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First Farm to Capitol event draws people to Indiana Statehouse lawn

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INDIANAPOLIS – The first-ever Farm to Capitol event drew about 500 people to the Indiana Statehouse lawn on March 18, with a goal of helping attendees – especially the general public – learn about agriculture in the state.

“We hope that they learned there is a variety of agriculture in Indiana, that farmers care for their land and animals well, and that encouraging the next generation is a must for agriculture,” said Regan Herr, communications director for the Indiana State Department of Agriculture (ISDA).

Visitors were able to speak with representatives of several agriculture-related organizations, and see animals such as piglets, bottle calves, chickens and goats. Attendees included the general public, state employees, legislators, lobbyists and statehouse staff, she said.

Farm to Capitol was hosted by Indiana’s Family of Farmers (IFOFF), and was scheduled to coordinate with National Ag Day, Herr said. IFOFF is a non-profit collaborative organization made up of Indiana agriculture organizations such as Indiana Farm Bureau (INFB), ISDA, the Indiana State Board of Animal Health, the USDA’s Natural Resources Conservation Service and several commodity groups, she said.

The event included tents with booths from commodity organizations, food trucks, a corn hole game and Case IH and John Deere tractors on display.

Ethan Wolhuter, Indiana FFA state president, said he enjoyed the fellowship between agriculturalists and everyone else who walked up to the different booths, allowing for agriculture to be advocated for through conversations and relationships.

“I did have the opportunity to have a



Above: Visitors to the first Farm to Capitol event at the Indiana Statehouse pet a red Angus show heifer. (courtesy of Indiana State Department of Agriculture)

conversation with someone who had not had much experience with agriculture and did not have a farming background at all,” he recalled. “We were able to discuss how agriculture is a part of so many different aspects of everyday life, many ways that they did not even recognize.

“I think that these kind of events are not only important but highly critical to bridging the gap between the producer and the consumer. An event such as this is a great opportunity to spread the word about the importance of agriculture.”

Cale Williams, Indiana FFA southern region vice president, said Farm to Capitol allowed him the opportunity to share his love for agriculture with others.

“As a fourth generation agriculturalist, my greatest passion has always been to advocate for the agriculture industry and to share its story with others,” he said. “I loved networking with industry professionals during this event and interacting with the public to teach them about the importance of agriculture.”

Williams said it was fun to bring his rural background to the city of Indianapolis and promote agriculture’s efforts to an urban population.

“One of the coolest parts of talking with those who don’t have an agricultural background is to see their genuine interest in how crops and livestock are raised effectively, efficiently, and in a healthy manner to meet the demands placed on America’s small production agriculture population,” he said. “While some ask the occasional question as to what an animal’s name is, I often get questioned as to what animals eat or how a certain food is processed.

“These questions display an authentic care for the work the agriculture industry is doing and others’ willingness to positively advocate for agriculture, too.”

Herr said organizers hope Farm to Capitol becomes an annual event.

Before attending Farm to Capitol,

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Above: The Farm Power Club hosted a tractor and gas engine show March 13-15 at the Kruse Plaza in Auburn, Ind. The featured tractor was Minneapolis Moline. This indoor event included a swap meet, toy and craft show, trading post and kids pedal pull. Photo by Leonidia Walchle

Knowing your lender and financial software are important in farming

By TIM ALEXANDER
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URBANA, Ill. — A University of Illinois Extension commercial agriculture educator has issued advice for farmers who are considering entering into a commercial loan agreement in times of economic uncertainty. The Extension educator also issued guidance for choosing the proper farm financial records software.

“The current political news brings concerning thoughts about the economic future of farming as we are faced with higher interest rates, lower grain prices, and import markets at risk due to trade wars and tariffs,” said Kevin Brooks, University of Illinois Extension Farm Business Management and Marketing Educator. “As individuals, there isn’t anything farmers can do to prevent difficult times. However, you can make your situation more secure by having a good relationship with your ag lender. Having multiple lender options and relationships may be helpful. Building an ample supply of cash reserves is another way of preparing for possible financially stressed times.”

At or near the top of Brooks’ recommendations for farmers is to make sure you are in agreement with your spouse or other family partners and have them be present and a part of your presentation at your loan meeting. He also suggests calling your lender before problems become big problems. Other suggestions include:

Be friendly, professional, and concise in communications with your lender.

Understand your balance sheet and keep it updated. Know how to build one yourself.

Work up your cash flow to present to your lender rather than relying on your lender. Be aware if any financed

projects make sense.

Ask your lender what is needed before meeting with them.

Discuss any liens on collateral with your lender including lease contracts with Illinois Landowner Lien provisions.

Use your computer for record keeping and keep accurate financial and production records.

Use your computer to create a business plan narrative roadmap of how you got to where you are, where you are going, and how you plan to get there.

Provide your lender with a contact list of key suppliers and advisors.

Do not attempt to influence your lender with money or gifts. There are strict rules for lenders, and this would be unethical.

If you aren’t carrying full crop insurance, be prepared to explain why. Your lender expects payment.

Dress professionally for your important meetings.

Carefully read all documents before signing and make clear to your lender that you understand what you just signed.

Never avoid or put off replying to requests from your lender.

Your lender will likely need to present your loan proposal to a loan review board. Your lender doesn’t like surprises in front of the board so avoid surprising your lender.

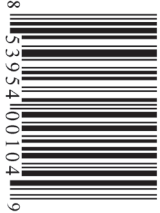
Brooks noted that though concerns about the future of farmers are being voiced, few are predicting a 1980s collapse, when interest rates skyrocketed as a response to back-to-back deep recessions caused by high inflation, causing farm mortgage loan rates to rise to 17.5 percent.

“Many farm mortgage loans had adjustable interest rates, which adjusted

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Earthworms are vital to food production Page 8





Above: Piglets were on display during the first Farm to Capitol event at the Indiana Statehouse. (courtesy of Indiana State Department of Agriculture)

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Wolhuter and Williams participated in Indiana FFA and Indiana Farm Bureau Advocacy Day. One hundred FFA members, along with ISDA and INFB staff, met with legislators to discuss agriculture-related topics and concerns. The event was also scheduled to coordinate with National Ag Day.

“National Ag Day has always been one of my favorite days of the year,” Williams said. “I love celebrating the industry that formed me into the person I am today. I enjoyed getting to share agriculture’s story to a different audience than I am normally used to.”

As a part of the National FFA Organization’s National Ag Day celebration, members, advisers and organization leaders planned to meet with elected officials and their communities in Washington, D.C., to share the importance of agriculture.

Ag Day is a reminder of the collective effort and dedication it takes to keep our world nourished, clothed and thriving. Scott Stump, CEO of the National FFA Organization, said in a statement. “Agriculture is not just about providing food and fiber; it is the foundation of innovation, sustainability, and community development. Every day, farmers and agricultural professionals work tirelessly to adopt advanced technologies, improve yields and care for the environment, ensuring that future generations can thrive.”

The day after National Ag Day was Agriculture Trade Day. Indiana Gov. Mike Braun declared Indiana Ag Trade Day for the 19th.

“Agricultural trade is an important source of both jobs and revenue for our rural communities,” Braun said in a statement. “Nearly one-third of gross cash farm income comes from agricultural exports, and in Indiana, more than 46,000 jobs are supported by exporting the products that are raised or grown in the Hoosier state.”



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upwards and led to great difficulty in making loan payments. Foreclosures on farms became commonplace. If that wasn’t enough, just before the beginning of the farm crisis, the Carter Administration placed a grain export embargo on the Soviet Union, which had become a strong and growing market for US grain exports. Relationships between farmers and agriculture loan officers became stressed,” Brooks recalled. However, “History doesn’t necessarily repeat as evidenced by predictions of ‘bad times for farming are coming’ in the late 2010s, which were unexpectedly met by record farm profits.”

Brooks also issued tips on improving farm operational efficiency through the use of comprehensive financial records software. Selecting the right computer software for your operational record keeping is vital to efficiency, according to Brooks.

“Just like preferences in driving a

car or using a mobile phone, everyone has their personal preferences in how the records program operates. There is no program that meets the needs of all farm operations. With dozens of good products to choose from, there are key features to think through in selecting the farm records software,” he said.

“Good support is very important, and more so if the farmer’s skills in bookkeeping and interpretation of accounting information is not strong,” according to Brooks. “Don’t expect help with farm issues from general software. Some companies offer live support and others offer only guides. The less expensive the product is, the less live support will be available. Oklahoma State Extension has a good amount of material available if using Quicken online.”

Brooks offered his suggestions for negotiating with a farm lender and choosing a farm financial software system in a pair of articles published by the University of Illinois Extension. Contact/Source: Kevin Brooks, University of Illinois Extension Farm Business Management and Marketing Educator, kwbrooks@illinois.edu.

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Market eyes drought conditions as planting season approaches

While early, drought readings from across the United States are becoming more of a market topic. Weekly readings indicate 60 percent of the U.S. corn production area is in drought conditions, well above last year's 31 percent. Soybean production area is 51 percent in drought, up from last year's 25 percent. Wheat area in drought is nearly double last year at 23 percent compared to 12 percent a year ago.

Drought at this time of year tends to receive little market interest as dry conditions can lead to an early, fast U.S. planting season. History shows a dry spring also tends to lead to higher yields. U.S. balance sheets are quite

tight this year, especially on corn, where last year's crop fell short of demand. This means the U.S. will need an even larger corn crop this year, and anything to jeopardize production will receive attention.

The U.S. planting season is quickly approaching, and as it does, more interest is falling on acres. Analysts have projected a sizable increase in U.S. corn acres this year, basing this mostly on economics and futures values. While futures do favor corn over soybeans by a ratio of 2.2:1, other factors are weighing against corn. One of these is the



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By Karl Setzer

spike in fertilizer values, with urea jumping over \$70 per ton in just the past week. There are also some concerns over U.S. potash imports if tariffs against Canada are enforced.

Not only have futures shown elevated volatility in recent sessions, so have basis values. Country movement spiked at the end of 2024, and this carried into early 2025. Sales and deliveries have now trailed off, and buyers are again being forced to push for movement. This comes as winter weather returns to the U.S. interior market, further lowering any interest in movement.

China is once again stating its intent to become more self-reliant on commodity needs and is taking steps to push the use of biotech technology. The primary goal of this is to provide food security and become less reliant on imports. China has issued new guidelines that will promote the use of GMO technology on corn, soybeans, and wheat. Chinese officials also are working to improve livestock genetics to improve gains and promote disease resistance. China hopes to have these in place by 2028.

Another push is being made for the approval of E-15 to be offered year-around. This has been attempted several times, including in a recent government spending package, but has been cut from final deals. Several groups are pushing for this change, including the American Petroleum Institute.

While this increase would be a step in the right direction, we may not see it improve ethanol demand as much as hoped. For one, we have already seen year-around use as a temporary measure for the past few years. We also need to consider that approving E-15 use and mandating it are two separate measures. Until E-15 use is mandated, its impact will remain limited.

South American soybean harvest activity is picking up and this has been noted in the U.S. export market. Sales of soybeans have dropped considerably in recent weeks which is not uncommon when the South American harvest gets underway. A total collapse in soybean demand is not expected, as harvest delays continue to bring the U.S. a steady stream of buyers for now. Brazil will also be loading most vessels for China, leaving the U.S. to fill voids. Trade is also heavily questioning Brazil's exports on a whole as domestic demand has trimmed the country exportable stocks.

The Rosario Grain Exchange has updated its Argentine production forecasts, cutting them on both corn and soybeans. Rosario put the Argentine corn crop at 44.5 million metric tons, down 1.5 mmt from its previous estimate. The group's soybean crop estimate is now 46.5 mmt, down 1 mmt from the last projection. These reductions are the result of ongoing drought stress during the growing season. In the latest WASDE report, the USDA put Argentine crops at 50 mmt for corn and 49 mmt of soybeans.

