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## OBC culinary studio to enhance impact of beef marketing efforts

By DOUG GRAVES  
Ohio Correspondent

MARYSVILLE, Ohio — Social media is changing how consumers learn many things in everyday life – and this includes food and cooking.

Consequently, the Ohio Beef Council (OBC) and the Beef Checkoff Program opted to embrace these changes and adapt to help consumers gain more confidence in handling and cooking with beef. Last year, OBC worked out an agreement with the Ohio Cattlemen's Association and Ohio Cattlemen's Foundation in the building that houses all three organizations to remodel the existing kitchen.

The result was the creation of a culinary studio and accompanying video production equipment to increase the impact of the Beef Checkoff's marketing efforts.

"There's lots of opportunities with our new culinary studio that the Ohio Beef Council created," said Elizabeth Harsh, Executive Director of the Ohio Cattlemen's Association (OCA). Harsh directs and coordinates all activities of the Ohio Beef Council and the Ohio Cattlemen's Association. She is responsible for compliance with the Beef Checkoff Act & Order and for all OBC/OCA financial statements.

"It's really all about remodeling our kitchen to produce high quality videos featuring beef recipes," Harsh said. "Consumers are all about being online and that's where they learn

the most about new ways to cook and prepare beef.

"With the need to produce more and more video it felt that the timing for this renovation was right, and now we have more seating to host larger events," Harsh said.

"It's a home run to be able to have such a facility in-house and not have to go out and pay to rent facilities to perform video work. These costs can add up after a while. It's so nice to have that here and be able to manage our own time and host folks and to make connections.

"The kitchen will be used by those in-house, as well as by interns to learn new skills," Harsh said. "Ideally, we'll use our influencers like our many beef bloggers. We have a number of beef bloggers who have been with us for a number of years. And, we'll invite award-winning and acclaimed chefs from across the state to put their recipes to the test in our new kitchen.

The multi-functional space is used as an in-house kitchen production studio for recipe development, video and social content creation, and educational demonstrations. OBC will partner with chefs, nutritionists, meat scientists and other professionals to bring the message and education of beef on the plate to consumers.

"More broadly, in terms of different pathways we can go to catch the con-

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Above: The Ohio Beef Council culinary studio and accompanying video production equipment will help increase the impact of the Beef Checkoff's marketing efforts. (photo submitted)



Above: Roehm Farms was established in 1947 by Paul and Elsie Roehm in Willshire, Ohio. The couple began farming with Cockshutt tractors in the mid-1980s. The farm is now home to its fifth generation and these vintage tractors are more of a family hobby. Their collection consists of over 65 tractors. Depending on their farming schedules, the family tries to participate in several tractor shows per year. Pictured are Walter and Nancy Roehm with their children and their spouses as well as several grandchildren. Photo by Leondia Walchle.

## Baltimore bridge collapse will have some impact on ag industry

By Doug Schmitz  
Iowa Correspondent

BALTIMORE – The collapse of the Francis Scott Key Bridge at the Port of Baltimore on March 26 will have consequences for the ag industry, but most experts say they will be fairly limited.

Mike Steenhoek, Soy Transportation Coalition executive director, said the top five agricultural products handled – import and export combined – at the Port of Baltimore are sugar, soybeans, grocery items, beer, and animal feed.

"Shipments are being diverted to other East Coast ports – particularly Norfolk, New York and New Jersey, and others," he told Farm World.

According to the USDA, in 2023, the Port of Baltimore exported 324,540 metric tons of soybeans via container.

"The closure at the Port of Baltimore will certainly impact those farmers and exporters who reflect the 324,540 metric tons of soybeans that are exported from the facility," he said. "While that is a modest amount, compared to other port regions for soybean exports, it will obviously be significant to those who do rely on the Port of Baltimore. Soybean and other exporters are still in the process of making adjustments to the closure."

According to a recent analysis by Daniel Munch, American Farm Bureau Federation economist, on the export side, in 2023, over 605,000 metric tons of agricultural products

were exported from Baltimore, corresponding to nearly \$650 million in value. He said this equates to just 0.3 percent of total U.S. agricultural exports by quantity, and 0.4 percent by value.

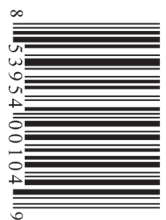
On the import side, in 2023, he said, over 1.59 metric tons of agricultural products entered through Baltimore, corresponding to nearly \$3.34 billion in value. By quantity, he said over 25 percent of all U.S. imported raw beet and cane sugar entered through Baltimore (562,000 metric tons, valued at \$391 million).

"Baltimore has a fairly minor role, comparatively, in U.S. agricultural trade, although its value in providing businesses – including farmers in the region and even across the nation – access to international markets should not be understated," he said.

Of all the agriculture-related businesses, he said "sugar refineries appear to be the most exposed to possible negative impacts from the Port's closure. Nearby refineries, however, have assured customers they had six to eight weeks of raw sugar on hand before operations could potentially be impacted."

Rob Johansson, American Sugar Alliance director of economics and policy analysis, told Farm World, "The American Sugar Alliance is in constant discussions with the USDA. According to the most recent USDA data, there are adequate supplies of raw sugar available for U.S. refiners. There will not be any shortage in the

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## Baltimore

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U.S. refined sugar market as the result of the bridge collapse in Baltimore's harbor."

In 2023, 1.3 million tons of farm machinery cargo came through Baltimore terminals.

"The inability of farmers, domestically or internationally, to receive equipment they ordered could have a significant impact as spring planting season arrives," he told Farm World. "However, most reports have described limited impacts thus far. Equipment manufacturers have successfully re-routed many shipments to other East Coast ports like Norfolk, Va., and Savannah, Ga.

"Those re-routes do contribute to congestion at other ports that may not have planned for re-routing," he said. "Locations that are farther away also increased total shipping costs. Like the sugar refineries, most agricultural equipment assembly plants report having enough supplies on hand to withstand delays in the supply chain."

He added, "U.S. farmers should not expect delays in (equipment) orders. The Association of Equipment Manufacturers (AEM) reported a larger possible impact of outbound shipments of agricultural equipment (to buyers and farmers outside the U.S.)."

AEM told Farm World in an April 11 joint statement, however, "The Port of Baltimore is a very important part of our industry's ability to ship equipment and equipment components all over the world. Companies that use this port are implementing contingency plans and finding alternative solutions, while the port manages this difficult situation."

In his analysis, Munch said data on the impact to other important inputs, such as fertilizer, is limited.

"There was one report of a urea ammonium nitrate vessel that was scheduled to unload in Baltimore," he said. "It is likely the vessel will be

diverted to other nearby ports, perhaps to Chesapeake, Va., or Philadelphia.

"Supply chain issues usually lead to higher prices for goods, and it would not be surprising to see the local price of inputs tick up in response," he added. "Most farmers likely have already paid for their fertilizer supply for the year, but for those in the region waiting on shipments, diversions may cause headaches."

A March 28 statement by The Fertilizer Institute said the destruction of the bridge in Baltimore should have a relatively limited impact on U.S. fertilizer trade.

"Over the last five years, on average, about 1 percent of all U.S. fertilizer imports have come in through the Port of Baltimore," the statement on its website read. "In 2023, fertilizer imports into the Port of Baltimore were valued at nearly \$75 million. Over 86 percent of those imports were nitrogenous fertilizers."

Scott Gerlt, American Soybean Association chief economist, told Farm World, "The Port is a significant location for trade of agricultural equipment imports and exports. While information is scarce on how this is being affected, one significant exporter that I've talked to that uses Baltimore as their primary export port has been able to redirect shipments through other ports without significant disruption."

"Without the bridge to move agricultural equipment that classifies as over-sized loads, there are additional routing concerns as haulers cannot take many of these items through the interstate tunnel system through Baltimore," he added.

Munch said the Army Corps of Engineers hopes to open a limited-access channel for barge container ships, and some vessels moving cars and farm equipment by the end of April, and restore full capacity of the Port by May 31.

"If this timeline comes to fruition, compounding supply chain disruptions on agriculture will be limited," he said.

ous universities and have a fun time focusing on the tips and tricks to be an expert barbecue person."

Harsh said a nutrition educator is on staff to teach healthy ways of cooking with beef.

"We'll bring in dietitians and dietetic students to discuss the health benefits of beef and lead them to learn beef recipes, showing them how this can lead to a healthy lifestyle."

## OBC Culinary

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sumers' attention, we'll work hand in hand with OSU Extension, we'll work with experts in Ohio wines where we'll have a beef and wines pairing. May is 'Beef Month' so we'll utilize some of the people who teach some of the barbecue science classes at vari-



**Above:** Scott Gerlt, American Soybean Association chief economist, told Farm World, "The Port is a significant location for trade of agricultural equipment imports and exports. While information is scarce on how this is being affected, one significant exporter that I've talked to that uses Baltimore as their primary export port has been able to redirect shipments through other ports without significant disruption." (Photo courtesy of Maryland Port Administration)

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# USDA lowers soybean export stock forecast

Revisions to the domestic corn balance sheets in the monthly World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates were as expected. Corn demand was increased by 25 million bu each for feed and residual and ethanol manufacturing. This trimmed corn ending stocks for the 2023/24 marketing year to 2.122 billion bu, a stocks to use of 14.5 percent. This remains above the level where rationing would be needed. The USDA trimmed its average cash price projection on corn to \$4.70 given the lack of bullish sentiment in the complex.

Soybean balance sheet updates caught trade by surprise this month. The USDA reduced its soybean import forecast by 5 mbu, but also cut its seed and residual by 10 mbu and lowered its export forecast by 20 mbu for an increase in projected ending stocks of 25 mbu. This put the carryout estimate at 340 mbu, which was above trade guesses. Trade was expecting to see an increase in soybean ending stocks, but later in the marketing year. The increase in soybean inventory was enough to elevate the stocks to use on soybeans to 8.3 percent and greatly diminishes the need for rationing. As a result, the average cash value on soybeans declined 10 cents to \$12.55 per bushel.

For domestic wheat balance sheets, we had a 5 mbu reduction to imports but also a 30 mbu reduction to projected feed and residual usage. This took wheat ending stocks to



MARKET ANALYSIS  
By Karl Setzer

698 mbu, a month-to-month increase of 25 mbu. Stocks to use on wheat remains lofty at 38.2 percent. The cash value of U.S. wheat was trimmed 5 cents for a projection of \$7.10 per bushel.

Only minimal changes took place to the global side of the monthly release. The USDA trimmed the Argentine corn crop to 55 million metric tons, down 1 mmt from March. The Brazilian corn crop was left at 124 mmt while a decline of 1.4 mmt was expected. The South African corn crop was reduced to 14 mmt this month from 15.5 mmt last month.

No changes were made to South American soybean production this month. This left the Brazil crop at 155 mmt and the Argentine crop at 50 mmt. Trade had been expecting a slight increase to Argentine production and a similar decrease to Brazil's crop.

World corn carryout is now forecast at 318.28 mmt compared to 319.63 mmt last month. The world soybean carryout is estimated at 114.22 mmt, just under March's 114.27 mmt. The global wheat carryout was also little changed, going from 258.83 in March to 258.27 mmt this month.

Several alterations were made to red meat balance sheets this month. U.S. beef production for 2024 is now estimated at 26.46 billion pounds, an increase of 130 million pounds from March. This is still a 510-million-pound reduction from 2023.

