for SparkEXPO.

Another engaging program for Ohio 4-H students is YouScience, an online scientific program which helps students chart their path from 'I don't know' to post-secondary pursuits and career confidence and success.

By completing a series of fun and engaging 'brain-games,' students learn where their natural strengths are and how they can leverage their strengths in post-secondary pursuits and beyond. YouScience combines decades of rigorous scientific research and cutting-edge matching algorithms to uniquely identify the intersection of a student's strengths, passions, and future opportunities. YouScience brings students data-driven insights about themselves and their future.

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BRUSH CUTTERS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> JOHN DEERE 727 BRUSH CUTTER, 14' WOODS HS105-3 DITCH BANK MOWER, 5' CUT, HYDRAULIC POWERED, SLIDING MOWER BUSH HOG DITCH BANK MOWER, PTO DRIVEN, 5' VICON DISC MOWER, 3PT, 7' CUT ALAMO SHD74 FLAIL MOWER, 74" FORD FLAIL MOWER, 74", NO PTO SHAFT BRUSH HOG, 6', 3PT BUSH HOG S084 OFFSET BUSH HOG, 84" <p>PUMPS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (2) WATERMASTER FLOATING PUMP, 6" OUTLET, WITH HOSES NEW IN BOX PACER SE2ULE5S TRANSFER PUMP, CMXX 208CC GAS ENGINE (3) PACER TRANSFER PUMPS, 2", 208CC, WITH HOSES DRAINAGE PUMP <p>ONION EQUIPMENT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ONION LIFTER, HYDRAULIC POWERED, WITH PACKING ROLLER AIR FLOW ONION MOVER, PTO DRIVEN (2) AIR FLOW ONION TOPPERS, HYDRAULIC RUN, BULK ELEVATOR STANHAY PLANTER, 4-DOUBLE ROW (8 UNITS), WITH BEDDER & FERTILIZER APPLICATOR INCLINE CONVEYOR, 14', 3' WIDE, 2-1/2' FLIGHTS <p>TRAILERS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2003 WABASH TANDEM AXLE DROP DECK TRAILER 1996 WABASH TANDEM SPREAD AXLE DROP DECK TRAILER GREAT DANIE TANDEM AXLE REEFER TRAILER STORAGE TRAILER, 40' <p>SPRAYERS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MS SPRAYER, 500-GALLON TANK, 60' BOOM, AIR ASSIST, 5-VALVE SELECTIONS, MODEL R1915, MS SPRAYER, 500-GALLON TANK, 60' BOOM, DIAPHRAGM PUMP, NO CONTROLS, MODEL: R1915, HARDI SPRAYER, 550-GALLON TANK, 60' BOOMS, PTO DRIVEN PUMP CALSA SPRAYER, 400-GALLON TANK, 40' BOOM, DIAPHRAGM PUMP CALSA SPRAYER, 300-GALLON TANK, 30' BOOM, DIAPHRAGM PUMP SPRAYER, CUSTOM BUILT, 300-GALLON STAINLESS STEEL TANK, 30' BOOM, CENTRIFUGAL PUMP <p>WAGONS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (5) FLATBED WAGONS, 15' X 8', KNOWLES 13-TON RUNNING GEAR (14) WAGONS, 16' X 8', J&M 10-TON GEAR, ROLL UP TARPS (4) FLATBED WAGONS, 18' X 8', J&M 10-TON GEAR, ROLL UP TARPS PLANT WAGON, 16' X 8', ON JOHN DEERE 6-TON GEAR 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GRAVITY BOX WITH 6" X 10' AUGER, HERCULES 10-TON GEAR TILT DECK FARM WAGON TRAILER 18' X 8' DUALS, PINTLE HITCH (2) HYDRAULIC DUMP WAGONS, 13-TON GEAR, 13.5' X 7' X 5' TALL, REAR DOOR, TIRES (4) EZ TRAIL 3400 GRAVITY WAGONS ON 1074 GEAR (2) GRAVITY WAGON ON RUNNING GEAR (2) HYDRAULIC DUMP WAGONS SPREADERS 2010 NEWTON CROUCH NC5000 SPREADER, 5-TON, 540 PTO, TANDEM AXLE, 12.5L-15SL TIRES 2019 KUBOTA BS600-750 SPREADER, 3PT VICON RS430 SPREADER, 3PT <p>IRRIGATION TRAVELERS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2009 CADMAN 3000 HARD HOSE IRRIGATION TRAVELER, 900' HOSE, 3' HOSE, WITH GUN, HONDA GAS ENGINE CADMAN 4000 HARD HOSE IRRIGATION TRAVELER, WIDE BODY, 1100', 4' HOSE, WITH GUN, HONDA GX160 GAS ENGINE AG RAIN IRRIGATION TRAVELER, T40A2, 1200', 4' HOSE, WITH GUN 1983 BAUER RAIN STAR IRRIGATION TRAVELER, 1200', 3' HOSE, WITH GUN STATIONARY SPRINKLER GUN ON A WAGON, TWIN 202 SPRINKLER STATIONARY SPRINKLER GUN ON A 2-WHEEL TRAILER, NELSON BIG GUN SPRINKLER <p>IRRIGATION PIPE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> IRRIGATION PIPE, 6", 6' IRRIGATION PIPE, 4" (OVER 700 QTY) IRRIGATION PIPE, 3" (OVER 780 QTY) (17) IRRIGATION PIPE WAGONS (11) IRRIGATION PIPE RACKS SUCTION PIPES, 6" & 8" (2) ACCUTAB 2000 CHLORINATORS (2) SELF CLEANING SUCTION, 8" SPRINKLERS WITH RISERS OPENERS AND MODELS RAININGS, MODELS 105C AND 104C IRRIGATION FITTINGS: TS, ELBOWS, REDUCERS, PLUGS, OPENERS, SUCTION PARTS ASSORTED HOSES <p>TRUCKS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1999 CHEVROLET 3500 PICKUP TRUCK 1987 CHEVROLET 3500 CUSTOM DELUXE PICKUP TRUCK <p>Plus Much More</p>
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Grazing Bites