The Brazilian firm CONAB updated its production forecasts for that country as well. CONAB put the Brazilian soybean crop at 167.37 mmt, up from the previous estimate of 166 mmt. CONAB also raised its corn production estimate to 122.76 mmt, up slightly from the prior 122 mmt. These are still on the low end of Brazil production estimates, including below the USDA. The latest USDA projections for Brazil are 169 mmt of soybeans and 126 mmt for corn.

The market continues to receive mixed signals on the Chinese economy, and in turn its impact on commodity demand outlooks. Data from China shows farm loans have increased 12.3 percent from last year. One segment of economists claims this shows farmers in China are preparing to expand operations, while others feel it is a sign that farmers need additional financial assistance. The same is being said for student loans in China that are up 28.7 percent from last year. Some believe this is a sign that more students are enrolling in education systems, but others feel this is the result of a tightening jobs market. The fact is China's commodity appetite has started to slow, regardless of the reason why.

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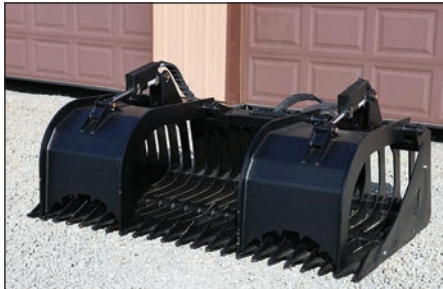
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Beck's acquires corn, soybean seed facilities in Indiana, Illinois

By Michele F. Mihaljevich
Indiana Correspondent

ATLANTA, Ind. – Beck's has acquired corn and soybean seed production facilities in Indiana and Illinois from Gro Alliance, a move that will allow Beck's to better meet the needs of its growing customer base with greater reliability, the company's president said.

The corn seed production facility is in Howe, Ind., and the soybean facility is in Mt. Pulaski, Ill. Beck's also acquired Gro Alliance's corn drying facility in Mt. Pulaski. In addition, the Atlanta, Ind.-based company assumed Gro Alliance's lease on 80,000-square-foot of warehouse space in Sturgis, Mich.

The transaction closed Feb. 26.

"These facilities are world-class and align seamlessly with Beck's existing network and vision for strategic expansion," Scott Beck, Beck's president, told Farm World. "These acquisitions are a perfect fit for Beck's and demonstrate an investment in fulfilling our purpose to help farmers succeed and provide exceptional service."

"The expansion is poised to benefit customers by enhancing Beck's seed production and processing capabilities, ensuring access to high-quality seed products. The strategic locations of the Howe and Mt. Pulaski facilities complement Beck's existing operations."

The company plans to begin operations at the corn and soybean fa-

cilities this spring, he noted. "We are confident that these facilities will have a positive and immediate impact on operations in the near term given how they will strengthen our operational capacity, product availability, and logistics capabilities," Beck said.

In a statement, Gro Alliance said it will retain field production in the Howe/Constantine, Mich., area. Seed grown there will be dried locally and moved to its Cuba City, Wis., headquarters for conditioning, packaging and distribution, the company said. Gro Alliance said it will also retain its seed nursery station in Mt. Pulaski.

"This is one of those rare, triple-win deals," Jim Schweigert, president of Gro Alliance, said in a statement. "The employees, contractors and growers at each site will transition to another strong, future-focused, family-owned company. Beck's gains outstanding facilities in prime growing regions, and Gro Alliance retains key operations and secures resources to invest in our strategic growth initiatives."








Beck said Gro Alliance is widely recognized as one of the country's top seed producers.

"The teams and facilities at Howe and Mt. Pulaski are world-class," he said in a statement. "These acquisitions are a perfect fit for our network and represent an investment in our mission to deliver the best seed products to farmers with the service they deserve."



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Earthworms key component for global food production

By Hayley Laichand
Ohio Correspondent

FORT COLLINS, Colo. – Earthworms contribute significantly to global food production, new research finds.

Researchers estimate that at least 30,000 species of earthworms exist on the planet. The invertebrate animals (yes, earthworms are a part of the animal kingdom) are crucial for soil health. Despite the global significance of earthworms to our planet’s soil, little is understood about how they and other macro- and microbiota present in soil impact agriculture.

“There’s been some recent studies suggesting that soils may contain over half of all the biodiversity on the planet,” said Steven Fonte, associate professor in the Department of Soil and Crop Sciences at Colorado State University. “There’s been very few efforts to try to quantify and really understand what the value is of that soil biodiversity. It’s highly dependent on us humans in a way, and I think we take it for granted.”

Fonte and his collaborators found that earthworms contribute to roughly 6.5 percent of global grain (maize, rice, wheat and barley) production and 2.3 percent of legume production, about 140 million metric tons annually – nearly equivalent to the yearly grain production of Russia. Earthworms likely have a lesser effect on legume production because legumes can fix their own nitrogen.

Worms contribute about 5 percent to Northern America grain production. Worm contributions to grain production were highest in the global south, with earthworms contributing 10 percent to total grain production in Sub-Saharan Africa and 8 percent in Latin America and the Caribbean. In Europe and Eastern/Southeastern Asia, 7.4 percent of cereal grain production was attributable to earthworm activity. Fonte explained that stronger effects were observed in certain areas due to differing soil conditions. In the global south, soils are more acidic and have higher clay content, factors shown to enhance the benefits of earthworms for crops. Additionally, some regions have a higher earthworm abundance than others.

Earthworms contribute to agricultural yield for many reasons. They feed on old crop residue and decaying organic matter, quickly decom-



Above: Worms are very important animals to agriculture and soil health.

posing those materials. Their feces, called casts, are rich in nitrogen and phosphorous and highly available for plants to uptake.

While earthworms have a lot of effects on nutrient availability and soil fertility, they also aerate soils, improve conditions for root growth, and enhance water filtration and capture, Fonte said.

“There are some other things (about the effects of earthworms) that we just really don’t understand well at all. There’s a really cool study I came across about earthworms releasing a hormone in their cast that can stimulate plant defenses against plant parasitic nematodes,” he added. “There’s probably lots of other ways that earthworms are triggering plant responses that have nothing to do with nutrients or water dynamics.”

Fonte believes the effects of earthworms on agriculture could be underestimated, especially because the number of earthworms on the planet is likely underestimated. In 2019, researchers released a global map of earthworm populations. The dataset included observations from more than 6,900 sites across 57 countries. Fonte contributed to the dataset, literally digging up worms at his study sites and counting how many worms were present in the soil he excavated. However, he has also informally surveyed earthworms around the world and said that in some regions, the global earthworm map reported no observations even though he had encountered earthworms there.

While it might be a nearly impossible task to quantify how many earthworms live beneath our feet in soil across the globe, it’s important to

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Earthworms

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understand how they are influencing global food production.

"I think there's a lot of potential to develop more effective soil management practices that take all of these considerations (about how earthworms influence agriculture) into account," Fonte said.

While researchers are not encouraging farmers and producers to add earthworms to their soil, there are ways to support already established populations. For example, no-till farming creates a stable environment for worms to survive and thrive. Adding organic materials, like manure or leaving crop residue, can also be beneficial.

Moving forward, Fonte and his team are interested in investigating how global management practices impact not just earthworms but other macrofauna like ants, beetles, spiders, and centipedes that have important functions in soil. A student in Fonte's lab is interested in understanding how



Above: Steven Fonte pretends to eat a huge worm at a field site in Colombia.

mycorrhizae, or associations between roots and fungi, contribute to agricultural production.

"We should really be paying a lot more attention to all soil biology and the benefits that it's providing us in our agricultural systems," Fonte said.

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Farm Foundation conference examines agriculture trade policy

By **TIM ALEXANDER**
Illinois Correspondent

OAK PARK, Ill. – Amanda Countryman, assistant professor of agricultural economics at Colorado State University and former research economist for USDA's Economic Research Service, thinks farmers should be very concerned about the potential effects of retaliatory tariffs on export trade. Speaking during Farm Foundation's March 18 "State of the Agricultural Union" (SOAU) conference, Countryman examined how current U.S. trade policy around agriculture is taking shape.

"President Trump after taking office announced his 'America First' trade policy. The focus of the current U.S. administration's trade policy is to prioritize a production economy focus with three specific goals. The goals of this trade policy focusing on production are to increase manufacturing share of GDP in the U.S., to increase real median household income and to decrease the goods trade deficit," said Countryman, who earned a doctorate in agricultural economics at Purdue University and a master's in ag economics at Texas A&M before going to work for USDA.

"Some of the policies being considered can affect these three goals. One of the first approaches the president plans to implement is to increase import tariffs. If we impose import tariffs, at the end of the day this is a market distortion that creates a price wedge between our domestic price and the world price. That has the potential to benefit import-competitive industries, but can be at the detriment of consumers and exporters, especially when we consider a situation where we face retaliation in other markets," she continued.

Retaliatory tariffs are additional taxes placed on goods that are imported into the U.S., making those products more expensive. Increased import prices lead to less imported goods, creating less competition in the domestic market that could potentially benefit producers. And while the government does collect tariff revenue, consumers lose "on the whole," according to Countryman.

"When we have freer trade we have lower price levels overall in the economy, driven by competitive advantage. When we focus on what we're relatively better at, and we partially specialize and export those products, that allows us to import products for those things that we're relatively less efficient at producing," she said. "Consumers lose when we have import tariffs when we think about the economy as a whole, because we will have higher price levels. There are also mixed worker and producer effects."

Those effects include job creation loss and job destruction. On the other hand, import tariffs can be job-boosting for import-oriented industries. Conversely, their effects on producers and export-oriented sectors can be challenging.

"If U.S. exports become less competitive or more expensive, that means that we are likely to export less because other countries are going to seek alternate suppliers who are relatively more affordable. We've learned from experience with the prior trade war that it was extremely challenging for U.S. agriculture," said Countryman, whose areas of expertise include trade reform, WTO policies and the effects of trans-boundary animal diseases on global markets.

To compensate farmers for lost revenue resulting from the Trump administration's first trade war, the federal

Market Facilitation Program in 2018 and 2019 provided \$23 billion in emergency relief. In addition, the Food Purchase and Distribution Program provided \$2.6 billion, and the Agricultural Trade Promotion Program paid around \$300 million to farmers over the two-year period. Countryman advised farmers not to count on such ad hoc relief this time around.

"We already have \$10 billion in economic assistance that is going to be distributed, as well as an additional \$20 billion in disaster relief that is targeted for U.S. agriculture, so it's uncertain if we face a retaliatory trade environment in the weeks and months to come if there will be a future trade aid package," she said. "It's uncertain what the domestic trade policy response may be if we end up in a situation where we face retaliation."

Global geopolitical events and the United States' uncertain trade rela-

tionship with China will be other top issues for farmers to monitor regarding trade policy and commodity prices, Countryman noted, along with exchange rates and strong competition from South American exporters.

"There is currently a lot of uncertainty around U.S. and global trade policy," she said.

In closing, Countryman said that the U.S. has seen an increase in the export of high-value agricultural products. In FY 2024, around 68 percent of total U.S. agricultural trade (minus bulk commodities) was considered a high-value product; that percentage is expected to increase to about 70 percent this year.

"When we think about opportunities on the U.S. side, there are certainly opportunities for continued growth in high-value agricultural commodities," she said.