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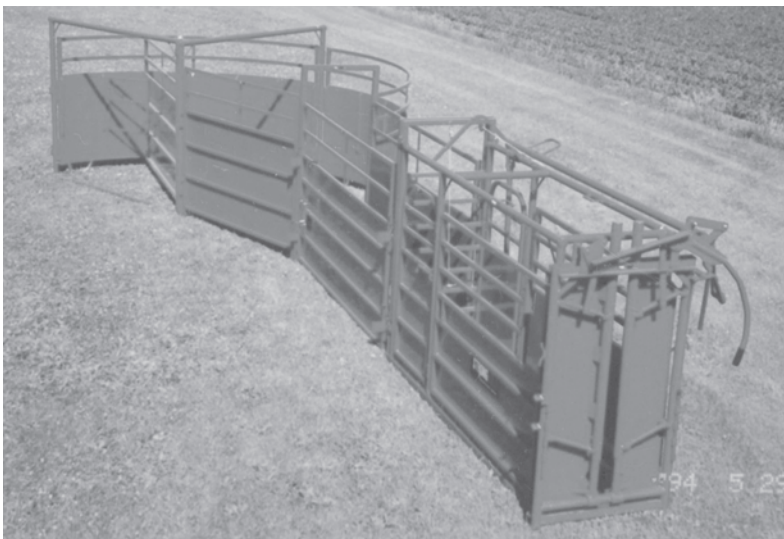
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Special Note: Baby Calves: 475.00-585.00 per head. Correction to remove duplicate entry. Compared to last Monday feeder steers and heifers sold steady to 5.00 higher on weaned and preconditioned packages.

Groups of 20 head or more: Steers 36 hd 597 lbs 315.00 Blk-Bwf Value-Added 64 hd 752 lbs 256.00 Blk-Bwf Value-Added 58 hd 791 lbs 242.25 Mostly Blk Value-Added 110 hd 928 lbs 227.00 Blk-Few Mixed Value-Added

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Weekly National Sheep Summary For Week Ending Friday, April 12, 2024

Weekly Trends: Compared to last week traditional slaughter lambs 2.00-5.00 higher, others 10.00-50.00 higher. Slaughter ewes steady to 20.00 higher, except at San Angelo 5.00-10.00 lower.

Slaughter Lambs: Choice and Prime 2-3 San Angelo: woolled and shorn 120-150 lbs 188.00-242.00. New Holland, PA: woolled and shorn 120-135 lbs 250.00-255.00. Ft. Collins, CO: woolled and shorn 120-150 lbs 212.50-275.00. South Dakota: woolled and shorn 125-150 lbs 205.00-230.00. Kalona, IA: woolled and shorn 120-135 lbs 190.00-240.00. Billings, MT: woolled and shorn 125-160 lbs no test. Missouri: woolled and shorn 135-175 lbs no test. Equi Coop: no sales. Slaughter Lambs: Choice and Prime 1-2: San Angelo: hair 40-60 lbs 294.00-316.00, few 320.00-322.00; 60-70 lbs 290.00-319.00, few 324.00; 70-80 lbs 278.00-319.00, few 320.00; 80-90 lbs 266.00-297.00; 90-100 lbs 252.00-286.00; 100-110 lbs 248.00-270.00. woolled and shorn 57 lbs 355.00; 68 lbs 304.00; 77 lbs 285.00; 81 lbs 272.00; 90-100 lbs 268.00-272.00; 104 lbs 258.00. New Holland: woolled and shorn 40-50 lbs 331.00-355.00, few 365.00-380.00; 50-60 lbs 330.00-345.00, few 360.00-362.00; 60-70 lbs 335.00-345.00, few 360.00-375.00; 70-80 lbs 350.00-357.00, few 365.00; 80-90 lbs 345.00-365.00; 90-100 lbs 350.00-365.00; 100-110 lbs 350.00-375.00, hair 40-50 lbs 315.00-325.00, few 345.00; 50-60 lbs 340.00-360.00; 60-70 lbs 345.00-352.00, few 360.00-370.00; 70-80 lbs 320.00-357.00; 80-90 lbs 330.00-340.00; 90-100 lbs 335.00-360.00; 100-110 lbs 330.00. Ft. Collins: woolled and shorn 70-80 lbs 290.00-307.50; 90-100 lbs 280.00-302.50; 100-115 lbs 230.00-297.50, hair 60-70 lbs 282.50-287.50; 70-80 lbs 277.50-297.50; 80-90 lbs 280.00-290.00; 93 lbs 305.00; 106 lbs 280.00. Kalona: woolled and shorn 50-70 lbs 280.00-295.00; 70-90 lbs 280.00-295.00, few 300.00-310.00; 90-110 lbs 270.00-290.00, few 305.00-320.00, hair 40-60 lbs 270.00-285.00; 60-70 lbs 277.50-285.00; 70-80 lbs 280.00-282.50, few 290.00; 80-90 lbs 270.00-275.00, few 305.00; 90-100 lbs 295.00-297.50. South Dakota: woolled and shorn 50-60 lbs 290.00-310.00; 60-70 lbs 295.00-305.00; 70-80 lbs 305.00-310.00; 80-90 lbs 290.00-312.50; 90-100 lbs 285.00-291.00; 100-110 lbs 245.00-247.50, hair 50-60 lbs 275.00-290.00; 60-70 lbs 280.00-295.00. no test. Billings: Missouri: hair 50-60 lbs 270.00-280.00; 60-70 lbs 265.00-280.00; 74 lbs 275.00; 80-90 lbs 265.00-270.00. woolled and shorn no test. Arkansas: hair 40-50 lbs 300.00-307.50; 50-60 lbs 260.00-307.50; 60-70 lbs 285.00-310.00; 70-80 lbs 245.00-262.50; 109 lbs 230.00. Western Video: OR: 2060: woolled and shorn 95 lbs 240.00-255.00 for June delivery Slaughter Ewes:

San Angelo: Good 3-4 (very fleshy) no test; Good 2-3 (fleshy) 93.00-109.00, hair 80.00-107.50; Utility and Good 1-3 (medium flesh) 112.00-134.00, hair 112.00-131.00; Utility 1-2 (thin) hair 90.00-110.00; Cull and Utility 1-2 (very thin) hair 88.00; Cull 1 40.00-70.00. New Holland: Good 3-4 (very fleshy) 140.00-145.00, hair 140.00-150.00; Good 2-3 (fleshy) 110.00-155.00; Utility 1-2 (thin) 85.00-120.00, hair 75.00-145.00; Cull 1 90.00-100.00. Ft. Collins: Good 3-4 (very fleshy) 122.50-165.00; Good 2-3 (fleshy) 85.00-117.50; Utility 1-2 (thin) no test; Cull 1 no test. South Dakota: Good 3-4 (very fleshy) 80.00-105.00; Good 2-3 (fleshy) 70.00-105.00, hair 70.00-85.00; Utility 1-2 (thin) 65.00-85.00, hair 90.00; Cull 1 50.00-60.00. Good 3-4 (very fleshy) 70.00-75.00; Good 2-3 (fleshy) 80.00-100.00; Utility and Good 1-3 (medium flesh) 85.00-110.00; Utility 1-2 (thin) 75.00-90.00. Billings: Good 3-4 (very fleshy) no test; Good 2-3 (fleshy) no test; Utility 1-2 (thin) no test; Cull 1 no test. Missouri: Good 3-4 (very fleshy) no test; Good 2-3 (fleshy) no test; Utility and Good 1-3 (medium flesh) 82.00-92.00; Utility 1-2 (thin) 62.00-66.00. Good 2-3 (fleshy) hair 90.00-100.00. no sales. Arkansas: Direct Trading: Medium and Large 1-2: San Angelo: hair 30-40 lbs 290.00-294.00; 40-50 lbs 294.00-312.00; 53 lbs 322.00. 30-40 lbs 270.00-337.50; 40-50 lbs 287.50-305.00; 50-60 lbs 300.00-310.00; 62 lbs 282.50. 35 lbs 275.00; 46 lbs 260.00. no test. Kalona: no test. Billings: Missouri: hair 22 lbs 290.00; 30-40 lbs 285.00-295.00; 40-50 lbs 275.00-290.00. hair 35 lbs 270.00; 40-50 lbs 270.00-315.00. Western Video: AZ: 980: 100 lbs 247.50-255.00 for Apr/May delivery. 892: 110 lbs 240.00 for Apr/May delivery. 854: 115 lbs 230.00 for Apr/May delivery. 816: 120 lbs 222.50 for Apr/May delivery. 800: 125 lbs 217.50-220.00 for Apr/May delivery. CA: 1375: 105-107 lbs 227.50-245.00 for current delivery. 835: 120 lbs 232.50 for current delivery. 1350: 110 lbs 225.00 for May delivery. Replacement Ewes: San Angelo: Medium and Large 1-2: hair ewe lambs 70-80 lbs 312.00-315.00/cwt; yearling hair 110 lbs 170.00/cwt; young hair 115-145 lbs 130.00-156.00/cwt. no test. Ft. Collins: yearlings 225.00/head; yearling hair 90-125 lbs 125.00-140.00/cwt. no test. South Dakota: no test. Billings: Kalona: Missouri: no test. Arkansas: yearling hair 105.00-150.00/head; young hair 150.00-170.00/head; hair ewes and lambs 65.00-95.00/head. Western Video: CA: 10: yearling rams 700.00/head.

Sheep and lambs slaughter under federal inspection for the week to date totaled 36,000 compared with 35,000 last week and 44,000 last year. Source: USDA AMS LPG Market News, San Angelo, Texas Rebecca Sauder, 325-450-4265 www.ams.usda.gov/lpgmn

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Kentucky Daily Grain Bids
Grain Report for Friday, April 12, 2024 - Final

Table with columns: Exchange, Commodity, Closing Settlement Prices (¢/bu) as of 4/5/2024. Lists various grains and their prices across different exchanges.

US #2 WHITE CORN (BULK)

Table with columns: Region/Location, Basis Change, Price (\$/Bu), Price Change, Average. Shows price changes for white corn in various regions.

Barge Loading Elevators - Conventional

Table with columns: Region/Location, Basis Change, Price (\$/Bu), Price Change, Average. Lists barge loading elevator prices.

US #2 YELLOW CORN (BULK)

Table with columns: Region/Location, Basis Change, Price (\$/Bu), Price Change, Average. Shows price changes for yellow corn.

Barge Loading Elevators - Conventional

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US #2 SORGHUM (BULK)

Table with columns: Region/Location, Basis Change, Price (\$/Bu), Price Change, Average. Shows price changes for sorghum.

Barge Loading Elevators - Conventional

Table with columns: Region/Location, Basis Change, Price (\$/Bu), Price Change, Average. Lists barge loading elevator prices for sorghum.

US #1 SOYBEANS (BULK)

Table with columns: Region/Location, Basis Change, Price (\$/Bu), Price Change, Average. Shows price changes for soybeans.

Barge Loading Elevators - Conventional

Table with columns: Region/Location, Basis Change, Price (\$/Bu), Price Change, Average. Lists barge loading elevator prices for soybeans.

US #1 MILLING SOFT RED WINTER WHEAT (BULK)

Table with columns: Region/Location, Basis Change, Price (\$/Bu), Price Change, Average. Shows price changes for soft red winter wheat.