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sion service or large animal veterinarian.

I have already heard the question multiple times, "When can we start grazing?" With slightly earlier forage growth, similar to last year, I'm not surprised with this question. I've seen a lot of livestock already out grazing fields. That is OK if they are still grazing stockpiled forages left from last year's growth, but if they are consuming only new growth and keeping every new blade of grass nibbled off, then you're usually doing more harm than good.

Fields that were grazed hard last fall, especially prior to dormancy, and fields that were grazed early this year because the cows needed someplace to go, could absolutely use a longer recovery period prior to grazing again this spring. Those fields will need to first try to grow or regrow their new solar panel off the reserves that are left, and then spend valuable time rebuilding roots and root reserves before allocating energy and resources on growing forage. The plant is going to try and preserve itself and yield is the last thing on its mind. It's thinking about survival.

Fields that were not grazed hard, were grazed after going dormant, and have some dry matter left behind will typically have a little earlier growth and will be a bit more tolerant of early grazing. If the pasture is plentiful and you know fields will have sufficient recovery prior to being grazed again, then that also helps the possibility of earlier grazing. Fields grazed early usually need a longer recovery period than fields grazed slightly later.

It's not too complicated, really. Forages will do the best if grazing is initiated when tall cool season forages are about eight to ten inches tall or a bit more. I like taking the top third of the plant which just happens to be close to the ideal stop grazing height. Keep them moving on a regular basis, ideally no more than three days on any one

allocation. When the first paddocks that you grazed are completely recovered and back to that ten to twelve inch height, go back and graze those again. This keeps those fields under control and vegetative. The paddocks or fields that didn't get grazed that first round can be harvested, clipped and then put back in the rotation later or possibly stockpiled. I'm not a big fan of early stockpile unless it is clipped to keep it more vegetative.

If you think, "I can't wait that long," then you better keep the animals moving while rotating them pretty quickly and absolutely not allow any grazing of regrowth. Grazing tight early in the season not only is hard on total pro-

duction for the season, but it can have major negative impacts if the season decides to turn dry.

Nothing is more important than rest and recovery for forage plants. Multiple removal and multiple bites off the same plant, especially of regrowth, will hamper growth for the season and that forage plant will never fully express itself.

The biggest challenge is staging out the paddocks where they don't get ahead of you too much or are not ready for grazing again quick enough. If you start grazing too early, you will end up grazing regrowth prior to sufficient recovery. If you wait too long, you'll have too much grass trying to mature. Each season is slightly different depending

on rainfall, temperature, and sunlight. Keep an eye on what is ahead growth wise. Faster rotations work well in the spring as long as you keep them moving. Slower rotations work well later with more growth letting them remove more yet keeping the grazing period short. This normally allows for longer recovery prior to grazing again.

Management of spring regrowth will impact overall production. The cows or other ruminants are the tools to help manage the forage! Remember, it is not about maximizing a grazing event, but maximizing a grazing season! Keep on grazing!

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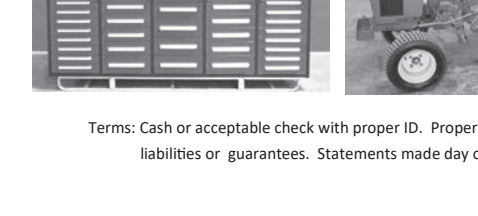


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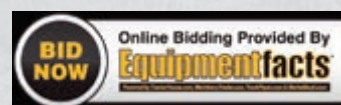
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