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Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
3	200-235	212	430.00-435.00	433.15	Value Added
2	257	257	430.00	430.00	Value Added
2	330	330	380.00-383.00	381.50	
1	310	310	445.00	445.00	Value Added
13	375-395	387	384.00-405.00	394.63	
17	365-392	381	407.50-437.50	413.79	Value Added
5	415-445	432	355.00-377.50	365.66	
12	403-445	420	392.50-427.00	404.83	Value Added
7	480-495	486	345.00-385.00	368.58	Value Added
1	535	535	330.00	330.00	
24	500-542	526	343.00-395.00	367.13	Value Added
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STEERS - Medium and Large 2-3 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)					
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
1	355	355	360.00	360.00	
1	425	425	292.50	292.50	
2	505-540	523	270.00-301.00	284.98	
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1	640	640	262.00	262.00	
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STEERS - Large 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)					
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3	616	616	276.00	276.00	
2	815	815	259.00	259.00	

DAIRY STEERS - Large 3 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)					
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
1	595	595	186.00	186.00	
2	637	637	185.00	185.00	
1	795	795	175.00	175.00	
2	822	822	191.00	191.00	

HEIFERS - Medium and Large 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)					
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
4	220-245	239	330.00-355.00	341.02	
2	242	242	405.00	405.00	Fancy
10	250-297	277	342.00-393.00	373.33	Value Added
5	305-325	312	290.00-327.00	316.75	
5	300-325	312	352.00-370.00	358.37	Value Added
5	360-390	382	300.00-327.50	312.26	
30	350-393	374	338.00-403.00	377.42	Value Added
3	410-422	418	312.50	312.50	
12	415-442	427	333.00-377.50	353.52	Value Added
4	460-495	479	292.50-305.00	298.69	
31	450-495	478	312.50-347.50	333.48	Value Added
12	510-545	529	292.50-306.00	297.67	
33	500-548	522	307.50-337.50	322.52	Value Added
7	571-585	573	287.50-295.00	289.64	
130	550-593	579	297.50-328.25	323.41	Value Added
2	610-635	623	252.50-270.00	261.43	
16	618-640	626	280.00-316.00	303.61	Value Added
12	650-672	655	293.00-300.00	298.55	Value Added
1	715	715	245.00	245.00	
11	719	719	283.50	283.50	Replacement
3	715	715	273.00	273.00	Value Added
1	775	775	235.00	235.00	
5	791	791	275.00	275.00	Replacement
7	780	780	254.00	254.00	Value Added
1	840	840	205.00	205.00	
1	865	865	224.00	224.00	
6	899	899	252.00	252.00	Replacement
2	945	945	191.00-220.00	205.50	
1	990	990	190.00	190.00	
1	1035	1035	203.00	203.00	
1	1130	1130	200.00	200.00	

HEIFERS - Medium and Large 2-3 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)					
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
6	252-275	257	312.50-320.00	315.10	
2	332	332	257.50	257.50	
7	355-395	376	235.00-285.00	263.18	
3	400-440	423	263.00-291.00	274.24	
1	480	480	295.00	295.00	

1	640	640	240.00	240.00	
7	663-690	668	210.00-241.00	236.41	
3	700-745	730	204.00-223.00	216.93	
1	755	755	206.00	206.00	
HEIFERS - Large 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)					
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
1	615	615	259.00	259.00	
1	705	705	245.00	245.00	
HEIFERS - Small and Medium 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)					
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
1	620	620	228.00	228.00	
BULLS - Medium and Large 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)					
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
1	180	180	415.00	415.00	
1	200	200	415.00	415.00	
1	290	290	417.50	417.50	
1	295	295	435.00	435.00	Fancy
1	315	315	330.00	330.00	
6	371-390	381	331.00-380.00	369.92	
1	380	380	405.00	405.00	Fancy
1	445	445	340.00	340.00	
13	413-446	431	360.00-380.00	369.93	Value Added
5	455-495	476	310.00-339.00	324.47	
15	455-495	484	341.00-372.50	353.33	Value Added
4	505-545	515	291.00-313.00	307.18	
5	505-542	532	321.00-327.50	323.87	Value Added
13	550-576	565	290.00-312.00	301.60	
4	550-562	556	321.00-339.00	331.09	Value Added
6	602-630	614	266.00-272.50	268.63	
12	601-638	620	277.50-296.00	288.48	Value Added
3	660-695	672	251.00-271.00	264.10	
8	700-735	727	244.00-256.00	252.57	
2	780-790	785	245.00-262.00	253.45	
2	800-820	810	200.00-201.00	200.49	
BULLS - Medium and Large 2-3 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)					
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
1	340	340	285.00	285.00	
2	355-390	373	262.00-310.00	284.87	
2	432	432	303.00	303.00	
3	455-485	475	297.50-299.00	298.52	
5	540-545	544	271.00-280.00	272.79	
1	670	670	244.00	244.00	
2	737	737	236.00	236.00	
2	755-790	773	226.00-238.00	231.86	
2	860-885	873	188.00-194.00	190.96	
1	945	945	182.00	182.00	

BULLS - Large 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)					
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
2	615-620	618	250.00-252.00	251.00	
BULLS - Small and Medium 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)					
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
1	240	240	270.00	270.00	
1	505	505	250.00	250.00	
1	555	555	217.50	217.50	

BULLS - Small and Medium 2-3 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)					
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
1	255	255	247.50	247.50	

SLAUGHTER CATTLE

HEIFERS - Choice 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)					
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing
1	1420	1420	188.00	188.00	Average

HEIFERS - Prime 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)					
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing
1	1250	1250	210.00	210.00	Average

HEIFERS - Choice 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)					
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing
7	1070-1525	1261	179.00-184.00	180.62	Average

COWS - Breaker 75-80% (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)					
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing
8	1250-1755	1407	134.00-142.00	138.36	Average
18	1320-2000	1607	143.00-154.00	149.58	High

COWS - Boner 80-85% (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)					
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing
16	1105-1380	1211	133.00-141.00	136.78	Average
5	1170-1435	1303	144.00-155.00	147.73	High
6	1105-1380	1226	127.00-132.00	130.19	Low

COWS - Lean 85-90% (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)					
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing
5	790-1080	944	117.00-126.00	122.10	Average
4	1040-1180	1091	128.00-135.00	132.24	High

DAIRY COWS - Lean 85-90% (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)					
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing
2	1030-1550	1290	121.00-127.00	124.60	Average

BULLS - 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)					
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing
2	1190-1690	1440	163.00-168.00	165.93	Average
11	1255-2245	1730	173.00-202.00	186.00	High
1	1630	1630	145.00	145.00	Low

REPLACEMENT CATTLE

STOCK COWS - Medium and Large 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)						
Age	Stage	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
2-8	O	5	980-1150	1071	147.00-164.00	155.85

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

Kentucky Daily Grain Bids									
Grain Report for Thursday, March 20, 2025 - Final									
FUTURE SETTLEMENTS									
Exchange	Commodity	Closing Settlement Prices (¢/bu) as of 3/13/2025							
CBOT	Corn	469.00 (May 25)	475.50 (Jul 25)	447.50 (Sep 25)	453.00 (Dec 25)	465.75 (Mar 26)	473.25 (May 26)	477.25 (Jul 26)	
CBOT	Soybeans	1013.00 (May 25)		1025.25 (Jul 25)	1020.25 (Aug 25)		1006.50 (Sep 25)	1010.25 (Nov 25)	
		1022.50 (Jan 26)		1026.75 (Mar 26)		CBOT	Wheat	557.25 (May 25)	573.50 (Jul 25)
590.00 (Sep 25)		613.00 (Dec 25)	631.50 (Mar 26)	641.25 (May 26)	638.25 (Jul 26)	CBOT	White Oats	378.50 (May 25)	
		376.50 (Jul 25)		371.00 (Sep 25)		363.25 (Dec 25)	366.75 (Mar 26)	372.75 (May 26)	349.00 (Jul 26)
KCBT	Wheat	586.50 (May 25)	601.00 (Jul 25)	616.00 (Sep 25)	636.25 (Dec 25)	652.50 (Mar 26)	660.75 (May 26)	654.50 (Jul 26)	
MGE	Wheat	604.75 (May 25)	620.50 (Jul 25)	634.50 (Sep 25)	651.50 (Dec 25)	666.75 (Mar 26)	674.50 (May 26)	676.50 (Jul 26)	

US #2 WHITE CORN (BULK)					
Country Elevators - Conventional					
Region/Location	Basic (¢/Bu)	Basis Change	Price (\$/Bu)	Price Change	Average
Pennyrile	20.00K	UNCH	4.8900	UP 0.0700	4.8900
Pennyrile	100.00K	DN 10.00	5.6900	DN 0.0300	5.6900
Pennyrile	50.00Z	UNCH	5.0300	UP 0.0150	5.0300
Barge Loading Elevators - Conventional					
Region/Location	Basic (¢/Bu)	Basis Change	Price (\$/Bu)	Price Change	Average
Ohio River - Lower KY	85.00K to 95.00K	UNCH	5.5400-5.6400	UP 0.0700	5.5900
Ohio River - Lower KY	100.00K	UNCH	5.6900	UP 0.0700	5.6900
Ohio River - Lower KY	50.00Z	UNCH	5.0300	UP 0.0150	5.0300
Purchase	75.00K	UNCH	5.4400	UP 0.0700	5.4400
Purchase	50.00Z	UNCH	5.0300	UP 0.0150	5.0300

US #2 YELLOW CORN (BULK)					
Country Elevators - Conventional					
Region/Location	Basic (¢/Bu)	Basis Change	Price (\$/Bu)	Price Change	Average
Purchase	15.00K	UP 5.00	4.8400	UP 0.1200	4.8400
Purchase	15.00K	UP 5.00	4.8400	UP 0.1200	4.8400
Purchase	-25.00Z		4.2800		4.2800
Green River	5.00K	UNCH	4.7400	UP 0.0700	4.7400
Green River	10.00K	UNCH	4.7900	UP 0.0700	4.7900
Green River	-25.00Z	UNCH	4.2800	UP 0.0150	4.2800
Pennyrile	-15.00K to 8.00K	UNCH	4.5400-4.7700	UP 0.0700	4.6283
Pennyrile	-5.00K to 14.00K	UNCH	4.6400-4.8300	UP 0.0700	4.7133
Pennyrile	-30.00Z to -10.00Z	UNCH	4.2300-4.4300	UP 0.0150	4.3017
Louisville	-9.00K to -5.00K	UNCH	4.6000-4.6400	UP 0.0700	4.6200
Louisville	-9.00K	UNCH	4.6000	UP 0.0700	4.6000
Bluegrass	0.00K	UNCH	4.6900	UP 0.0700	4.6900
Bluegrass	5.00K	UNCH	4.7400	UP 0.0700	4.7400
Bluegrass	-40.00Z	UNCH	4.1300	UP 0.0150	4.1300

Barge Loading Elevators - Conventional					
Region/Location	Basic (¢/Bu)	Basis Change	Price (\$/Bu)	Price Change	Average
Ohio River - Upper KY	0.00K	UP 3.00-UNCH	4.6900	UP 0.1000-UP 0.0700	4.6900
Ohio River - Upper KY	4.00K to 9.00K	UP 1.00-UP 3.00	4.7300-4.7800	UP 0.0800-UP 0.1000	4.7550
Ohio River - Upper KY	44.00Z to -30.00Z	UNCH	4.0900-4.2300	UP 0.0150	4.1600
Ohio River - Lower KY	1.00K to 10.00K	DN 2.00-UNCH	4.6800-4.7900	UP 0.0500-UP 0.0700	4.7567
Ohio River - Lower KY	9.00K to 15.00K	UNCH	4.7800-4.8400	UP 0.0700	4.8217
Ohio River - Lower KY	31.00Z to -20.00Z	UNCH	4.2200-4.3300	UP 0.0150	4.2670
Purchase	-1.00K to 15.00K	DN 2.00-UNCH	4.6800-4.8400	UP 0.0500-UP 0.0700	4.7750
Purchase	9.00K to 15.00K	UNCH	4.7800-4.8400	UP 0.0700	4.8100
Purchase	-25.00Z to -15.00U	UNCH	4.2800-4.3250	UP 0.0150-UP 0.0225	4.3025

US #2 SORGHUM (BULK)					
Country Elevators - Conventional					
Region/Location	Basic (¢/Bu)	Basis Change	Price (\$/Bu)	Price Change	Average
Ohio River - Lower KY	0.00Z	UNCH	4.5300	UP 0.0150	4.5300