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Table with columns: Region/Location, Basis Change, Price (\$/Bu), Price Change, Average. Lists barge loading elevator prices for soft red winter wheat.

US #2 SOFT RED WINTER WHEAT (BULK)

Table with columns: Region/Location, Basis Change, Price (\$/Bu), Price Change, Average. Shows price changes for soft red winter wheat.

Explanatory Notes: Price & Basis Values quoted are for Current Delivery, unless otherwise noted. CBOT/KCBT/MGEGrade 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

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Table with columns: Fri., Apr. 12, 2024, Week Ago, Year Ago, Prev Week WTD, Last Year WTD, 2024 WTD, 2023 YTD, YTD % Change. Lists livestock slaughter data for various animals.

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Missouri Direct Hay Report
Direct Hay Weighted Average Report
for week ending 4/5/2024

Starting to see a good amount of field work taking place as weather allows. A lot of fertilizer has gone down on pastures and hay fields now. Corn planting is underway with the addition of this week's planting the state should be past 10% planted now.

HAY (Conventional)

Table listing hay prices for various types: Alfalfa - Supreme, Alfalfa - Premium, Alfalfa - Good, Alfalfa - Fair, Mixed Grass - Good/Premium, Mixed Grass - Fair/Good, Mixed Grass - Small Square.

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Pork production for 2024 is now projected at 28.09 billion pounds, up 180 million pounds from a month ago and a large 790-million-pound increase on the year.

Beef exports for 2024 are now estimated at 2.8 billion pounds, up 20 million from March, but down 233 million pounds from 2023. Pork exports are forecast at 7.34 billion pounds, 210 million more than last month, and a large 522-million-pound increase on the year. Beef imports are now forecast at 4.175 billion pounds, unchanged on the month but up 448 million pounds on the year.

The average steer value is now reported at \$185.01 per hundred-weight, up \$2.51 from March's estimate, and a large \$9.47 increase on the year. The average hog value is \$62.99 per cwt, up \$2.24 on the month and \$4.40 on the year.

Prior to this data being released, the Brazilian firm CONAB, that country's version of the USDA, released its own balance sheet updates. CONAB is now projecting the Brazilian soybean crop at 146.52 mmt, down slightly from the 146.86 mmt estimate in March. Brazil's soybean exports are predicted at 92.26 mmt for 2023/24, just under the 92.33 mmt last month. Soybean carryout in Brazil is now forecast at 2.49 mmt compared to 2.75 mmt a month ago.

On corn, CONAB is predicting a Brazilian crop of 110.96 mmt compared to the March estimate for 112.75 mmt. Corn exports were trimmed 1 mmt to 31 mmt for the 2023/24 marketing year. Corn ending stocks in Brazil are projected at 5.59 mmt, down from 6.25 mmt in March. CONAB did increase the Brazilian wheat crop to 9.73 mmt from last month's 9.59 mmt estimate.

The main difference between the CONAB and other crop estimates, including the USDA, is from acreage. Firms that are using more modern technology to collect acreage data are projecting larger crops.

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# Illinois farm worker freed after 7 hours trapped in grain bin

By **TIM ALEXANDER**  
Illinois Correspondent

GRIDLEY, Ill. — An elevator worker narrowly escaped being fully engulfed in a grain elevator entrapment in Livingston County, Illinois. The April 11 incident in a privately owned silo resulted in the man buried up to his neck in stored corn. Thanks to the diligent efforts of area first responders trained in engulfment rescue, the unidentified worker was freed after an ordeal that lasted more than seven hours.

According to WGLT Public Radio of Bloomington-Normal, Gridley fire and ambulance crews responded to the farm in rural Gridley around 12:10 p.m. to assist a worker trapped in a grain bin. Gridley fire chief Casey Knobloch said multiple emergency departments responded to the incident, which concluded with the worker's extraction at 7:55 p.m. Knobloch said the victim, who was in stable condition, was taken to a local hospital. Reports stated the victim suffered from compression injuries, but was expected to recover.

In order to free the worker, the Pontiac Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) sent a vac truck to suction the grain from around the man, once the situation was stabilized. "They played a vital role," Pontiac Fire Chief Jake Campbell said of the WWTP personnel and the vac truck. "That really made the difference in the rescue operation. We used the vac truck to suck the corn out of the to free the gentleman. That was a very make-or-break deal. It's a very vital resource to have."

The grain bin is located at 101168 East, 600 North Road in Pike Township in southern Livingston County, which is around four miles northeast of Gridley, the Pontiac Daily Leader reported. In addition to Pontiac Fire, other emergency personnel responding included the Gridley Fire Department, MABAS (Mutual Aid Box Alarm System) Division 25 (LaSalle County), Division 28 (Champaign-Urbana) and Division 41 (Normal).

The incident underscored the inherent dangers of working in and around grain bins. The County Herald reported that according to a summary of U.S. Agricultural Confined Space-Related Injuries and Fatalities, more than 300 cases of grain entrapment have been reported in the past decade alone. In 2021, there were 29 reported cases of grain entrapment in the U.S., resulting in 11 deaths.

Illinois farms are no stranger to grain bin entrapments and engulfments. In 2020 Illinois reported the most incidents involving agricultural confined spaces, including grain bins. With a total of 10, Illinois also had the most grain-entrapment cases in 2020, as documented by the University of Purdue's Agricultural Safety and Health Program.

Tragedy can strike in seconds inside a grain bin, where corn can be compared to shifting sands. According to the U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), a worker standing in moving grain will be trapped within five seconds and covered by grain in less than 30 seconds. Approximately seven out of ten

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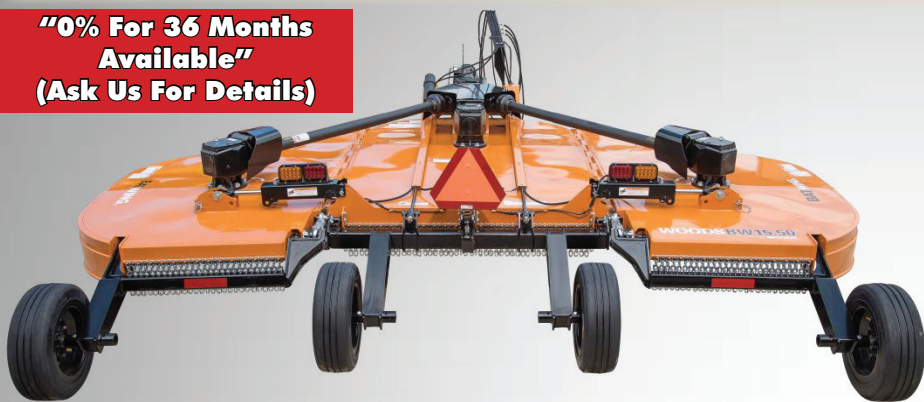


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# Staying positive in times of trouble isn't easy; but it is important

It's been a decade or two since farmers and ranchers have heard so much discouraging news. Almost daily we're being warned that we're not going to make any money this year and it makes me wonder how or even why we would want to invest our hopes and dreams in a bad year. It also brings a concern to the forefront. How will our younger generations deal with the stresses that a bad year entails?

First, we farm and ranch because it's in our DNA. It's the pioneer spirit that drove us to settle and "build" one of the strongest countries ever known. I've mentioned before that the older generations have seen times when there just wasn't enough money to pay our bills and we rushed to our lenders for grace and leniency, along with more money. As we look at bankbooks it's easy to forget about the entire agriculture industry.

When you experience day after day of dismal news and your family, who have not gone through anything like this are asking "why" you will need to be aware of your own mental health. There's no dis-

grace in seeking a listening ear and even a healthcare provider to help you deal with what can evolve into depression. Honestly, it's so much better to get

after it earlier than later. Personally, I think this is where our faith in the Good Lord can be a cornerstone of going on.

If you can keep your head above all the things trying to drag you down you can find ways to save on expenses, cut back on extras and demonstrate to your lenders that you are making positive moves to abate the losses we're being told are coming. I think in every case in my life, if I faced trouble head on it wasn't nearly as difficult as I thought it would be as when I have let fear in my head.

Now, from someone who has been warning about this current environment for... well years, there are positive things to be aware of. We can begin with an absolute truth; the world has to eat. While we may well experience a struggle and disappointment, this will pass. We may be 1 percent of the population of this country but we are the 1 percent responsible for feeding ourselves and the other 99 percent. There are three things a human being needs to survive, food, clothing and shelter. What's that first one? FOOD. So, you can rest assured that this economy will make sure we survive.

Again, keeping your head above the news, you can look for ways to generate income from sources we don't always consider. Since many farms are located near towns and cities, we can look for work for our equipment. Most of us have equipment that can be used for landscaping, bush hogging, gravel finishing, anything that will put money in your wallet. I promise you, there are ways to generate income that you haven't thought of.

Finally, it's important to remember that you are NOT alone. The entire agriculture economy will survive and it's those that remain the most positive who will recover the quickest and bounce back the best. If you need a sympathetic ear, let me know by email and I will attempt to connect you with support sources close to wherever you are. Is this going to be a challenging year? Probably, but we will get through it and be stronger because of it.

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grain entrapments occur in privately owned grain bins, OSHA reported.

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A worker standing on moving/flowing grain typically caused by a running auger or grain being moved out of the bin by gravity.

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A worker above or below this bridge of grain is at risk should the bridge collapse. A worker stands next to a pile of grain on the side of the bin and attempts to dislodge it. It can collapse onto the worker.

OSHA provides the following tips for reducing risk in grain bins:

- Prohibit walking on or down grain to make it flow.
- Provide all employees a body harness with a lifeline, or a boatswain's chair, and ensure it's secured prior to the employee entering the bin.
- Provide an observer outside the bin or silo being entered by an employee. Ensure the observer is equipped to help and their only task is to continuously track the employee in the bin.
- Prohibit workers from entry into bins or silos underneath a bridging condition, or where a build-up of grain products on the sides could fall and bury them.
- Train all workers for the specific hazardous work operations they are to perform when entering and working inside of grain bins.
- Test the air within a bin or

silo prior to entry for the presence of combustible and toxic gases, and to determine if there's sufficient oxygen.

- If detected by testing, vent the silo or grain bin to ensure combustible and toxic gas levels are reduced to non-hazardous levels, and sufficient oxygen levels are maintained.
- Ensure a permit is issued for each instance a worker enters a bin or silo, certifying the precautions listed above have been implemented.



**Above:** First responders from the Gridley, Illinois Fire Department were joined by emergency personnel throughout central Illinois to come to the rescue of a man trapped in grain in a privately-owned silo on a farm in Livingston County on April 11. (Gridley FD photo)

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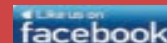
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# Up and down honey production in Michigan, Indiana

By Stan Maddux  
Indiana Correspondent

EAST LANSING, Mich. - Honey production was up 15 percent in Michigan last year but down 16 percent in Indiana.

The difference in yields from both states is typical for an industry largely dependent on weather conditions for production.

Phillip Janik Jr. said the bees in the 200 colonies he placed throughout LaPorte County produced a lot of honey in 2023 despite last year being a down year for production in Indiana.

He said early spring rains were enough in his area outside Michigan City to produce flowers and trees full of nectar. He said it also didn't rain when it was warm enough for the bees to want to go out and harvest the nectar used for making honey in their hives.