US #1 SOYBEANS (BULK)					
Country Elevators - Conventional					
Region/Location	Basic (¢/Bu)	Basis Change	Price (\$/Bu)	Price Change	Average
Purchase	5.00K	UP 5.00	10.1800	UP 0.0975	10.1800
Purchase	5.00K		10.1800		10.1800
Purchase	-30.00X		9.8025		9.8025
Green River	-20.00K	UNCH	9.9300	UP 0.0475	9.9300
Green River	-20.00K	UNCH	9.9300	UP 0.0475	9.9300
Green River	-50.00X	UNCH	9.6025	UP 0.0025	9.6025
Pennyrile	-45.00K to 18.00K	UNCH	9.6800-10.3100	UP 0.0475	9.8129
Pennyrile	-45.00K to 23.00K	UNCH	9.6800-10.3600	UP 0.0475	9.8267
Pennyrile	-65.00X to -30.00X	UNCH	9.4525-9.8025	UP 0.0025	9.5442
Louisville	-49.00K	UNCH	9.6400	UP 0.0475	9.6400
Louisville	-49.00K	UNCH	9.6400	UP 0.0475	9.6400
Bluegrass	-80.00K	UNCH	9.3300	UP 0.0475	9.3300
Bluegrass	-95.00X	UNCH	9.1525	UP 0.0025	9.1525

Barge Loading Elevators - Conventional					
Region/Location	Basic (¢/Bu)	Basis Change	Price (\$/Bu)	Price Change	Average
Ohio River - Upper KY	5.00K	UP 2.00-UNCH	10.1800	UP 0.0675-UP 0.0475	10.1800
Ohio River - Upper KY	8.00K to 14.00K	UP 2.00-UNCH	10.2100-10.2700	UP 0.0675-UP 0.0475	10.2400
Ohio River - Upper KY	53.00X to -33.00X	UNCH	9.5725-9.7725	UP 0.0025	9.6725
Ohio River - Lower KY	12.00K to 30.00K	UP 1.00-UNCH	10.2500-10.4300	UP 0.0575-UP 0.0475	10.3050
Ohio River - Lower KY	13.00K to 30.00K	UP 2.00-UNCH	10.2600-10.4300	UP 0.0675-UP 0.0475	10.3267
Ohio River - Lower KY	39.00X to -10.00X	UNCH	9.7125-10.0025	UP 0.0025	9.8445
Purchase	10.00K to 20.00K	UNCH	10.2300-10.3300	UP 0.0475	10.2875
Purchase	13.00K to 20.00K	UP 1.00-UNCH	10.2600-10.3300	UP 0.0575-UP 0.0475	10.2950
Purchase	-30.00X to -25.00X	UNCH	9.8025-9.8525	UP 0.0025	9.8150

US #1 MILLING SOFT RED WINTER WHEAT (BULK)					
Country Elevators - Conventional					
Region/Location	Basic (¢/Bu)	Basis Change	Price (\$/Bu)	Price Change	Average
Pennyrile	0.00K	UNCH	5.5725	DN 0.0625	5.5725
Pennyrile	5.00K	UNCH	5.6225	DN 0.0625	5.6225
Pennyrile	-5.00N	UNCH	5.6850	DN 0.0650	5.6850

US #2 SOFT RED WINTER WHEAT (BULK)					
Country Elevators - Conventional					
Region/Location	Basic (¢/Bu)	Basis Change	Price (\$/Bu)	Price Change	Average
Purchase	-25.00N		5.4850		5.4850
Green River	-90.00N	UNCH	4.8350	DN 0.0650	4.8350
Pennyrile	-85.00K to -55.00K	UNCH	4.7225-5.0225	DN 0.0625	4.8058
Pennyrile	-75.00N to -13.00N	UNCH	4.9850-5.6050	DN 0.0650	5.1593
Louisville	-30.00K	UNCH	5.2725	DN 0.0625	5.2725
Louisville	-78.00N to -35.00N	UNCH	4.9550-5.3850	DN 0.0650	5.1700
Bluegrass	-65.00N	UNCH	5.0850	DN 0.0650	5.0850

Barge Loading Elevators - Conventional					
Region/Location	Basis (¢/Bu)	Basis Change	Price(\$/Bu)	Price Change	Average
Ohio River - Upper KY	-10.00K	UNCH	5.4725	DN 0.0625	5.4725
Ohio River - Upper KY	-30.00N	UNCH	5.4350	DN 0.0650	5.4350
Ohio River - Lower KY	24.00N to -8.00N	UNCH	5.4950-5.6550	DN 0.0650	5.5810
Purchase	-64.00K	UNCH	4.9325	DN 0.0625	4.9325
Purchase	-64.00K	UNCH	4.9325	DN 0.0625	4.9325
Purchase	-20.00N to -9.00N	UNCH	5.5350-5.6450	DN 0.0650	5.5925

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

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Weekly National Sheep Summary

For Week Ending Friday, March 14, 2025

Weekly Trends: Compared to last week slaughter lambs ssteady to as much as 40.00 lower. Slaughter ewes mostly steady to 20.00 lower. Feeder lambs 9.00 higher. At San Angelo, TX 9,740 head sold in a two day sale. No sales in Equity Cooperative Auction. 2,117 lamb carcasses sold with no comparison due to confidentiality. All sheep sold per hundred weight (CWT) unless otherwise specified.					
Slaughter Lambs:	Choice and Prime 2-3				
San Angelo:	Wooled and shorn 115-165 lbs 154.00-198.00.				312.50-332.50; 80 lbs 255.00; 90 lbs 235.00.
New Holland:	Wooled and shorn 120-135 lbs 210.00-237.00; 150-195 lbs 200.00-225.00.				Arkansas: Hair 48 lbs 312.50; 50-60 lbs 280.00-335.00; 82 lbs 245.00.
Ft. Collins:	Wooled and shorn 152 lbs 175.00.				
South Dakota:	Wooled and shorn 120-150 lbs 188.00-220.00; 150-165 lbs 177.00-187.00.				Slaughter Ewes: San Angelo: Good 3-4 (very fleshy) hair 1000.00-112.00; Good 2-3 (fleshy) 128.00-154.00, hair 120.00-150.00; Utility and Good 1-3 (medium flesh) 160.00, hair 128.00-154.00; Utility 1-2 (thin) hair 108.00-148.00; Cull and Utility 1-2 (very thin) hair 98.00-116.00; Cull 1 60.00.
Kalona:	Wooled and shorn 110-120 lbs 232.50-255.00; 120-130 lbs 200.00-220.00; 140 lbs 202.50; 190 lbs 153.00.				New Holland: Good 3-4 (very fleshy) no test; Good 2-3 (fleshy) 115.00-142.00, hair 100.00-135.00; Utility 1-2 (thin) 100.00-112.00, hair 115.00-117.00.
Billings:	Wooled and shorn 120-130 lbs 189.00-208.00.				Ft. Collins: Good 3-4 (very fleshy) 85.00-112.50; Good 2-3 (fleshy) 85.00-120.00.
Missouri:	Wooled and shorn no test.				South Dakota: Good 3-4 (very fleshy) 70.00-110.00; Good 2-3 (fleshy) 80.00-115.00; Utility 1-2 (thin) 70.00-115.00, hair 65.00; Cull 1 20.00-90.00.
Arkansas:	Wooled and shorn no test.				Kalona: Good 3-4 (very fleshy) no test; Good 2-3 (fleshy) 100.00-145.00, hair 100.00-137.50; Utility and Good 1-3 (medium flesh) 100.00-115.00, hair 102.50-110.00; Utility 1-2 (thin) 90.00-120.00, hair 100.00-1015.00; Cull 1 no test.
Equity Coop:	No sales.				Billings: Good 3-4 (very fleshy) 99.00-104.00; Good 2-3 (fleshy) 97.00-112.00, hair 102.00-117.00; Utility 1-2 (thin) 100.00-113.00, hair 115.00-123.00; Cull 1 72.50.
Slaughter Lambs:	Choice and Prime 1-2:				Missouri: Good 3-4 (very fleshy) no test; Good 2-3 (fleshy) no test; Utility and Good 1-3 (medium flesh) 109.00-120.00; Utility 1-2 (thin) 100.00; Cull and Utility 1-2 (very thin) 83.00.
San Angelo:	Hair 40-60 lbs 326.00-354.00; 60-70 lbs 324.00-346.00; 70-80 lbs 282.00-338.00; 80-90 lbs 270.00-308.00, few 322.00; 90-110 lbs 242.00-293.00. Wooled and shorn 80 lbs 272.00; 98 lbs 256.00.				Arkansas: Good 2-3 (fleshy) 102.50, hair 110.00-122.50.
New Holland:	Wooled and shorn 40-50 lbs 387.00-395.00, few 415.00; 50-60 lbs 375.00-395.00, few 420.00; 60-70 lbs 360.00-375.00, few 395.00-410.00; 70-80 lbs 344.00-362.00; 80-90 lbs 325.00-342.00; 90-100 lbs 285.00-295.00, few 314.00-335.00; 100-110 lbs 270.00-290.00, few 300.00-310.00; 110-120 lbs 250.00-277.00. Hair 40-50 lbs 370.00-390.00; 50-60 lbs 370.00-385.00, few 400.00-405.00; 60-70 lbs 350.00-375.00; 70-80 lbs 320.00-347.00; 80-90 lbs 290.00-315.00; 90-100 lbs 280.00-305.00; 100-110 lbs 270.00-295.00.				Feeder Lambs: Medium and Large 1-2: Hair 30-40 lbs 344.00-350.00; 40-50 lbs 336.00-370.00; 50-60 lbs 334.00-346.00. 39 lbs 277.50; 40-50 lbs 277.50-280.00; 39 lbs 415.00; 40-50 lbs 395.00-410.00; 65 lbs 303.00; 83 lbs 290.00; 99 lbs 208.00; 100-110 lbs 210.00-232.00. Hair 48 lbs 251.00; 73 lbs 234.00.
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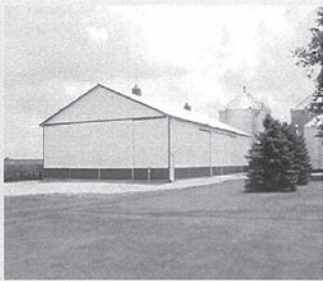
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What the bird flu outbreak means for backyard bird feeders

WASHINGTON, D.C. (AP) – Bird flu has devastated poultry and dairy farms, and sent the price of eggs soaring in the United States since it was first detected in North America in late 2021.

But what has been the toll on wild birds? More than 170 species of North American wild birds – including ducks, geese, gulls, owls and eagles – have been infected with bird flu.

Take precautions around sick or dead wild birds, experts recommend. But you can keep your bird feeder up. Despite the spread in birds and other wild animals, scientists say the threat to the general population is currently low.

More than 12,000 individual birds have tested positive since the virus began spreading, according to the USDA.

The count is a “gross underestimate” because most dead birds are never taken to a lab for testing, said Bryan Richards at the U.S. Geological Survey’s National Wildlife Health Center in in Madison, Wis.

Dabbling ducks, such as mallards and blue-winged teal, can carry the virus with few symptoms because “these viruses co-evolved in water-fowl,” Richards said. But ducks can also shed the virus in their feces or saliva, sometimes infecting other birds or mammals like foxes.

Birds without natural immunity that migrate or roost together in large flocks, such as geese, are most likely to die in large numbers. A recent bird flu outbreak among migratory eared grebes in Utah killed 15,000 to 25,000 birds near Great Salt Lake, state wildlife officials said in early February.

Seabirds, which tend to roost in large numbers, are also highly impacted.

Songbirds such as Northern cardinals, blue jays or chickadees – the kind of birds that might visit bird feeders – can also become infected and die, but their populations appear to fare better since they don’t gather closely in large groups where the virus could spread, said Michael J. Parr, president of the American Bird Conservancy.

Bird flu symptoms vary, but may include lack of coordination, inability to fly and respiratory distress.

“If people see a wild bird acting weird, the best thing they can do is call their local wildlife rehabilitator” and avoid handling it directly, said Dr. Dana Franzen-Klein, a veterinarian and medical director at the University of Minnesota’s Raptor Center.

If you must handle an infected bird, it’s best to wear gloves and a mask as a precaution.

Experts say bird feeders are generally safe and aren’t a notable source of spreading bird flu.

But if you also keep backyard chickens, Parr recommended taking the bird feeder down to prevent possible transmission to poultry. Bird-feeders and nesting boxes should also be cleaned regularly.

The risk of spread to people from bird feeders “is very, very low,” he said.

In the case of critically endangered California condors, scientists organized a vaccination program after some birds became infected. But that’s not a realistic option for most wild bird species.

Instead, experts recommend giving wild birds the best chance by taking other steps to protect habitats and reduce various risks that species face, such as exposure to pesticides or lead ammo.

Bald eagles, which are federally protected but no longer endangered, are scavengers that will eat dead animals. “That first year, we lost a lot of eagles” likely from bald eagles eating infected ducks or bringing them to their nests, Richards said.

Scientists also documented an unusually high number of eagle chicks that didn’t survive into adulthood during the first breeding season after the virus appeared in North America, likely because the chicks got the virus or sick parents weren’t able to adequately feed and care for them.

But over time, the number of confirmed infections in eagles nationwide declined from 427 in 2022 to 48 last year.

That may mean that eagles that survived the first year now have some acquired immunity, Franzen-Klein said. This past migration season, researchers counted a record number of bald eagles migrating through northern Minnesota.

“There are good signs of hope” that eagles in the region are rebounding, she said.

Tens of billions of dollars in Hurricane Helene aid promised

ATLANTA (AP) – Tens of billions in aid for victims of Hurricane Helene should start flowing later this month, USDA Secretary Brooke Rollins pledged March 12, but delays are already making it hard this year for some farmers to plant crops.

Congress set a deadline of March 21 to hand out the money when it passed a \$100 billion disaster relief package on Dec. 21. The late September storm cut a swath from Florida’s Big Bend across eastern Georgia and upstate South Carolina before causing historic flooding in western North Carolina and eastern Tennessee.

The National Centers for Environmental Information said Helene is the seventh-most expensive disaster in the United States since 1980, causing an estimated \$78 billion in damage and 219 deaths.

At a news conference in Atlanta on March 12, Rollins pledged the aid would begin to be disbursed before the deadline.

“That money will begin to move in the next few weeks,” she said.

That’s not a moment too soon for Chris Hopkins, who farms near Lyons in south Georgia. Helene wiped out half the cotton Hopkins was growing on 1,400 acres. He said that he began planting 300 acres of corn this month, and plans to start planting cotton in late April.

Hopkins said the big losses forced him to dip into emergency reserve funds to pay off \$200,000 in 2024 loans for seed, fertilizer and other materials. Some neighboring farmers hit hard by the storm still have unpaid debts from last year, he said, leaving them unable to borrow more to start planting 2025 crops.

“It’s desperately needed,” Hopkins said of federal aid. “What we’re seeing is that producers are almost in a holding or pause pattern because they can’t afford to pay their rent or their loans.”

Hopkins said farmers had hoped the money would come sooner, in January or February, so they could pay off creditors before planting season. He said some have sold equipment or even land to generate enough cash to get new crops started.

“The general consensus in the farming and ag community is that it would have been much better earlier,” Hopkins said. “Ag producers are thankful for it by all means. But taking the full 90 days to get it is tough.”

In South Carolina, Republican legislative leaders decided to wait to approve Helene damage relief money in the state’s regular budget instead of an emergency bill in part because they expected federal officials to get relief money out quickly.

Most but not all the disaster relief bill is earmarked for Helene. It includes \$21 billion to help farmers, \$8 billion to rebuild damaged roads and highways, \$12 billion in grants to help communities and individuals recover and \$2.2 billion in low-interest loans for businesses, nonprofits and homeowners.

Officials have estimated that Helene caused property and economic damage to the agriculture sector totaling \$5.5 billion in Georgia and \$4.9 billion in North Carolina.

Beyond the cotton crop, the storm toppled pecan trees and flattened chicken houses in Georgia. Farming in western North Carolina is dominated by specialty crops including Christmas trees and nursery plants, with fewer growers covered by crop insurance.

South Carolina officials estimated \$620 million in agriculture damage in 2024, not just from Helene, but also from other weather disasters.

State governments have been moving to expand their aid packages. Georgia has earmarked \$285 million for low-interest loans for farmers and removing downed timber from private land in an amended budget that Gov. Brian Kemp signed last week, part of \$862 million in Helene-related spending.

North Carolina lawmakers are negotiating the details of a supplemental Helene relief bill that may total more than \$500 million, in part to provide more funds for crop losses. It would be North Carolina’s fourth Helene aid package to be enacted. The state has requested close to \$1.9 billion from the disaster relief law approved by Congress in December. Most of that money would go to address crop and timber losses, debris removal, stream restoration and erosion.

The South Carolina House on March 12 gave final approval to a budget that includes \$220 million in Helene relief for farmers and others as a match to money from the federal government. They also set aside \$50 million to give to the state Department of Transportation to pay back what they spent repairing roads and clearing trees.



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Cattle farmer enjoys ‘bringing back history’ one piece at a time

By DOUG GRAVES
Ohio Correspondent

EWING, Ky. – Mason Corns and his family tend to a large cattle business in Fleming County, Ky. But 13 years ago, Corns’ early fascination with tractors led him to open his own business – Corns Repair, LLC, powered by Fleming-Mason Energy in Fleming County, where the company does everything from regular maintenance to full restorations.

Corns’ interest in tractors came long before that, though. As a young boy, he learned how to restore tractors on his family’s farm alongside his father and grandfather.

“Ever since I was a little boy, I loved figuring out how things worked,” he said. “This led me to working on things like small engines, which led to bigger things. I loved riding dirt bikes, and I was always working on them to keep them running. My dad told me if I wanted to ride them, I would have to fix them. The next thing I began working on was tractors. We had old equipment on our Lewis County farm and dad had me fixing that. Dad operated a sanitation service with trucks that saw rough service day after day, and I fixed those.”

Corns serviced equipment in the military. “During the Afghanistan war, I worked to service armored vehicles and helicopters where rough service and in-service goals were extreme,” he said.



Above: Mason Corns’ pride and joy is this 1974 John Deere 2630 that he and his family restored. (Mason Corns photo)

Today, he focuses on tractors, whether it’s maintaining, repairing, rebuilding, restoring, painting or providing parts for them. Ninety percent of his business involves total restoration. He services some new tractors, but mostly older models. His ultimate mission, he said, is to bring back history, one piece at a time.

“Working on old tractors is like making an investment,” he said. “There’s a risk and a reward. You take a risk by taking a piece that’s worn out and then try to make new again and make it do what it was designed to do. The reward is when you bring something back to life that was almost put to rest at one time.”

Right now, there are 23 tractors on his lot waiting for some type of resto-



Above: Mason Corns drives his restored 1974 John Deere 2630 in a local tractor parade. Corns’ business, Corns Repair, LLC, did the restoration. (Larry Gooding photo)

ration to be done. He receives tractors not just from Kentucky but across the country.

“Customers often want us to get it up and running and we’ll do that, but we go above and beyond,” he said. “When we go through a tractor it’s from one end to the other and in the end it’s just like brand new. It’s not just what you see on the outside, it’s what’s on the inside as well. If somebody wants us to restore something, we want to put quality into it, just as

if it were manufactured again.

“We try to get them restored in a timely manner, but if you’re going to do something you have to do it right. It takes time, and people have to understand that. Ours is not like a fast-food business.”

Restoring tractors is a family affair. Corns’ wife, Brittany, daughter, Mallo-ry and son, Kaleb, help out.

“Every tractor that we refurbish, ev-

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Featured Famers are announced for the 2025 Indiana State Fair

INDIANAPOLIS – The Indiana State Fair announced the 2025 Featured Farmers that will be honored at this year’s Indiana State Fair. In its 10th year, this popular program celebrates Hoosier agriculture by connecting consumers with fellow Hoosiers who grow the food they eat.

These 15 farm operations represent a variety of regions throughout the state, showcasing different agricultural products and stories throughout the 15-day State Fair, Aug. 1-17 (closed Mondays).

“Part of our mission at the Indiana State Fair is to preserve the rich agricultural heritage of Indiana and to connect our fairgoers with the farmers who work tirelessly to feed our communities. We are thrilled to honor our 2025 Featured Farmers and share their inspiring stories with the public,” said Cindy Hoyer, executive director of the Indiana State Fair Commission. “This program is a testament to the dedication and passion of Hoosier farmers, and we are grateful to partner with Corteva to bring these stories to life.”

Visitors to the Indiana State Fair can attend a live chat in the Glass Barn with a Featured Farmer every day of the fair. To learn more about the farmers, visit IndianaStateFair.com.

Here is the complete list of featured farmers, farm products, and their home counties:

• Aug. 1 – The DeKryger Family with Belstra Milling (Feed Mill, Transportation), Jasper County

- Aug. 2 – The Hart Ranch, (Goats, Goat Soap), Johnson County
- Aug. 3 – Sroufe farms, (Hogs, Corn, Soybeans, Wheat, Trucking), Miami County
- Aug. 5 – TST Farms, (Corn, Soybeans), Parke County
- Aug. 6 – Winzerwald Winery, (Grapes, Wine, Vineyard), Perry County
- Aug. 7 – Crowder Pork, (Pork), Fountain County
- Aug. 8 – Stockwell Farms, (Dairy), Steuben County
- Aug. 9 – Cripe Family Farms and Animal-Gram, (Reindeer, Mini Pigs, Goats, Chickens, Ducks, Ponies, Turkeys, Alpacas, Rabbits), Wabash County
- Aug. 10 – New Generation Dairy, (Dairy, Corn, Soybeans, Wheat, Meat Processing Plant), Gibson County
- Aug. 12 – Tippco Farm, (Tilapia), Tippecanoe County
- Aug. 13 – Schrock Farms, (Corn, Soybeans), St. Joseph County
- Aug. 14 – Jones Family Farm LLC, (Pumpkins, Fresh Cut Flowers, Strawberries, Sweet Corn, Row Crops, Vegetables), Wayne County
- Aug. 15 – Oak Hill Tree Farm & MRS Farm, (Christmas Tree, Pumpkins, Corn, Soybeans), Montgomery County
- Aug. 16 – Horstman Cattle Company, (Beef), Tippecanoe County
- Aug. 17 – Harker Family Orchard, (Sweet Corn, Garden Vegetables, Peaches, Nectarines, Apples, Cherries, Plums), Shelby County.

Hunters provide 97,000 meals

URBANA, Ill. – In the 2024-2025 hunting season, Hunters Feeding Illinois distributed 25,794 pounds of frozen, ground venison to 54 food pantries across east-central and southern Illinois. This provided an estimated 97,000 meals, reaching nearly 49,800 families.

Formerly the Illinois Deer Donation Program, Hunters Feeding Illinois expanded this year with new partners and increased coverage. Illinois SNAP-Education brought together partners, including Feeding Illinois, Southern Illinois Food Pantry Network, Access Illinois Outdoors, and University of Illinois Extension, to create a statewide network.

Food pantries in 44 east-central and southern Illinois counties were included in the potential donation area, with 54 food pantries in the following counties receiving meat this year: Champaign, Clark, Clay, Coles, Cumberland, Douglas, Effingham, Fayette, Hancock, Jackson, Jasper, Jefferson, Marion, Perry, Randolph, Schuyler, Shelby, Union, Washington, and Woodford.

“We are excited to broaden our reach this year, increasing access to lean protein for Illinois families. Local collaborations are the key to our success, and we are grateful to everyone who supports the program, including hunters, meat processors, food pantries, donors, and coalitions,” said Kaitlyn Streitmatter, senior manager of policy systems and environment for University of Illinois SNAP-Education.

Executive Director of Feeding Illinois Steve Ericson had this to say about the value of the program: “The Hunters Feeding Illinois Program and associated partnerships have increased the supply of invaluable, nutritious protein to many of our community food pantries, while also supporting Illinois’ local meat processors and offering an easy opportunity for hunters to help us feed our state’s hungry neighbors.”

To support the program for the next hunting season, visit go.illinois.edu/deerdonation and on Facebook at Hunters Feeding Illinois.

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everyone has a hand in it, not just me,” Corns said.

Since he’s in the business of restoring old tractors, one would think he’s a collector of the vintage machinery. And he certainly is.