Janik, who also refers to himself as "The Hoosier Bee Man," explained honeybees are not willing to venture out and collect nectar in below 50-degree temperatures or when it's raining.

"It's a timing thing. It really, truly is. It's all in the timing," he said.

According to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistical Service (NASS), 3.85 million pounds of honey were produced in Michigan last year from producers with five or more bee colonies.

The increase in production happened despite the number of bee colonies in the state falling from about 82,000 to 70,000 over the previous year, according to NASS.

Janik said that happens when colonies make additional honey if returning bees were able to draw from flowers and trees containing extra nectar during pollination.

In comparison, Indiana produced about 477,000 pounds of honey last year from its 9,000 colonies, NASS stated. The number of colonies was about equal to the previous year but the amount of honey from each colony on average dropped from 63 to 53 pounds.

In this case, Janik said the weather in some parts of the state could have been unfavorable for maximum nectar production and bees wanting to go out to gather it.

"If Mother Nature is putting it out there but it's too cold and raining, the bees will miss it. If you miss it. You miss it. You really do," he said.

Production can also be impacted by Varroa mites finding their way inside hives and starting to kill bees.

According to Michigan State University, the parasite is "one of the greatest threats to honeybee health, honey production and pollination services."

Varroa mites attach themselves to honeybees whose health gradually declines from any transmission of viruses or disease.

Without proper management of the predator, which can only reproduce in a honeybee colony, the colonies - from spread of disease - typically collapse from the infestation in two to three years.

Meghan Milbrath, assistant professor in the department of entomology at the East Lansing campus, said the health of honeybee colonies are also susceptible to other pathogens and contact with pesticides.

"If the colony is affected by other things, even if the weather is favorable, they won't be able to bring in a good crop," she said.

Milbrath also pointed out production in Michigan was up last year but still well below the amounts from 2021, 2020 and 2019, which ranged from 4.4 million pounds to 5.1 million pounds.

She also said weather is a major factor in honey production.

According to NASS, the drop from Indiana is from 567,000 thousand pounds of honey collected the previous year, but more in line with the 520,000 pounds gathered in 2021 and the 495,000 pounds produced in 2020.

Michigan ranked No. 8 for U.S. honey production last year.

North Dakota was the leading honey producer at 38 million pounds, while South Dakota was second at 18 million pounds. California was third at 13 million pounds.

According to NASS, the average price for a pound of honey nation-

wide was \$2.52 last year, compared to \$3.01 in 2022.

The average per pound cost of honey in Indiana for 2023 was \$4.34 or .40 cents less than the previous year, while the price of honey in Michigan was \$2.84 per pound, a .20 cent drop from 2022.

Janik said he believes the honey-making season will start a few weeks early this year because of flowers and trees blooming sooner from the mild winter.

He also predicted there will be a lot of nectar in the plants from good amounts of late winter and early spring precipitation.

Again, Janik pointed out having a

bumper crop in honey supers depends on what the weather is doing when bees are ready to go out and return with nectar. A honey super is part of a hive.

"If you have good weather and the crops are really pushing out extra nectar you can fill up honey supers very quickly, very quickly," he said.



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# Kentucky accepting tick-testing submissions

LEXINGTON, Ky. – The Kentucky Tick Surveillance Project is now accepting tick-testing submissions from Kentucky residents. This project, produced by the University of Kentucky Martin-Gatton College of Agriculture, Food and Environment, aims to improve knowledge about where ticks are found and the diseases they might carry.

The results help further public health research at the state level and alleviate concerns for citizens worried about tick-borne illnesses.

“The Kentucky Tick Surveillance Project directly contributes to our understanding of tickborne diseases and their distribution across the state,” said Jonathan Larson, UK Department of Entomology assistant professor. “By the community participating, Kentuckians are not only aiding in crucial public health research but are also taking proactive steps toward safeguarding their own health and their neighbor’s.”

To ensure the safety and integrity of the samples, and to comply with postal regulations, participants are urged to follow strict guidelines when preparing ticks for submission:

- Do Not Mail Live Ticks: Ensure that ticks are not alive when sent.
- Avoid Liquid Alcohol: Do not send samples in containers of liquid rubbing alcohol.
- Proper Packaging: Avoid using only paper envelopes for mailing ticks as they may get damaged in mail processing machines.
- Avoid Taping Ticks: Do not place ticks between pieces of tape.

Participants must complete a submission form before sending their tick sample. This form is crucial for processing and

can be found at <https://bit.ly/49SixpO>.

Samples without a completed form will not be accepted. Detailed instructions for preparing the tick sample, including necessary supplies and packaging steps, ensure samples arrive in good condition for testing.

**Important Considerations:**

- Selective Testing: Ticks will not be tested for all possible pathogens. The project focuses on gathering data for surveillance purposes.
- Notification Process: Submitters will only be contacted if their submissions test positive for pathogens. There is no notification of negative results.
- Backlog and Time: Due to the project’s volunteer nature, there is a testing backlog. Participants should expect delays.
- Not a Substitute for Medical Care: If a tick has bitten you and has symptoms, seek immediate medical attention. Do not rely solely on submitting the tick for health decisions.

“Community involvement is the backbone of the Kentucky Tick Surveillance Project,” Larson said. “Every tick submitted is a piece of the puzzle in understanding our state’s tickborne disease landscape. We thank everyone who participates for their contribution to this important work.”

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# More invasive hemlock woolly adelgid found in Michigan

LANSING, Mich. - The Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD) recently verified a new detection of invasive hemlock woolly adelgid (HWA) near Torch Lake in western Antrim County. The extent of the infestation has not yet been determined, but an extensive survey of the surrounding area is underway.

With this new detection, Antrim becomes the eighth county in the state with an active hemlock woolly adelgid infestation, joining Allegan, Benzie, Mason, Muskegon, Oceana, Ottawa and Washtenaw counties.

"The new infestation was found by a landowner who learned about hemlock woolly adelgid while attending an educational outreach event held by the Charlevoix, Antrim, Kalkaska, Emmet County Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area," said Steve Carlson, MDARD's pesticide and plant pest management division director. "Situations like this demonstrate the importance of public awareness in our fight against invasive species."

Hemlock woolly adelgids are small insects that use their long, siphoning mouthparts to extract sap from hemlock trees. Their feeding weakens needles, shoots, and branches. Over time, tree growth slows, and trees take on a grayish-green appearance. Without treatment, infested trees die within four to 10 years.

"If left unchecked, hemlock woolly adelgid can cause significant harm to Michigan's estimated 170 million hemlock trees," Carlson added.

Hemlock woolly adelgid can be identified by looking on the undersides of hemlock branches for evidence of round, white ovisacs near the base of the needles. Up close, ovisacs look like balls of spun cotton and may appear alone or in clusters. The short video Hemlock Woolly

Adelgid: Invasive Species in Michigan provides helpful identification tips.

Other, less damaging pests easily can be mistaken for hemlock woolly adelgid. Be sure to review photos and descriptions of common hemlock woolly adelgid look-alikes at Michigan.gov/HWA. Help in identifying eastern hemlock trees is also available at the same site.

"Hemlock woolly adelgid likely arrived in Michigan on infested nursery stock from northeastern states. Though the tiny insects don't move far on their own, they can be blown by wind or hitchhike on animals. In a similar way, cars, boats, or RVs parked under infested trees may be able to transport the insects to new locations," Carlson said. "If you're headed outdoors, take simple measures like only parking in designated areas and cleaning your gear and vehicle before traveling. Also, remember to leave firewood at home and buy it locally at your destination."

Suspected infestations in Antrim County or new areas of the state can be reported by:

- Emailing MDARD at MDA-Info@michigan.gov or calling the Customer Service Center at 800-292-3939.
- Using the Midwest Invasive Species Information Network (MISIN) online reporting tool or downloading the MISIN smartphone app and reporting from your phone.

Be prepared to report the location of infested trees and, whenever possible, take one or two pictures of infested branches to help confirm identification. To avoid spreading hemlock woolly adelgid, do not collect sample branches or twigs.

For more information on hemlock woolly adelgid and other invasive species in Michigan, and to find out what you can do to help prevent them, visit Michigan.gov/Invasives.



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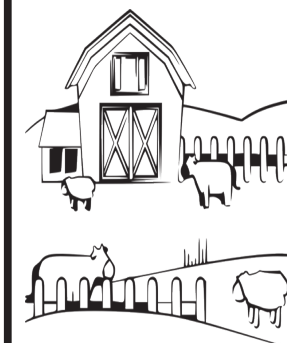
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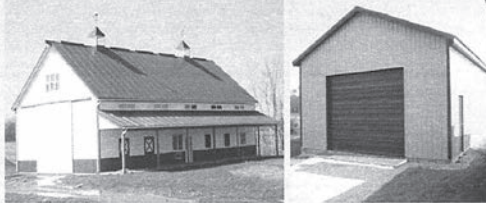
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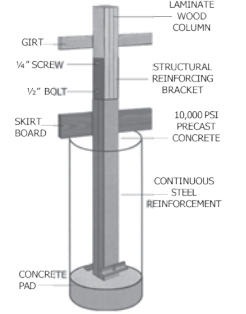
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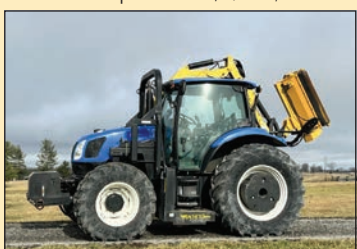
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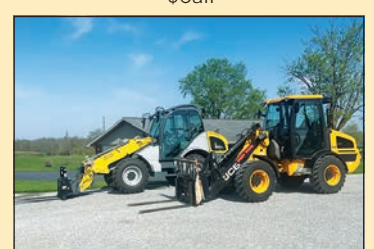
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## Miami County family receives Hoosier Homestead Awards

By Michele F. Mihaljevich  
Indiana Correspondent

PERU, Ind. – For more than 150 years and through eight generations, Janet L. Hunter’s family has owned farmland in Miami County, Ind. The family recently received Hoosier Homestead Awards for farms it has owned since 1837 and 1873.

The awards – presented by the Indiana State Department of Agriculture (ISDA) – honor farms that have remained in the same family for 100, 150 or 200 years. The farms must have more than 20 acres or produce more than \$1,000 of agricultural products annually. During the March 22 ceremony, 59 families received awards. Since the program was created in 1976, more than 6,100 families have been honored.

A third piece of land on the same farm will receive Centennial and Sesquicentennial awards on Aug. 14 during the Indiana State Fair. Hunter was notified of those awards April 11 by ISDA.

Hunter said the idea of applying for the awards came about thanks to a major road project on U.S. 31, which runs between the family’s farmland. According to the Indiana Department of Transportation, the state is in the midst of identifying possible solutions to transportation issues along the U.S. 31 corridor in northern Indiana.

Current plans call for closing off some rural exits, Hunter said. As she understands it, federal funding needs to give additional consideration when historical properties are present.

“My chief concerns are safety of farm operators and machinery, the farm economic impact of inconvenient/fewer farm crossings to get to elevators and packing houses, and the traffic impact on rural roads not built for 50 mph local diverted traffic,” she said. “Are there federal funds to pay to improve these road beds, stripe the roads, provide shoulders – now deep ditches on each road side, stop signs, increase visibility on rural roads with big hills, which will have more traffic once the exits are closed?”

The family’s history in Indiana began in 1836 when Peter and Elizabeth Brower Fisher – Hunter’s great-great-grandparents – moved to the state from Preble County, Ohio. They were originally from Franklin County, Va. Their forefathers came from Germany, she said, at the bequest of William Penn, who recruited them to settle Pennsylvania.

The year after Peter and Elizabeth moved to Indiana, Peter purchased 160 and 121 acres of land at the U.S. Department of the Interior’s Bureau of Land Management office in LaPorte, Ind.

Hunter said she doesn’t know why these Brethren migrated from Ohio.

“Ohio became a state in 1803; Indiana in 1816,” she said. “The Brethren families liked to live near each other and often intermarried. I am guessing that the need for more land for large extended families and relatives was the reason for moving to Indiana. At that time, farming was for subsistence and land was needed to feed the families. Many of the Brethren settled in Carroll,



**Above:** Janet L. Hunter and her grandson, Griffin Brod (both center) receive two Hoosier Homestead Awards from (left) Don Lamb, Indiana State Department of Agriculture director, and Indiana Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch (right). (courtesy of the Indiana State Department of Agriculture)

Miami and Cass counties in Indiana.”

The couple’s oldest son, George Fisher, and his wife Barbara Moss Fisher, had nine children, including Hunter’s great-grandmother, Sarah Jane Fisher. She married John Henry Balsbaugh. Their daughter Nellie married Ezra Musselman, and they were the parents of Hunter’s father, Raymond E. Mussel-

man.

The 1873 farm, containing 80 acres, came into the family when the land was purchased that year by a son of George Fisher. Sixty acres of the property were sold to Hunter’s parents in 1952.

The third piece of land – to be honored  
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in August - is another section of the 1837 farm, a little over 95 acres of the original 160 purchased by Peter Fisher.

Early on, the 1837 farm was self-sustaining, Hunter noted.

"Its purpose was to feed the family and take care of those less fortunate in the church community," she explained. "The original barn held grain bins, a winnowing floor, corn crib, haymow, milking stanchions, calf pens, farrowing pens for hogs, feeding and shelter for cattle and horses. A milk house stood next to the barn.

"The farm had a house with a summer kitchen, an orchard, woodlands for timber to heat and cook, for maple syrup and wood to build furniture, structures and wagons."

From 1950-2000, the farm raised 6,000 hogs annually, and had 1,600 laying hens and a herd of Angus beef cattle, Hunter said. Animals are no longer part of the farm operation. The farmland today has many sod waterways, new plantings of 9,000 trees (Conservation Reserve Program on marginal farmland), pollinator strips and a crop rotation of corn and soybeans, she said. The woods are being managed for future harvests.

Hunter shared her thoughts on how things have changed in farming over the years, and what her ancestors might have thought of some of those changes.

"Ezra Musselman could only say, 'it's red,' when he saw the new tractor his son/my dad proudly showed him, replacing the horses he used to farm and his way of life. Animals, man, water, pneumatic power and windmills have been replaced by mechanical, electricity, cell towers, cell phones and windmill fields. U.S. 31 'freeway' speeds would astound those who walked or rode horses and buggies.

"The mechanization and large farm equipment, cars and trucks, would be unfathomable to the ancestors. They made their clothes, furniture, and with community, buildings. Vegetables, fruits and meats were canned, pickled, smoked, dried or pickled/killed before the meal. Store-bought food would have been frowned upon as a sign of laziness or lack of self-sufficiency. Waste, luxuries and greed were unthinkable and considered sinful."

Consumerism was unknown to her ancestors, Hunter said, and politics were frowned upon as the topic took away from spiritual connection with God, family and nature. Rural electrification replaced hand milking and kerosene lamps, she reflected. Telephone calls went through an operator in Mexico (Indiana) for connections.

"The first farm telephone was wooden, a wall piece with a talking horn and a hand-held earpiece, before the heavy table model rotary dial telephones replaced it," Hunter said. "Telephones replaced the 'visiting' that happened before and after church, at the elevator, within the family at meals and in the



**Above:** This early- to mid-1800s barn was built with hand hewn logs joined with wooden pegs. It held a corn crib, grain bins, winnowing floor, hay mows, milking stanchions, horse stalls, a hand crank corn sheller and a pioneer-made logging sled. (courtesy of Janet L. Hunter)



**Above:** A forged hay hook from the barn, a pioneer-made maple sap bucket, and a copper bucket last used to water calves. The copper bucket was previously used to render animal fat and cook apples for sauce and butter. (courtesy of Janet L. Hunter)

evenings, and with close neighbors." Hunter said her ancestors would be honored to see the values of stewardship, tithing, family love and community caring as their legacy.

"It is truly only by the grace of God that our family became the stewards of this historical resource," she said. "There were so many other ways it could have gone. My heart overflows with gratitude for this rich legacy and abundance. We have a responsibility for future generations."



**Above:** A 1910 wedding photo of Ezra and Nellie Balsbaugh Musselman. (courtesy of Janet L. Hunter)



**Above:** An anvil used by five generations of Janet L. Hunter's forefathers. (courtesy of Janet L. Hunter)



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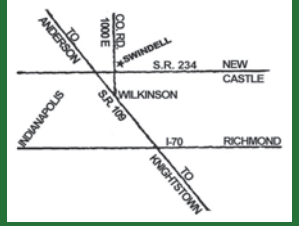
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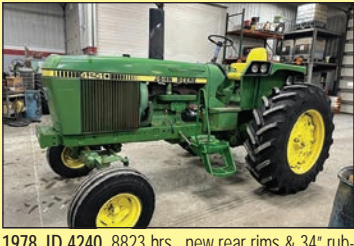
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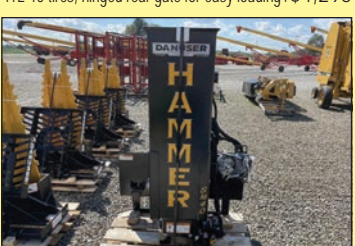
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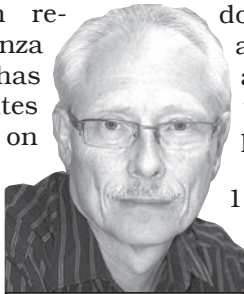
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# Bird flu outbreak continues to garner dairy industry's attention

Dairy industry attention remains on the avian influenza outbreak. North Carolina has been added to the named states that have it. Restrictions on dairy cattle movement are in place in Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Delaware, Florida, Hawaii, Idaho, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, Nebraska, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Utah and West Virginia.



**MIELKE MARKET WEEKLY**  
By Lee Mielke

The American Association of Bovine Practitioners says this infection in cattle is not the same as the highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI), and referred to it as Bovine Influenza A Virus (BIAV).

Speaking in the April 15 "Dairy Radio Now" broadcast, HighGround Dairy economist Betty Berning said dairy cows get sick but can and do recover, unlike poultry flocks where the birds are euthanized or die rapidly.

Transmission method is still unclear, according to Berning. "We know it originates in wild waterfowl and that's how the cows were getting sick but not much is known beyond that." USDA says it may be transferred by milking equipment, people milking the cows, or both. Dairies are encouraged to limit bird exposure and all traffic into and out of farm properties. There continues to be no concern about the safety of the U.S. milk supply.

The Agriculture Department lowered its milk production forecast in its sixth consecutive World Agriculture Supply and Demand Estimates report. The 2024 forecast was reduced due to slower expected growth in milk per cow. Cow numbers were unchanged from last month's report.

2024 production and marketings were projected at 226.3 and 225.3 billion pounds respectively, down 1 million pounds on both from last month's estimate. If realized, both would be down 100,000 pounds or 0.04 percent from 2023.

Fat basis imports for 2024 were raised on higher expected butter and cheese imports. Skim-solids basis imports were raised for several dairy products. Fat basis exports were raised on strong international demand for butter and price competitiveness of U.S. cheese. Skim-solids basis exports were lowered as fewer expected shipments of lactose and whey products more than offset higher shipments of nonfat dry milk (NDM) and cheese.

Butter prices for 2024 were raised on observed prices and continued strength in demand. Cheese, NDM, and whey prices were all lowered on recent prices.

The Class III milk price forecast was lowered due to lower cheese and whey price forecasts, while the Class IV price was raised due to higher butter prices more than offsetting lower NDM prices.

The 2024 Class III price was projected to average \$16.20 per hundredweight, down 95 cents from last month's estimate, and compares to \$17.02 in 2023 and \$21.96 in 2022.

The Class IV average, at \$20.40, is up 30 cents from a month ago, and compares to the 2023 average of \$19.12 and \$24.47 in 2022.

The week ending March 30 saw 56,700 dairy cows go to slaughter, down 900 from the previous week, and 10,100 or 15.1 percent below a year ago. Year to date, 871,500 head have been culled, down 123,700 or 14.2 percent from a year ago. February milk production was

down 1.3 percent from a year ago, factoring the Leap Day, and the February Dairy Products report shows how that played out.

Cheese production fell to 1.133 billion pounds, down 5.6 percent from January but up 3 percent from February 2023, down 0.6 percent, when factoring the Leap Day. The January total was revised up 10 million pounds. Production for the first two months of 2024 totaled 2.3 billion pounds, up 1.2 percent from 2023.

StoneX says cheese production was 7 million pounds lower than they expected, most of it coming in Cheddar while mozzarella output was closer to forecasts. "Usually this large of a drop in Cheddar production is bullish for the market."

Wisconsin provided 283.3 million pounds of the total, down 6.5 percent from January but 4.0 percent more than a year ago. California produced 200.9 million pounds, down 4.1 percent from January and 0.5 percent

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below a year ago. Idaho, with 76.6 million pounds, was down 11.7 percent from January but 5.8 percent above a year ago. New Mexico, at 75.7 million, was down 7.6 percent from January but 2.2 percent more than a year ago.

Italian cheese production was down 6.2 percent from January but 4.4 percent above a year ago, not factoring the Leap Day. American output was down 7.5 percent from January and 1.2 percent below a year ago. Mozzarella was 3.2 percent from a year ago.

Cheddar output plunged to 304.9 million pounds, down 25.7 million pounds or 7.8 percent from the January level, which was revised up 4.5 million pounds, and was down 12.2 million pounds or 3.8 percent, from a year ago. YTD Cheddar is down 5.3 percent.

Butter production dropped to 197.6 million pounds, down 19.6 million pounds or 9.0 percent from January's total which was revised up 3 million pounds, but was up 10.4 million pounds or 5.6 percent from a year ago. Butter was up 1.9 percent, accounting for the Leap Day. YTD butter is at 414.9 million pounds, up 6.8 percent from a year ago.

Yogurt production totaled 399.1 million pounds, down 0.4 percent from a year ago, with YTD output at 796.7 million pounds, up 0.6 percent.

Dry whey production slipped to 72.1 million pounds, down 5.6 million pounds or 7.2 percent from January, but was up 5.3 million pounds or 7.9 percent from a year ago. YTD whey stands at 149.9 million pounds, up 4.4 percent. Stocks grew to 72.9 million pounds, up 5.4 million or 8.0 percent from January and 3.9 million

pounds or 5.7 percent above those a year ago.