“Unfortunately, I am a collector of these old machines and have quite a few of them,” he admitted. “I’m always on the lookout for parts to replace in these old machines. Sometimes a tractor has to go heaven to help out in the world of tractors. But if we have to, we’ll manufacture the part.”

A few of Corns’ prized restorations include a 1976 International 966 and a 1979 Ford 5600. His top prize, he said, is a 1974 John Deere 2630.

“I traded 14 rolls of hay for it,” Corns said. “I brought it home in the back of a pickup truck and on a trailer in pieces and put it together one piece at a time.”

Corns said it can be an expensive hobby or business.

“Most often it’s an expensive business or hobby to get into,” he said. “Recently I brought home a John Deere 300 industrial tractor. I purchased it from an Ohio man. The tractor came to me as a backhoe, and we converted it into an agricultural tractor. We probably put 400 hours on it inside and out. It’s like brand new. If I sold it



Above: This International 966 was restored by Mason Corns and his family. (Mason Corns photo)

now, I’d offer a three-year warranty.” Corns works on tractor restoration nearly every day. He also takes care of his hay and calf-cow business daily.


“The stress level in what I do is unreal,” he said. “I have bills, taxes, employees under me, receive about 200 calls a day, do deliveries, service calls and have feeder calves to feed. It never stops. The reward in the end is there. I love what I do and make decent money. So, for now, things are good.”



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Ohio FFA members share success of Farmer Recharge Program

By Celeste Baumgartner
Ohio Correspondent

OXFORD, Ohio – On March 18, National Agriculture Day, Brian Baldrige, director of the Ohio Department of Agriculture (ODA), visited Talawanda High School because of the Farmer Recharge Program, a fire safety program. The Talawanda/Butler Tech FFA did the project with help from a Chapter Success Grant, funded in part by ODA.

Amy Jo Baughman, executive director of the Ohio FFA Foundation, Inc., Tim Derickson with JobsOhio, and Marge and Russ Beckner with Southwest Ohio Family Farm Safety, and others were also in attendance.

The idea started with Shelby Tussey's attendance at the FFA Washington Leadership Conference.

"At the Washington Leadership Conference, they always challenge the students to come up with some way to give back to their community," Karis Roberts said. She and Chyann Kendel are co-advisers to the FFA group. "Sometimes they have collaborative efforts with youth in the area, but she chose the farmers."

Added Tussey: "My family was impacted by fires. We had a tractor fire in 2017. I wanted to promote fire



Above: Talawanda/Butler Tech members and guests celebrate National Agriculture Day.

safety within our community."

So, the first idea was a fire extinguisher, Roberts said. Then they thought if someone were getting out of a combine that was on fire they would need a fire blanket to help shield and protect them. Also, everyone is dependent on cell phones for emergencies, so having a charge bank would be helpful to use if a cell phone dies.

The first event was held in September 2024 and 13 farmers brought in 42 fire extinguishers for inspection, resulting in 22 units being recharged, serviced or repaired. Twenty were retired due to age and condition. To improve on-farm safety, 17 farmers purchased 25 new fire extinguishers. Additionally, 40 full fire safety kits were distributed.

Beyond fire extinguishers, the



Above: Farmer Ernie Schlichter dropped off a fire extinguisher to FFA Vice President Emma Lake.

program also provided 32 community members with critical emergency supplies, including fire blankets, first aid kits, cell phone bank chargers, and mini coolers.

In addition to the grant, lots of people helped with the project.

"We worked with Sean Leventen, Johnston Fire Safety LLC," Roberts said. "He helped us learn about fire extinguishers, and what can and can't be used. There was one from the 1960s when JFK was president. Some farmers think if they have never used it, it is probably fine. But fire extinguishers do lose their charge. Sean went over with the students how to fix them."

Southwest Ohio Family Farm Safety provided funds for the purchase of fire safety blankets. Seventy-two fire blankets went out to the community to help with fire preparedness.

The Stockyard Cowboy Church is always looking for ways to help the farm community, so they contributed funds, Roberts said.

The Talawanda/Butler Tech FFA organized the Ag Day event to show the results of their program and to acknowledge those who helped. They started by explaining the Farmer Recharge Programs to Baldrige and all in attendance.

Next came a tour of the FFA facility, with snacks. The FFA students, wearing their dress blues, spoke with guests and escorted them through the building. Various display tables showed FFA activities and students stood by to answer questions. Baldrige later presented the group with a Certificate of Commendation.

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Above: FFA adviser Chyann Kendel, Shelby Tussey, adviser Kari Roberts, and ODA Director Brian Baldrige, talk about the day's program.



Above: Director Brian Baldrige presents Shelby Tussey and other FFA members with a Certificate of Commendation.

Ohio FFA

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“It is great to come out and hear the FFA story at Talawanda and see the great programs that they are do-

ing,” Baldrige said. “We just heard an update on one of the grant programs that they are working on, a program for farmers from a fire safety standpoint. This is near and dear to my heart as I had a career as a fire medic in Anderson Township on the East side of Cincinnati.

Sometimes farmers get busy, especially with the upcoming planting season, and don't think about things from a safety standpoint, Baldrige said. It was great that Talawanda FFA took the opportunity to apply for a grant and really connect those dots. “Looking around here, at all the

banners, all the opportunities that FFA, 4-H, and other programs give to our young people, the future is bright in agriculture,” Baldrige said.

Roberts said the program had been very well received by the farm community. One farmer said he had already used the charge bank in the safety kit.

“We are thankful for the grants and funds that enabled us to reach out to the community,” Roberts said. “People said they want this to continue. We will definitely do it again. I am not sure how it will work – it was very costly. Maybe we'll get another grant.”

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StoneX broker Dave Kurzawski admitted in the March 24 Dairy Radio Now broadcast that the tariff talk has contributed to the weaker prices, however the main reason is weak demand. He said the trend reflects what we saw in 2024, where cheese demand was only up 0.4 percent, adding that he's not aware of us ever stringing two years back-to-back where cheese demand was flat or lower.

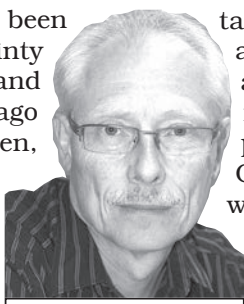
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"For whatever reason in the industry, we tend to focus on cheese exports more than butter," he said, plus butter made in the U.S. is not necessarily what the global market wants. That might change over time, he said, but "A dollar spread between U.S. and Europe butter, we can live with that, that's kinda normal, but 75 cents on cheese between the U.S. and Europe or the U.S. and Oceania, that is pretty unusual and I do think that will spark a lot of exports for cheese."

Another positive in the market is the fact that cheese producers have not been over producing the past year or so and because of that, inventory is not overwhelming. That may change with the new capacity coming online but "We're tight on the fresh market," he concluded, and with prices where they are, "There's plenty of buyers that want that cheese. I think cheese is on sale."

Cash Cheddar block fell to \$1.5750 per pound Tuesday, lowest since April 15, 2024, but was trading Thursday morning at \$1.62, after closing Friday at \$1.6925. Traders are awaiting Friday afternoon's February Milk Production report.

StoneX says, "Consumer spending was lower than expected in February at plus 0.2 percent, and revised lower in January (from minus .9 percent to minus 1.2 percent). Sales at restaurants and bars had the greatest month-over-month decline in 13 months, painting a picture of uncer-



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By Lee Mielke

tainty and fear as consumers avoid discretionary spending amidst swift declines in the financial markets. But supply data around finished Cheddar remains underwhelming and we've yet to build inventories, at least based on data we can see. So, the cheese market toggles between weak demand and weak supply narratives, which has really been the case for the last year."

Dairy Market News says, "Cheese markets have faced evident pressure in recent weeks. Concerns are emerging regarding global trading hurdles keeping more cheese within U.S. borders. A number of cheese-makers have begun to add stocks to warehouses. Domestic demand is in line with seasonal expectations, particularly as cheese has become more affordable. Mid-week spot milk prices ranged from \$2.50-under to 25 cents-over Class III."

Cash butter closed Thursday at \$2.2950 per pound, after closing Friday at \$2.3425.

Butter demand has begun to spring ahead of seasonal holiday needs for both Central retail and food service sectors, says DMN, but retail customers are more active than food service. Churning remains very active in the region and cream availability has shown no sign of near-term draw-downs. Plant managers say, if they ask for offers on 10 loads, suppliers offer them 15. Butter market tones are uncertain ahead of the spring holiday season. Stocks are plentiful and growing, while domestic demand is beginning to emerge from a seasonal lull, says DMN.

The Agriculture Department announced the April Federal order Class I base milk price at \$19.57 per hundredweight, down \$1.45 from March but 39 cents above April 2024, and the lowest Class I since May 2024.

The Agriculture Department's monthly Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry Outlook, issued March 17, mirrored milk price and production projections in the March 11 World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates report.

The Outlook stated: "As of January 2025, the U.S. dairy herd reached 9.365 million head, marking a year-over-year increase from January 2024, and the fourth consecutive month of year-over-year increase. This expansion reflects the lagged

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• **BIG BUD H N 250**, 4X4, Cummins Diesel, 23.1-30 Duals, Fuller Road Ranger, 3 Remote, Swing Drawbar • **1966 IH 806** Front Wheel Assist, Diesel, TA • **1973 IH 1066 Turbo** Front Wheel Assist, TA • **1968 IH 1256 Turbo** Front Wheel Assist, TA • **1970 IH 1456 Turbo** Front Wheel Assist, Red Power • **1970 IH 826 D**, Gold Demo, TA • **1970 IH 856 D**, TA, WF • **1970 IH 1456 Turbo**, WF, TA • **1970 IH 1456 Turbo**, WF, TA • **1976 IH 966 D**, Black Strip, Narrow Front, TA • **1976 IH 1066 Turbo**, Black Strip, TA • **1974 IH 1066 Turbo**, TA • **1974 IH 560 Gas**, NF, TA • **1974 IH 450 Gas**, NF, TA • **1955 IH 300 LP**, Fast Hitch, TA • **1954 IH Super MTA Diesel** • **1974 IH 140**, WF • **1964 IH Farmall Cub**, Fast Hitch, WF • **1951 IH Super C**, Fast Hitch, NF • **1934 IH W-4 Standard**, WF • **1973 AC 220** • **AC IO Gas**, WF • **1968 JD 4020D High Crop**, Power Shift • **1972 JD 3020 LP**, Power Shift • **1966 JD 3020D Standard**, Power Shift, WF • **1970 JD 4020D**, Console, Syncro • **1970 JD 5020D** • **1964 JD 5010D**, Wheatland, Standard Drawbar • **1965 JD 1010 Utility**, Gas, WF • **1948 JD M**, TouchOMatic Hitch

TRUCKS & VEHICLES

• **1947 IH KB 1 Delivery Van**, 2 Dr. 6 Cyl. Flat Head, 3sp • **1930 Ford Model A Sedan**, Rear Luggage Case • **1962 IH 80 Scout**, 4X4, Half Cab • **1968 IH 1100 Travelall**, 4X4, V-8 • **1957 IH S140**, 4X4, Gas • **1971 IH 1210 PU Fire Truck**, 4X4, V-8 • **1966 IH 190 Grain Truck**, Old Fire Truck, V-8, 5 Sp • **1976 IH 1600 Loadstar Grain Truck**, Tandem Axle, V-8 Gas • **2004 GMC Sierra 1500**, Ext. Cab, V-8 • **2012 Timpette Alum. Hopper Bottom Trailer**, 40'X102", 11R24.5, Alum. Wheels, Air Ride, Front & Rear Ladders & Platforms, Roll Tarp

ANTIQUE EQUIPMENT

• **1924 Mounted Corn Picker**, Mounted on IH 560 Tractor • **1971 Plow**, 3x16, Auto Reset, Cushion Coulters, Semi Mount IH 2 Bottom Fast Hitch Plow, 14"16" Adj. Cushion Frame • **1941 Bottom**, 1 Point Fast Hitch Plow Fast Hitch Carrier, 5'x2' • **JD TRIUMPH Barge Wagon**, 10' Box, Rear Gate, JD Gear JD Wagon Grain Box, JD Gear

MISC EQUIPMENT

• **KNOWLES Wheel Harrow**, 20', Front Fold, w/ Cyl. • **County Line Tiller**, 3Pt. 5', PTO • **Summers MFG Rock Picker**, 4' Pull Type • **Woods Hyd. Loader**, Mat. Bucket fits IH 06, 56, 66

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CONSTRUCTION: Toro Dingo Walk Behind Skid Steer, Has Kubota Diesel Engine w/2671 Hours. NH L-170 Skid Steer Has Cab, Heat/Air, 5000 Hrs. Unused Skid Steer Attach Grapples, Multiple Sizes. Unused Skid Steer Attach Smooth Buckets, Multiple Sizes. Unused Kivel Skid Steer Attach Bale Sear. Unused Skid Steer Attach Trencher. 2014 Bobcat S-450 Cab, Heat, 900 Hrs, Good Machine. IH 5100 Drill. JD 750 No-Till Drill.