Nonfat dry milk output jumped to 147.4 million pounds, up 9.1 million or 6.6 percent from January but was 35.1 million or 19.3 percent below a year ago. YTD powder was at 285.7 million pounds, down 20.1 percent. Stocks fell to 209.6 million pounds, down 2.7 million or 1.3 percent from January, and down a whopping 106.2 million pounds or 33.6 percent from 2023.

Skim milk powder production dropped to 36.2 million pounds, down 20.7 million pounds or 36.3 percent from January, and 1 million or 2.6 percent below a year ago.

StoneX called the nonfat-skim milk powder production bullish. "Total powder production was down nearly 20 percent from last year which contributed to the 33.6 percent decline in inventory volume from 2023 levels. Given the data in this report it seems February milk production may have been a bit overstated," concluded StoneX. "As there were a lot of solids that would have gone missing for these production numbers to have occurred."

CME block Cheddar climbed to \$1.57 per pound Tuesday, highest since Feb. 29, then lost 6 cents Thursday but rallied Friday and finished at \$1.5350, up 2 cents on the week but 24 cents below a year ago.

The barrels marched to \$1.5675 Monday, then back tracked some, but also rallied Friday to close at \$1.5725, highest since March 6, up 4.25 cents on the week, 6 cents above a year ago, 3.75 cents atop the blocks. CME sales totaled 44 loads of block on the week, 21 on Friday alone, and 20 of barrel.

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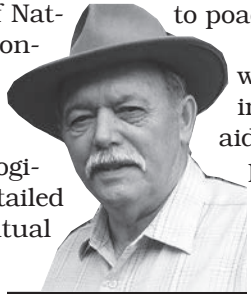
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# First case of chronic wasting disease in Indiana

The Indiana Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has confirmed Indiana's first positive case of chronic wasting disease (CWD) in LaGrange County. CWD is a neurological disease affecting white-tailed deer and results in their eventual death.



**SPAULDING OUTDOORS**  
By Jack Spaulding

The positive case is adjacent to a region where CWD had previously been detected in Michigan. CWD has been detected in wild deer in 33 states, including all states bordering Indiana. "CWD has been in our region for many years with positive cases in all of our surrounding states," said Joe Caudell, Indiana DNR deer biologist. "The public can help by reporting sightings of sick or dead deer to the DNR, as well as submitting harvested deer for testing during deer hunting season. Through increased awareness and testing, we can work to monitor CWD within Indiana's deer population."

Because CWD had previously been detected in Michigan near the Indiana border, finding it in this area of Indiana was highly likely, Caudell said. DNR will continue monitoring the area for CWD.

There have been no reported cases of CWD infection in humans.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends hunters strongly consider having their harvested deer tested before eating the meat. The CDC also recommends not eating meat from an animal testing positive for CWD. For more information about the CDC's recommendations, visit [cdc.gov/prions/cwd](http://cdc.gov/prions/cwd).

The Indiana white-tailed deer was a male harvested by a hunter and confirmed positive for CWD by two independent tests. CWD is caused by a misfolded prion causing damage to the animal's nervous system. CWD can spread from deer-to-deer contact or through contaminated environments and remains in the soil for many years. Animals in the late stages of CWD can appear emaciated, show erratic behavior, and exhibit neurological irregularities. If you see any sick or dead wildlife, please report it at [on.IN.gov/sickwildlife](http://on.IN.gov/sickwildlife).

Indiana's various deer hunting seasons run from mid-September until the end of January.

During hunting season, to have their harvested deer tested for CWD, hunters can drop off its head in a freezer outside a Fish & Wildlife Area or State Fish Hatchery office or schedule appointments to bring their harvested deer to the sites to be tested. All CWD sampling locations can be viewed through an interactive map. Alternatively, people may submit samples directly to the Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory (ADDL) at Purdue University for a fee. More information and submission forms are available on the ADDL website.

## Two men charged with fish and wildlife crimes

As a result of an investigation conducted by Indiana Conservation Officers, 46-year-old Ryan Jinkerson, of Lowell, and 34-year-old Randy Kirk, of Winfield, face multiple charges related

to poaching deer.

The two Lake County men were charged with illegal taking of deer, hunting with the aid of a motorized conveyance, providing false information to a deer check station, failing to check in deer, hunting deer without a license, hunting without consent of landowner, hunting deer by the aid of bait, unlawful taking of a federally protected species, unlawfully placing surveillance cameras on private property, and hindering a conservation officer, all of which are misdemeanors.

The investigation stemmed from information provided via TIP (Turn in a Poacher), a hotline for reporting such crimes, received late last year.

Both suspects surrendered themselves after conservation officers filed charges and issued arrest warrants. Each subsequently posted \$750 bond. All suspects are presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.

Conservation officers remind the public wildlife belongs to all Hoosiers. If you see illegal activity or want to report possible illegal activity, contact TIP at 1-800-TIP-IDNR (800-847-4367) or [tip.IN.gov](http://tip.IN.gov). Doing so will help con-

serve wildlife for future generations.

## Falcon family home renovation

Since 1995, a nest box on top of Market Tower in downtown Indianapolis has assisted peregrine falcon parents in raising 88 chicks over nearly 30 years. It is one of the oldest and most productive nest boxes in the state, but the box was falling apart after decades of wear and tear. The DNR ornithology team recently installed a new nest box for the next generations of downtown Indianapolis falcons.

Due to the height of Market Tower, the nest boxes successfully mimic cliffside habitat which is scarce in Indiana. Staff and public efforts to build nest boxes have helped peregrine falcon population levels increase over time. As of 2013, peregrine falcons were taken off the state endangered list and are now considered species of greatest conservation need.

## Keep baby wildlife wild

As spring continues, young wildlife will become more prevalent. It may be tempting to cuddle cute, young wildlife when they are encountered, but it's important to always assess the situation before intervening. Follow these tips for interacting with young wildlife this spring:

- Young wildlife's best chance of

survival is with their mother, and your support can often unintentionally harm them if it is not needed. If young wildlife have fallen out of a den or nest, you can simply return them to it and then leave the area.

- Human scent will not deter a mother from coming back.

- It is common for a mother to leave her young for long periods of time to forage for herself and her young, so don't linger near wildlife or their homes too long. Doing so can dissuade a mother from returning or alert predators to the young. Prevent orphan wildlife by scanning your yard before doing yard work and supervising pets when they are outdoors.

- If you're uncertain whether wildlife needs assistance, reach out to a permitted wildlife rehabilitator before picking up wildlife. If they truly need assistance, they must be turned over to a permitted wildlife rehabilitator within 24 hours.

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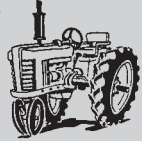
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## ALL ABOUT TRACTORS



BY PAUL WALLEM

### Sublette Antique Tractor & Toy Show

This 42nd annual event in an Illinois town of 450 residents drew folks from every-

where. I have often commented that with no major roads nearby, "You can't get there from here." Yet many find it every year. An incredible selection of toys for sale is on display in five different buildings.

I recall we sold toys over the parts counter in our IH dealerships, and the top price was \$15. At this year's Sublette Show, many sold for \$250, and some were much higher! Times (and prices) have sure changed since the 1980s.

Adding to the show was this year's Classic Green John Deere tractor displays with green all over town and a semi-truck display. It's always a great show to attend.

### IHC's first mass-produced tractor

Following their Auto-Buggy in the early 1900s, the International Harvester Company committed to producing farm tractors in 1907. Inventor Edward Johnson created a monster called a 20-horsepower Friction Drive. This tractor was their entry into the farm market.

Governing was accomplished by using a flywheel governor. Cooling was an evaporative system. 1908 production came out of three plants: 208 units from Upper Sandusky, 321 from Akron Works and 100 from Milwaukee Works, totaling 629 in all.

Increased power demands required something bigger and better in drive-lines. The friction-drive mechanism needed upgrading, and Harvester solved



Above: A tractor with a 2-bottom plow versus four horses on disc

that with a refined gear-forward friction reverse gear train in 1912. Gear-forward reverse transmission went into production until 1917 and was used in the type C Mogul 20 HP tractors. The constant demand for greater horsepower then brought out the Mogul 45 HP.

The Mogul 8-16 was the most popular during this period, selling 14,000 units. It was followed by the Mogul 10-20 with slightly more horsepower. Nine thousand units were sold.

During this period, IHC Deering dealers were selling the same tractor but called Titan. Competition was heating up rapidly, and tractors had begun seriously replacing horses pulling implements.

### Certain 2024 used tractor value changes?

As recently as 2023, surveys showed the average age of the farm-equipment fleet as 7-10 years, the lowest average since the 1940s.

Supplies have been short from 2020, ending in 2023. New prices increased

sharply due to the shortages. During this same period, farm income reached all-time highs, and high commodity prices motivated producers to buy new tractors quickly as they finally became available. This was particularly true with larger row-crop tractors. All of this created a significant increase in the used late model low hour tractors (particularly row-crop) with high asking prices.

This information is courtesy of Casey Seymour, movingironllc.com, and might be helpful if you are contemplating a purchase during 2024. Predictions are that this particular category could decline in value as the year progresses.

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# Book explores the lives of the spouses of military personnel

"The Wives: A Memoir" by Simone Gorrindo, c.2024, Scout Press, \$29.99, 407 pages



**THE BOOKWORM SEZ**  
Terri Schlichenmeyer

Thank you for your service. Necessary reaction, or awkward sentiment? To some, it's a little of both but most would agree that gratitude is appropriate, even needed. Thank you for putting your life on the line. Thank you for your protection. In the new memoir, "The Wives" by Simone Gorrindo, thank you for remaining behind.

She told him she'd leave him. When her partner, Andrew, said he was thinking of joining the military, Simone Gorrindo couldn't imagine it. She'd grown up being taught that guns were bad; she'd even protested a war once and then "gotten drinks at an East Village bar." She had a dream job in New York. They'd just moved in together. An enlistment was unthinkable.

But Andrew never stopped dreaming. Two years later, Gorrindo "noticed an Army recruitment pamphlet on our nightstand." The couple sought counseling; he told her that if he had to choose between the Army and her, he'd choose the Army.

Still, she chose him. They married

hastily and moved near Ft. Benning, Georgia, where Andrew would be stationed with a Special Operations contract in-hand. He'd become a member of "the Unit" if he could "pass a rigorous selection process." He'd have a lot to learn, but so would Gorrindo.

They had off-base housing but she couldn't muster the strength to make it a home. She knew nobody in Georgia,

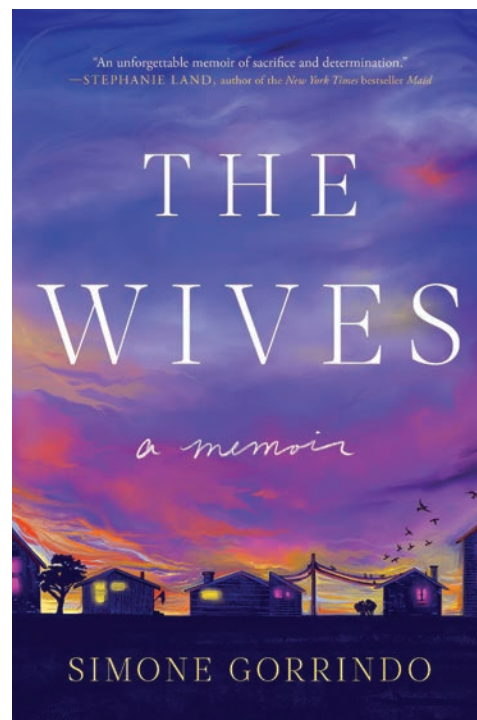
and the wives' hierarchy on-base was baffling; so were the unknowns and the things nobody - her husband, his team, other wives - could or would tell her. She constantly feared that a "key caller" might notify her of an injury or death in The Unit. She struggled with a marriage, a pregnancy, and a husband who was gone, deployed, way more than he was home, and she missed her old life in New York.