PLANTERS/DRILLS: JD 8300 Grain Drill w/18x7 No Grass Seed. Case IH 955, 12 Row Planter. IH 5400, 15' Drill w/Cart, 15" Spacings. Nice. Yetter 6 Row Planter On Blue Jet Cart, No-Till. Kinze No-Till, 15 Row Bean Planter On 15" Spacings. JD 7000, 3PT, 4 Row Planter, No-Till, Bean Cups, Corn Meters, Liquid Fert. Openers, Squeeze Pump. (3) JD 7000 Complete Row Units, No-Till Bean Cups, Corn Meters. JD Vans Brunt Single Disc Grain Drill.

TILLAGE: Sunflower 5034, 26' Field Cultivator w/3 Bar Harrow. Wallace 1 Bottom Plow. Ford 142, 3 Bottom Plow Auto Reset. IH 46 Disc. Bush Hog Brand 6' 3PT Adjustable Gains w/Notched Disc Blades. Frontier 3PT, 6' Danish Tines Field Cultivator, Like New. Tuffline 40" Cut Disc, 3PT. J&M 12' Rolling Basket, No Wings, Baskets Are Good. (12' Without Wings). Case IH P/T Grumbler 15' Good Baskets, Light Kit. JD 400 Rotary Hoe 15' Good Spoons, Orig Paint, Nice Shape. A.C. 2300, 16' Hyd. Fold Wing Disc. IH 37, 18' Wheel Disc. A.C. 16' Wing Disc. IH 37, 10' Wheel Disc. IH 540, 3 Bottom Semi Mount Plow. IH 4500, 18' Field Cultivator w/3 Bar Harrow. White 508, 4 Bottom Plow. Melroe 911, 4 Bottom Pull Type Plow. IH 470, 20' Disc. IH 12 Row Flat Fold Cultivator, Row Crop. 25' Field Cultivator, Hyd. Fold. A.C. 10' Pull Type Field Cultivator. White 508, 4 Bottom ARS Plow. 18' Hydraulic Fold Harrowgator. JD 3100, 6 Bottom Pull Type Plow. MF 3 Bottom, 3PT Plow. Great Plains 20' Rolling Basket. Ferguson 2 Bottom, 3PT Plow. Case 20' Rock Flex Hydraulic Fold Disc. Yetter 15' Rotary Hoe, Nice. Brillion 7 Shank V Ripper. 7 Shank, 3PT Chisel Plow. Brady 12' Pull Type Field Cultivator. JD 2350-2450, 7 Bottom On-Land Plow. JD 4'. 400 Rotary Hoe. Noble 7 Shank Disc Chisel. IH 420, 2 Bottom, 3PT Plow. Ford 1 Bottom, 3PT Plow. IH 420, 2 Bottom, 3PT Plow, Very Nice And Original. MF 2 Bottom, 3PT Plow, Very Nice And Original. Hiniker 24' Flat Fold Field. Cult. Kewanee 20' Disc. 7' Pull Type Bush Hog. A.C. 1300 Field Cult. JD 400 Rotary

Hoe, Nice. KK 6' Bush Hog. IH 370, 13' Wheel Disc. IH 4800, 26' Wheel Disc. IH 5500 3PT Chisel Plow. Wil-Rich 3400, 25' HYD. Fold Field Cult. IH 183, 12 Row Danish Tine Row Cult. Melroe 911, 4X Plow. IH 508, 4X Plow. Brillion 7 Shank V-Ripper. Yetter Rotary Hoe. Glenco 12', 3PT Field Cult. White 508, 4X Plow. Bradley 12' Field Cult. 7 Shank 3PT Chisel Plow. A.C. 10' Field Cult.

3 PT EQUIPMENT: Frontier Rear Blade 7'. Unused Iron Craft 4' Aerator, 3PT. Unused Iron Craft Extreme Duty VH90 3PT, CAT 2, 90" Rotary Tiller w/Slip Clutch. Cosmo Broadcast Seeder, 3PT. Like New. Fimco Sprayer w/Booms, 3PT, Like New. Ford 8' Grader Blade. Titan 3PT Backhoe Attachment, Nice.

LAWN AND GARDEN: Unused Earthquake front tine tillers and rear tine tillers. 2005 Simplicity Conquest 54" Deck, 22HP, 868 Hrs, Rebuilt Trans. Caretree Spade w/New Hyd. Hoses.

WAGONS AND GRAIN CARTS: David Bradley Flair box wagon w/Hoist On David Bradley Running Gear, Nice Original. Electric Wheel CO. Flair box Wagon w/Hoist On JD Running Gear. Nice Original. Kory Running Gear. Water Wagon w/Tank And Pump On JD Running Gear. J&M Gravity Box On J&M Running Gear. Gehl Silage Wagon. Flatbed Wagon 8X16' On JD 10 Ton Running Gear. Parker Grain Cart Nice. G24T Tandem Axle Running Gear. Killbros Gravity Wagon on JD 1065A Running Gear. JD 965 Running Gears. Flatbed Wagon On JD Gear. Anhydrous Running Gear. Gehl Running Gear.

HAY EQUIPMENT: N.H. 310 Square Baler w/Kicker. N.H. 469 Haybine, Good Rollers. Maxilator Bale Grapple. Avco NI Dolly Wheel Hay Rake. NI 32' Double Chain Elevator w/Electric Motor. Durabuilt 3Pt Sickle Bar Mower. NH 450, 3PT Sicklebar Mower. Unused Enrossi Sickle Bar Mower. N.I. Wheel Rake. 2014-2015 Vermeer 604 Super M Round Baler w/Monitor, Moisture Tester, Auto Chain Oiler, And Manuals. Makes 4'Wx6'D Bales. N.H. 166 Hay Inverter. Gehl 99 Forage Blower. Maxalator Bale Grapple. NH 310 Square Baler.

MANURE EQUIPMENT: IH 530 Manure Spreader, PTO Drive. Nice Original. MF Ground Driven Manure Spreader, Nice. Badger Tandem Axle Manure Spreader (For Parts, Or Repair). NI PTO Spreader, Nice Original.

TRUCK AND TRAILERS: Semi Trailer Single Axle w/Spray Rig On It. Rear Tank 1700 Gal, Front Tank 700 Gal. No Title. New Tires. 1998 C-7500 Dump Truck, Single Axle, Tuned Up, New Brakes, New Front Tires, Good Rear Tires, Everything Works, Automatic, Gas, 8.1 Litter. Low Miles. Has Title. 2009, Chevrolet 1500. 4X4. Gas Truck w/Approx 270,00 Miles. Daily Driver. Ditch Witch Trailer, 5x10, New Tires And Bearings.

MISCELLANEOUS: Bush Hog 2426 Quick Attach Loader w/Ford Mounting Brackets. NI Lime Spreader, With Grass Seeder. 100 Gallon Propane Tank With Pump. HD Snowplow Off Dump Truck w/Mounting Brackets. Oxygen/Sedaline Cart. Saddle Tanks w/ Brackets. Lots Misc. Weights. JD Closing Wheels. JD Rotary Hoe Wheels. Pallet JD PPlanter Parts. A.C. 430 Corn Head. York Rake.

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response to improved profitability in 2024, as the milk-to-feed ratio rose from 1.73 in January 2024 to 2.35 in January 2025. The higher ratio suggests better margins for producers, leading to lower culling rates and herd retention. Low replacement numbers indicate that future expansion may be moderate.

"Slaughter of dairy cows has declined substantially since the fourth week of 2025 to levels below 2024 and 2023. Given the relatively limited number of replacement dairy heifers available in the herd and steadily increasing number of cows in milk production, the lower slaughter rate suggests that dairy farmers are holding cows longer in production instead of culling."

New cases of bird flu on-farm have been reported in Arizona, Nevada, California, and Idaho in the past 30 days, but the number of confirmed cases is low overall. StoneX reports, "Testing at the plant level is showing a positive test in Texas, so we should expect them to track it back to a farm and show up on the farm level list in the next couple weeks."

"Dairy margins were mixed over the first half of March as nearby milk futures continued to sell off while deferred contracts moved higher and the feed markets were largely flat," says the latest Margin Watch (MW) from Chicago-based Commodity and Ingredient Hedging LLC.

"The looming threat of a trade war due to tariff escalation is causing particular concern for the export market," the MW warned. "Exports accounted for 16.4 percent of total U.S. milk production last year, with Mexico, Canada, and China representing more than 50 percent of all dairy exports by both volume and value."

Mexico is the leading export market for U.S. dairy products, taking 52.4 percent of our NDM exports and 37.7 percent of total cheese exports last year. Mexico is also the second largest market for U.S. butter and milkfat behind Canada, and China is our largest whey customer taking 42 percent of total shipments last year and over 50 percent in January 2025.

"During the 2018-19 trade war that started under Trump's first term, dairy exports to Mexico declined 17.6 percent between 2018 and 2020. Mexico is expected to launch retaliatory tariffs against U.S. products including agriculture beginning next month if the 25 percent threatened tariffs take hold, and Canada has already begun reciprocal tariffs of 25 percent on \$30 billion worth of U.S. products with dairy prominently."

"China has also imposed 10 percent-15 percent duties beginning March 10 on more than 700 agricultural products including 10 percent tariffs on some dairy products. The U.S. will have to clear significantly more dairy products through domestic channels if exports slow down, with consumers already showing signs of fatigue. Just released retail sales figures were particularly weak for sales at food service establishments, with February sales reflecting a real decline of 2.2 percent year-over-year," the MW concluded.

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Fun at the Sublette Farm Toy and Antique Tractor Show

SUBLETTE, Ill. – There is nothing quite like the Sublette Farm Toy Show. The show was March 15-16 in the small town of Sublette. The show is the town’s way of fundraising for their summer sports. This year, the featured brands were Minneapolis Moline, and Oliver. The town was filled with farm toys on display in the five buildings. Outside, there were farm tractors and trucks lining the street. This was the town’s 43rd show.



WRENCHING TALES
By Cindy Ladage

According to the town’s website, “The show attracts over 7,000 visitors from throughout the Midwest. The show is located throughout the village in five buildings with over 300 tables of toys and over 200 full-size antique tractors. Sublette Volunteer Fire Department holds pancake and sausage breakfast the same weekend. On the third Saturday of May and the third Saturday of September, a car show is held in the village. The fall show features Kraiser-Frazer and Willys-Overland automobiles. The first Saturday of September, Hops & Harmony Event is held by Sublette 365.”

The weather took a turn for the cooler with a dusting of snow making the tractors shine and gleam in

the sunshine. While a bit colder than previous days, any visitor to the Sublette Farm Toy Show knows that the weather can be anything – rain, snow, ice, or balmy spring weather.

Besides farm toys, they also had farm displays on hand. One young builder had a trophy showing he had previously won a display contest at a major toy show. Another display termed “Hertz Performance Ag” showed several farm buildings without the roof, and a farm with spring planting in full force.