"People told us, from time to time," she says, "that we knew what we were 'signing up for.' But who really knows what she is signing up for?"

Thank you for your service. You hear it often, or you say it often and you mean it every time. Those who protect and defend our country should be lauded but, as you'll see in "The Wives," we can't forget the other half of this sacrifice.

In a big way, it's painful to read about. Author Simone Gorrindo writes about weeks of trying to fit in and figure out how to live as a married woman with aspects of singlehood, in a place that's unfamiliar, and sometimes uncomfortable and unfriendly. On that note, when the story's anger and loneliness have eased, Gorrindo flips it around to write urgently about the necessity of new friends and support - even though that, too, can be fraught with playground-like worries. It's a struggle that, even if you've never been a dependent, feels familiar.

Reading this story is to immerse yourself into a balancing act that millions of military spouses master, making this a book for them, for civilians, and for the appreciative. Enjoy "The Wives." It will serve you well.




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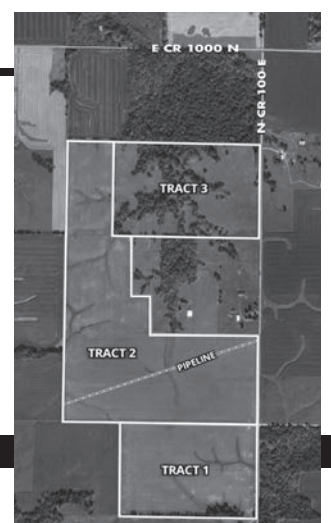
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# Lyrid Meteors will peak on April 23-24

May I not serve, then, in Thy garden and in Thy fields and farm, Stirring the soil around the radishes and pulling rhubarb by the fence?

Layering the Latham stems to make new growth for warm sweet berries born two seasons hence?

Setting the tendrils feet of runnered plantlets in crumbled, tendered soil within the row? Pausing to know the li-

lac's dearness, the gentle petalled rose upon my lips, the lemon balm so sweet on fingertips, and the sharp, wild scent of catnip cornered there.

Or, tractor mounted, turn the vibrant earth warm to the sun in overlapping layers of joy and productivity.

At star shine, crimson clover in stretching, wilting rows, cut at first bloom to hold all good within. Quiet in star glow for tomorrow's turning to tomorrow's sun. - Janet Stevens, "Joy"

### In the Sky

The year's second Cross-Quarter Day is April 21, and it marks halfway between equinox and solstice. The Sun enters the Late Spring sign of Taurus on that day.

The Lyrid Meteors are active after midnight between Cygnus and Hercules during the second and third week of April, peaking on April 23 and 24. These shooting stars often appear at the rate of 15 to 25 per hour.

This week of the year, the Big Dipper comes as far as possible into the southern sky, and its pointers (the two outside stars of its dipper cup) are positioned almost exactly north-south after dark. Now Cepheus and Cassiopeia, which were nearly overhead in early winter, have moved to the far side of Polaris along the northern horizon.

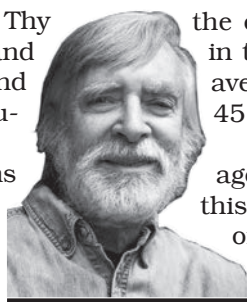
### The Moons of April

April 15: The moon enters its second quarter.

April 23: The moon is full.

### Weather Trends

In spite of the full moon at the ending of this period, the chances of a high above 50 degrees are 85 percent on almost every day during April's third quarter, and temperatures above 60 come at least half the time. Highs only in the 20s are rare (just a 5 percent chance on the 17th and 18th), but frost still strikes an average of one night in four. Beginning on the 20th,



POOR WILL'S ALMANACK  
By Bill Felker

the chances of an afternoon high in the 70s or 80s jumps from an average of 25 percent way up to 45 percent.

Rain or snow falls an average of 35 percent of the time this week of the year. Beginning on the 16th of the month, a major increase in the average daily amount of sunlight takes place: a rise from early April's 50/50 chance of Sun or clouds up to a brighter 70 percent chance of clear to partly cloudy conditions.

### The Natural Calendar

Grackles settle in to court and mate. Buzzards roost and turkeys gobble. Mallards pair up, and geese nest near parking lots and riverbanks.

The Great Dandelion Bloom is underway throughout the region. In the wetlands, the yellow flowers of ragwort and the white flowers of water cress unfold.

Red-bellied woodpeckers, towhees, catbirds and thrushes sing in the woods.

### Countdown to Summer

- One week to morel season
- Two weeks until clover blooms
- Three weeks to the great warbler migration through the Lower Midwest
- Four weeks to the first strawberry pie
- Five weeks until the first orange daylilies blossom
- Six weeks until roses flower
- Seven weeks until the first mulberries are sweet for picking and cottonwood cotton drifts in the wind.
- Eight weeks until wild black raspberries ripen
- Nine weeks until fledgling robins peep in the bushes
- 10 weeks until cicadas chant in the hot and humid days

### In the Field and Garden

The juniper webworm emerges, and eastern tent caterpillars may begin to weave on flowering fruit trees. Spring barley planting time usually comes to a close.

Army worms, slugs, corn borers, flea beetles and leaf hoppers appear in the fields at about the same time that iris buds. Lilac borers bore the lilacs.

Grub worms come to the surface of the lawn when the temperatures begin to reach past 70 degrees. First grasshoppers are born.

Frosts may be over for the season, and average afternoon highs break 60

degrees almost everywhere in the Lower Midwest.

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"This was a great treat for me. It was the first time I left the state of Ohio. When we arrived at our destination, Aunt Stella had an old-fashioned, cook-stove meal waiting for us. We all ate together.

"And then, of course, I looked the outdoors over. My aunt and uncle had a privy, and it was some distance from their house. I went into the outhouse and sat down on the hole.

"Suddenly I heard some pigs grunting real loud underneath me! I jumped up off the toilet seat and saw, to my surprise, two half-grown hogs down below!

"Luckily, I hadn't been bitten, but I screamed anyway and ran to the house to tell my Aunt Stella what'd happened. She told her husband, but he just said: 'Oh, I cleaned out the outhouse pit, and I forgot to put back the boards.'

"Those days are gone forever," comments Sylvia, "but the memory will always remain with me."

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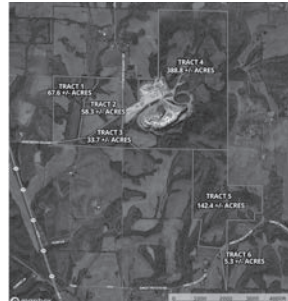
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# From veterinarian to beekeeper, farmer returns to his hives

RICHMOND, Ind. — Lance Alexander is a third generation beekeeper in Richmond, Ind. This former equine veterinarian retired and decided to revive the family beekeeping business. Lance's wife Maria Alexander offers educational opportunities on the farm to inspire interest in the beekeeping hobby. They teach bee keeping classes and sell beekeeping equipment. Lance has also become an antique tractor collector as well.

Four Leaf Honey Farm is in Lance's former veterinarian building. They



**WRENCHING TALES**  
By Cindy Ladage

will be open for one year this May. The Alexanders currently have around 100 hives, and plan to add more. "There is a real demand for local honey. We sold about 4,000 pounds of honey during the winter. Our hives are located through Wayne County in 16 colonies," Lance explained.

The busy time is coming. "May and June is really when the bees make honey," Lance said. "Pollen blooms consecutively, and the bees' goal is to move pollen from one tree to another. Bees become flower loyal. The pollen sticks to them from the flower, so the pollens are different colors from different flowers."

Lance has an observation hive that can be open so visitors can see the bee's progress.

Lance's grandfather Earl Alexander started the beekeeping business in the 1930s. "He always explained that at a young age he was "bitten by the bug," and became interested in honeybee culture, entering his products in the Ohio State Fair competition," Lance said.

After graduating from Miami University and becoming an Industrial Arts teacher, Earl worked with his bees during summer vacations. After teaching for 20 years, he moved his family to Middleboro, Ind., in 1946. This was when he got serious about the beekeeping business. Using two schoolhouses, one served as a storage

facility and the other for honey processing for Four Leaf Farms. "Nearly all the beehives were constructed in the basement workshop of the Middleboro school house, with saws, jointers, and planers all powered by a Model A Ford engine attached to pulleys and belts," Lance said.

Earl set up beehives within a 30-mile radius of the processing plant. He visited his hives three times a year and used a two-ton truck to remove the full honey supers and replace the empty supers back on the hive. The business had grown enough that Earl was supplying honey to local grocery stores and as far as Dayton, and Cincinnati, Ohio., as well as Indianapolis. To take advantage of an earlier honey season hives were moved to Georgia, and they sold honey to Col. Sanders retail store.

"My grandpa asked me at age 18 to take over the business, but I said no I wanted to go to vet school. I then practiced equine medicine for 20 years and then circled back. I'm unusual in I shifted and started an encore career."

Today, Lance, his dad Mark, and son Noah continue producing local honey, offering beekeeping supplies, nucleus colonies, and pollination services.

Along with the bees, Lance is also doing a bit of farming as well. They just planted a new crop of wheat. Maria added that they also raise black beans.

"I farm 150 acres and some of other peoples too. This gives me a deep

sense of satisfaction," Lance said.

With farming part of the family operation, Earl Alexander purchased a Farmall H in the 1950s and he used it to rake hay. Today the Farmall is a family heirloom that they still use every summer. Lance shared a wonderful picture of him and his wife Maria with the Family Farmall when she was expecting their son Noah. There is also a picture of Noah and Mark as well with Noah driving the H with a bit of help from Grandpa.

Besides the family Farmall, Lance also has an Allis Chalmers D17 that he got from a neighbor. "It was the neighbors and he got it in the 1980s," Lance said.

He helped his neighbor one day when the D17 broke down, and the man was upset not knowing what to do. "I stopped; the tie rod had broken. I found one instantly and ordered it to be here the next day."

When the part came, he went to his house and fixed it, the problem was solved.

Lance was shocked when five years later when the neighbor died, he left the D17 tractor to Lance. That kindness in a moment when it was needed meant a lot to the older gentleman. These days Lance said, "We use it for raking hay and we used it last year on a hay baler."

From veterinarian to beekeeper, the Alexander family has returned to their roots, and antique tractors are part of the mix. They can be reached at 765-935-5323, or by email at Fourleafhoney@outlook.com.



Above: Lance with the demonstration hive.



Above: This observation hive is inside the farm building, and visitors often stop by to see the progress.



Above: Bee supplies are sold at Four Leaf Honey Farm.

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# Pork producers choose air ventilation expert for high honor

By Stan Maddux  
Indiana Correspondent

JENISON, Mich. - He switched from being a carpenter to providing farmers with custom made air ventilation systems for their livestock. Nearly 40 years later, Larry Reed has been given the Michigan Pork Producers Association's highest honor.

Reed, 66, was presented with the annual Distinguished Service Award, which recognizes individuals who have made a significant lifetime contribution to the pork industry at the state and national levels.

Reed said the honor came as a major surprise and he choked up with emotion a bit when informed he was this year's recipient.

"It's just really nice to know what you've done over the years has been appreciated," he said.

Reed, born and raised in Billings, Mont., was a carpenter working for his father building new homes prior to becoming a union carpenter on commercial projects like new hospitals and offices.

"I started picking up nails after him on jobs sites when I could walk," he said.

Gradually, working construction took a toll on his back. In 1986, he accepted an offer from his wife's uncle in Michigan to work with him for an air ventilation company. He briefly relocated to Niles then later Jenison, near

Grand Rapids, where he still resides.

Reed built a solid reputation as an expert in the often-complicated task of providing the right ventilation systems in barns housing pigs, chickens and cows. He said ventilation systems relying largely on fans can vary depending on the size and shape of the barn along with the number of animals inside.

Farm animals not properly ventilated can become sick or die from the stress of overheating.

"What you have to do is put speed on the air and then mist to help cool it. The speed of the air and the mist is what helps keep them cool," he said.

He also became known for his passion about agriculture helped by what he enjoyed most about the job, interacting with farmers and others involved in food production.

"The ag people in this world I think are some of the nicest people that you'll ever meet. They're down to earth. You just don't find many bad ones," Reed said.

At one point, Reed provided air ventilation systems primarily for pork producers in Michigan, but also Indiana, Illinois, Ohio, Kentucky, Tennessee and Wisconsin. In 2013, he started his own company, Maximum Ag Technologies.

"I worked with pork producers for a long time. I think I know every pork producer in the state," he said.

Two years ago, Reed sold the company to Ingersoll Rand, which still

employs him to manage the operation from the same office he occupied when he was the owner.

Reed said one of the highlights of his career was coming up with air ventilation systems for old school buses, semi-trailers and other makeshift shelters farmers used to house more pigs when demand for pork skyrocketed in the 1990s.

"Farmers were finding whatever they could find to store pigs. It was a lot of fun," he said.

Michigan Pork Producers Association Chief Executive Officer Mary Kelpinski said Reed was also a big help to pork producers in deciding how to modernize their barns and providing them with the correct air ventilation systems to comply with changing requirements.

"He was a good sounding board and person they could talk to and run ideas by," she said.

Specifically, she said Reed was an excellent resource for farmers mandated under a new law in 2020 to switch from individual pens to group-style housing to give more space for pregnant sows.

He suggested how existing barns should be redesigned not just to comply with the new law but to make sure their sows were as comfortable and



Above: Larry Reed, an expert in air ventilation for farm animals, was recognized by the Michigan Pork Producers Association for his long service to pig farmers.

safe as possible.

She said the Distinguished Service Award each year is decided by the association's board of directors after reviewing a list of people who merit consideration for the honor.

"They are pork industry leaders in Michigan that kind of look at the qualifications and really kind of discuss how they've been impacted by the different individuals. Larry was definitely one," Kelpinski said.

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# Hamilton Izaak Walton League chapter celebrates 100 years

By Celeste Baumgartner  
Ohio Correspondent

HAMILTON, Ohio - The Hamilton Chapter of the Izaak Walton League of America (IWLA) will celebrate its 100th anniversary with a celebration on May 11. The public is invited. According to the National IWLA, the Hamilton chapter's charter date is 1924. It was the first chapter in Ohio.

"At that point, there were chapters in a number of other states, like Illinois, Wisconsin, Iowa, Minnesota, and others," said Michael Reinemer, IWLA communications director. "But Hamilton was definitely a leader and pioneer in Ohio."

In preparing for the celebration, 40-year member Yvonne Hayes dug out some nuggets of the minutes, which go back to 1928.

In 1928, they formed committees for entertainment, membership, publicity, distribution, fellowship, and violation. The next year they formed a rifle club.

They held meetings at the Blue Bird Cafeteria in 1930 and sponsored a birdhouse contest for boys. They were interested in the fish-rearing ponds



**Above:** This old photo shows kids having a good time fishing. The pond is stocked and all fishing is catch and release.



**Above:** The Izaak Walton League's Save Our Streams program is the only nationwide program training volunteers to protect waterways from pollution. Kids learn about what's in the water with the Creek Freaks.

being built near Hamilton.

In 1933, they planted 1,200 Logan Elm trees in cooperation with the county schools. Their pheasant pens were stolen (they later retrieved them from Indiana). The Department of Conservation notified them that they could receive 25 cents each for selling fishing and hunting licenses.

In 1934, they suggested a fish ladder be built at the new Great Miami River dam above the Black Street bridge. Butler County received 1,575 bluegills, bass, and catfish; 2,000 fingerlings 5.5 to 7 inches, 2,000 rock bass, 425 pheasants, and 10 dozen rabbits from the state. They closed the year with \$22.91 on hand and a bill for \$11.80.

There was a report of a Jack Salmon fish kill in the Great Miami River below Hamilton in 1935. A wife's auxiliary, the Anthony Wayne Chapter,

**Left:** Many called Ray Zehler, shown here with a character from Rumpke's, the chapter's guiding light.

was created. Turkey shoots were popular and yielded a profit of \$6.92.

They held a tournament following the release of fish from the rearing ponds. Ray Martz caught the largest tagged fish to beat out Mr. Farr. Martz's fish swallowed the 2-ounce sinker he was using and weighed 2 ounces more than Farr's fish. There are no notes on the discussion that may or may not have followed.

In 1938 the club supported the purchase of Lake Erie shoreline for public parks. They also released a tub of crawfish in their rearing ponds. They ate hasenpfeffer and drank beer.

They were concerned about the pickling solution in the river from the steel mills in 1939. They were also stocking raccoons (the Division of Wildlife was given the Milan Wild-

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# Hamilton Chapter

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life Area in 1932 for the propagation of raccoons. It was maintained until 1953).

Fish and game kills along the Great Miami River were a cause for concern in the 1940s. The group also supported purchasing land for a state park which became Hueston Woods.

Over the years, the group met in cafes, bars, and other facilities. Sometime in the early 1960s, two spinster women had about seven acres and a small house on Symmes Road in Hamilton. They wanted to arrange a trust with a conservation organization that would have use of the property in return for preserving it.

Member Will Harbaum, an outdoor writer, arranged for the Hamilton chapter to get control of the property, called The Oaks. Randy Windell was president. They held monthly meet-

ings, played lively games of pitch, and had other activities there until they purchased Long Acre Farm, 38 acres, on Beissinger Road.

While the group was meeting at the Oaks, in the 1960s, someone talked Ray Zehler, then age 35, into joining. He was an avid conservationist, hunter, and fisherman all his life and he became the guiding light of the chapter. He held positions in IWLA at the local, state and national levels.

"He garnered every award given by Izaak Walton including the Fifty-Four Founder's Award, the highest IWLA award gives to someone who has made an outstanding contribution to the conservation of natural resources," said his daughter, Jenny Allen, a Hamilton Chapter IWLA member.

"My dad was driven to ensure a balance between wise use and protection of our natural resources for the benefit of all. He especially encouraged programs to educate kids about conservation," she said.

The Izaak Walton League's Save Our Streams program is the only nationwide program training volunteers to protect waterways from pollution. Hayes recalled that, through a grant from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR), she, her late husband, Dan, and Zehler presented Save Our Streams programs throughout Northern Ohio in communities around streams that emptied into Lake Erie.

When the Hamilton group built a clubhouse at Long Acres in 1995, it was named the Ray Zehler Environmental Education Center. Zehler passed in 2016.

In about 2000, the Anthony Wayne auxiliary told their husbands they would no longer cook meals for the monthly meetings unless they could attend them. While the Anthony Wayne Chapter continues, women are now welcome at the meetings.

In 2024, the chapter has about 120 members. Current president, Barry Walls, said their turkey shoots held



Left: Turkey shoots are always popular and a fundraiser for the chapter.



Above: Kids, parents, and grandparents attend the popular Uncle Ikes meetings where they learn about conservation, age-appropriate shooting sports, fishing, beekeeping, astronomy, and more. Photos courtesy of IWLA Hamilton Chapter

every fall are their biggest fundraiser but they host many activities to interest everyone in conservation and outdoor activities.

"We have Save Our Streams, a national program," Walls said. "We teach kids about the creeks, we call it Creek Freaks. We plant wildlife plots, we just finished two observation towers in the woods with grants from ODNR. We try to have two trapper and hunter education classes every year."

They hold public events to teach adults and children shooting safety and skills in archery and firearms. About 50 kids usually come to catch-and-release fishing derbies in their stocked pond. A kayaking event at Hueston Woods is always well attended.

Once a month, kids, parents, and grandparents attend their popular Uncle Ikes meetings where they learn about conservation, age-appropriate shooting sports, fishing, beekeeping, astronomy, and more.

"We're trying to pass conservation on to the younger people, trying to get them more involved," Walls said.

The May 11 open house will go on, rain or shine, from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at 450 Beissinger Rd., 45013. It will offer (weather permitting) trap shooting, archery, hay rides, fishing, hiking, and an opportunity to visit the bird blinds. There will also be a cruise-in; anyone can bring their motor vehicles. More information is available on FaceBook at hamiltonchapterIWLA.com.



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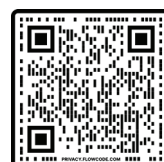
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# IBCA, IBC boards are now set

INDIANAPOLIS - The full roster of the Indiana Beef Cattle Association/Indiana Beef Council board of directors for the 2024-25 year has been set. In addition to the positions that were elected at the IBCA annual convention on Jan. 13, a new group of directors was recently approved to fill presidential appointment positions on the IBCA board of directors. These presidential appointments are for two-year terms and must be approved by the full board of directors, which took place at the IBCA/IBC board of directors meeting March 6, 2024.

Newly appointed/reappointed IBCA/IBC board members include:

Lindsay Sankey - Economy - promotions committee chair

John Blake - Earl Park - Hoosier Beef Congress committee chair

Dr. David Dixon - Rensselaer - IJBCA committee chair

Gordon Lowry - Owensville - marketing sector representative

Andon Booher - Alexandria - service sector representative

Adam Tyler - Covington - Purdue Extension representative

Jeff Carter - Frankfort - dairy sector representative

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In addition, Ellie Sennett, of Waynetown, was appointed to serve

as Area 9 Director. Sennett's appointment will complete Dixon's final year of his term that was vacated when he was elected to vice president at the IBCA Annual Convention.

President Kelley Sheiss shared the following statement about the newly appointed directors: "I am very excited to bring these new members to our IBCA and IBC team and to get them involved and bring their new ideas to the table. Between our recent area director elections that took place at the area meetings and these new appointments, we have built an awesome team of great people with many new ideas that we hope to bring to life at the IBCA and the IBC. I can't wait to see where they take us in our mission to build a better beef business in Indiana."

The IBCA board of directors is made up of elected leadership, 10 area directors as well as representatives from dairy, veal and allied industries. These local producer leaders volunteer their time to serve on the board for the IBCA to oversee membership activities as well as the IBC to manage the collection and allocation of the Beef Checkoff.

For more information about the board or to get a complete listing of the IBCA board of directors, visit [www.indianabeef.org](http://www.indianabeef.org) or contact the IBCA office at 317-293-2333.

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