Although MM was the featured brand, many others were included in this two-day show. One of the most iconic scenes at the show was a John Deere 45 square back, old-style combine with a 353 three row model corn picker dusted with snow. Maruice Zimmerlein, of Sublette, had his 1957 John Deere tractor on display. On a sign it shared, “Restored in dedication to the Zimmerlein Family Farm.” Sentimental tugs are found everywhere at this cool show.

A rare 1921 Moline Universal, one of the lite tractors, was at the show

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Above: Cool Oliver 77 represented one of the feature tractors at the show.



Above: Semi decked out in International Harvester décor.



Above: Combine in the snow.



Above: Fun farm display.

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Landoll 7431 VT Plus Vertical Tillage with Rolling Basket, Hyd. Hookup; Blu-Jet Sub-Tiller II Ripper; John Deere 200 Rolling Basket; John Deere 400 Rotary Hoe John Deere Anhydrous NH3 Applicator; Nurse Tank Trailer; 4-Poly Tanks;

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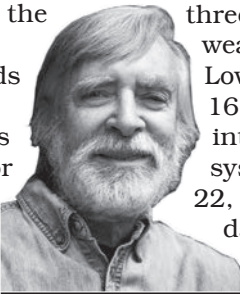
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Fish could become more active toward the end of the month

The Sun advances, and the Fogs retire:
The genial Spring unbinds the frozen Earth,
Dawns on Trees and gives the Primrose Birth. – Poor Richard's Almanack, April 1742



POOR WILL'S ALMANACK
By Bill Felker

The Moon: The Golding Goldfinch Moon is full on March 31 at 7:36 a.m. This is the second Blue Moon (that is, the second full Moon in a single month). Rising in the evening and setting in the morning, this Moon passes overhead close to midnight.

The Sun: On April 1, the Sun will have reached a declination of about four degrees, 52 minutes, almost 60 percent of the way to summer.

The Planets: Jupiter will be visible in the southwest before sunrise this month, followed by Mars and Saturn in Sagittarius along the southern horizon. Venus is the giant evening star in Aries throughout April, setting in the far west right after sundown.

The Stars: Early in the month, Orion, in its Middle Spring position, is setting in the far west after dark. Behind him high in the southwest come Gemini and Cancer. Directly overhead, the Big Dipper's pointers (the "outside" wall of the Dipper that point directly to the North Star) are positioned almost exactly north-south.

The Shooting Stars: Put the Lyrid Meteor Shower on your April calendar. That shower peaks around April 22-23.

Weather Trends: Seven major cold fronts move across the nation in an average April. Snow is possible in the region with the arrival of the first

three fronts. Average dates for the weather systems to reach the Lower Midwest: April 2, 6, 11, 16, 21, 24 and 28. Although the intensity of the high-pressure systems moderates after April 22, be alert for frost at least two days after each system pushes through your area.

New Moon on April 15, perigee on April 20 and full Moon on April 29 are expected to intensify the weather systems near those dates. In general, most precipitation usually occurs during the first two weeks of the month.

The Natural Calendar: Harbinger of spring, hepatica, bloodroot, bluebells, Dutchman's breeches, twin-leaf, toothwort and spring beauties all burst into bloom. Leaves grow on skunk cabbage. Buds form on wild raspberries. Water striders mate. May apple spears are up in the woods (forecasting morel mushrooms). The first buckeyes, apple and peach trees leaf out.

Fish, Game, Livestock and Birds: Flickers are calling. Gold finches – their breasts turning yellow – are chasing each other through the leafing honeysuckles. Cardinals now sing 45 minutes earlier than they sang four weeks ago. Barn swallows arrive as barred owls hatch and grape hyacinths bloom and wood frogs finally call. As the Moon wanes, it will move overhead before dawn. Try early morning angling to take advantage of this lunar phase. As the barometer falls in advance of the March 29th and April 2nd cold fronts, fish should be become more active.

In the Field and Garden: Along the 40th Parallel, this week marks the ar-

(Poor Will continued on page 13B)

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TRACTORS / DOZER: John Deere 4066R, MFWD loaded w/ CAH, hydro, J.D. loader w/ 6' bucket, third-function, 66-eng. hp, 1-owner, only 312-hrs, SN 240138; 1972 John Deere 4020-D "Console" w/ Synchro range, 3-pt, pto, hyds, weights, 18.4-34's, only 4881-hrs; Case 450 diesel dozer w/ 7', 6-way blade, 5-shank ripper & ROPS, SN 306389; EQUIPMENT: Bush Hog 1812-12', 540 batwing mower, 1-owner, low usage; John Deere MX6, 6', 3-pt rotary mower, 1-owner, low usage; Woods 8' grader blade w/ hyd angle; Bush Hog 8', 3-pt box scraper; Bush Hog 62", 3-pt, pto tiller; Koyker 310 Q.A. loader w/ 7' Q.A. bucket & joystick (off of 4020); Frontier 65" Q.A. grapple; Frontier 48" Q.A. loader forks; Frontier 8', 3-pt rock rake; John Deere 54, 54" front mount snow blower (xlnt); DR 8.5-hp port lawn vac; 300-gal steel fuel tank; FLATBED TRAILERS: 2016 Quality 16'+2", 2-axle b.h. alum. w/ wooden floor & ramps, 1-owner, always shedded; 2016 Hillsboro 12', single axle b.h. aluminum w/ bi-fold ramp, removable alum. sides & front rock deflector, 1-owner; BOATS: 1995 G3 16' alum. bass boat w/ 9.9-hp Yamaha, trailer & more; Gamefisher 10' x 44" alum Jon boat; TOOLS: South Bend 10" Quick Change Gear Lathe; lg asst. of hand & power tools; lg. US General port. tool cabinet; Snap-On toolbox; Carpenter & Woodworkers tools & equipment; drill press; Ridgid hand pipe threader & stand; (2) sets of scaffolding; sev. Stihl chainsaws; F.G. step & ext. ladders; bench vises; nice commercial steel storage units; very lg asst. of electrician tools & equip.; & so much more!; MISC: good usable iron; construction lumber; & more; nice asst. of PRIMITIVES
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PUBLIC AUCTION
SATURDAY, MARCH 29, 2025, 9:00 AM
LOCATED: 3430 W. STATE ROAD 67, PORTLAND, IN
OR 3½ MILES WEST OF PORTLAND AT THE CORNER OF HWY. 67 & COUNTY ROAD 200 S.

HEAVY EQUIPMENT - FARM TRACTORS
FARM EQUIPMENT
Cat 259 D3 Skidloader w/ CHA 1342 hours. Case SR 210B Skidloader w/ CHA high flow, 765 hours. Bobcat S170 w/ CHA, 469 hours. International 354 Tractor w/ Bush Hog, 2246 QT Loader. Antis MC10 mini Excavator. Ford 5000 w/ hyd. Loader. JCV 530B Load All. Great Planes turbo till 1500 Series II. International 460 Disc. International 15' Disc. Deutz 1500 7 Shank Chisel Plow. Kil Brothers 24' Rolling Basket. Hardy 650 gallon Sprayer w/ 60' booms. JD 20' Field Cultivator w/ rolling basket. Kinze 11 row no-till Planter. Bush Hog bat wing Mower. (3) 300 bu. J&M hopper wagons. (2) J&M 250 bu. hopper wagons. New Holland 644 Sileage Special Round Baler. Claas 46 Round Baler. Double Chain Elevator. 3pt Drag.

TRUCKS - TRAILERS - AUTOS
2021 Dodge 3500 Single Axel Dump w/ 6.7L. Cummins. Boss V Plow. 2019 Dodge 5500 Single Axel Dump w/ 6.7L. Cummins. 2005 Chevy 3500 Dump Truck w/ Toolboxes Duramax Diesel. 2005 Ford Single Axel Dump Truck 56,000 miles, 6.0 Diesel. 2000 Ford F450 Single Axel Dump, 7.3L. Diesel. 2002 Ford F450 4x4 Single Axel Dump, 7.3L. Diesel. 2012 Dodge 2500 Extended Cab 4x4 5.7L. Hemi. 2010 Ford F350 4x4 (rebuilt title). 2007 Ford F150 STX 4x4. 2001 Dodge 2500 5.9L. w/ Service Body. 2000 Freightliner Semi FL112 w/ C13 CAT Engine. 1996 Volvo Semi Tractor w/ Sleeper. 2005 Ford F350 4x4 w/ 6.0L. Diesel flatbed Truck w/ Gooseneck hitch. 2013 Chevy Traverse LT 4x4. 2007 Chevy Blazer 4x4. 2004 Chevy 1500 quad cab 4x4 Pickup. Wilson 42' Grain Trailer. 40' Semi Trailer. Sure Trac 24' w/ 2' Dove 14,000lb Trailer. 18' 10,000lb Trailer w/ ramps. 2001 Cox 7,000lb Trailer w/ ramps. 18' Car Hauler Trailer. 28' Corn Pro 16,000lb Trailer w/ Floating Dove. 24' V Nose Enclosed Trailer. 16' Enclosed Trailer.

MOWERS – RTVS - SUPPORT EQUIPMENT- MISC.
Kubota 2G 327 Zero turn Mower. (2) Snapper Pro 61" w/ Grass Catcher. Snapper Pro ST50 w/ Bagger. Ryan 24" Sod Cutter. Stihl RB 800 Power Washer. Club Car 48 Volt Electric Golf Cart. Premier Pro-Tech & JD 8' Angle Blades. Pallet Forks. Quick Attach Rotary Mower. Cement Mixer. Power Angle Blade. Billy goat Vac. Stihl Chainsaws. (2) Western 2&3 Ton Salt Spreaders. Kwik Way 8' Snow Box. Irrigation Equipment. Premier Hydraulic Postal Auger. Auger Bits. 1,000gall Poly Tank w/ Pump. Large Lot of Landscaping Pavers, Blocks, and Bricks. Approximately 150 Trees including Oak, Maple, Elm, and Pine. Rose Bushes. Shrubs. Misc Plants.

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Poor Will

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rival of Middle Spring, a four-week period during which almost all the field crops are planted and gardeners set out onion sets, broccoli, cabbage, collards and kale. And the Golding Goldfinch Moon wanes throughout the next two weeks, favoring the transplanting of trees, shrubs in the Lower Midwest, and the planting of peanuts in the South, sugar beets in the North.

The Moon may exert less influence on ocean tides and on human and animal behavior when it comes into its 2nd and 4th quarters. Therefore, it might make more sense to perform routine maintenance on yourself, as well as on your flock or herd around April 4 and 18.

On the other hand, tidal lunar influences have been shown to be greater at full Moon and new Moon times. You might expect more trouble with your body, your mind and livestock, therefore, on or about April 10 and 26. Be especially careful of pregnant animals at full Moon (when the Moon is overhead between midnight and dawn), the most likely time for abortions in weaker creatures.

The Almanack Horoscope: Some studies suggest that people tend to eat and sleep less as Early Spring changes into Middle Spring. That might be good for your diet, but stay away from excessive use of alcohol: the period between March and June sees the sharpest rise in alcohol-related problems.

Cincinnati physician Dr. Clarence Mills suggested in his *Climate Makes the Man* (1942) that children conceived in winter and spring tend to live longer and that they choose to attend college twice as often as those con-

ceived "in midsummer heat." He went so far as to say that one would be wiser to plan one's children according to the time of year than to worry about saving for their education.

Almanack Classics

Weird Ben

By Lois Rivard, Switzerland County, Ind.

My neighbors had a very unusual cat. Its gender was questionable. Upon examination it appeared to have the attributes of both male and female. Hoping it would turn out to be a Tom, they named him Ben. Later, if proven otherwise, she could be called Ben Hur (Her).

The owners were leaving for a few days and asked me to feed Ben, stating his food was in the bottom of the refrigerator.

The first morning when I opened the fridge, all I found were chunks of half-frozen lettuce. Ben pounced on it, gobbling it up. I was appalled, surmising these people were starving their cat. I came home and took Ben some canned cat food and hamburger. He completely ignored it, preferring to chomp on his lettuce.

The next morning the treat I had taken was untouched, and there was Ben scratching at the refrigerator, begging for his frozen lettuce.

Needless to say, Ben did not live to a ripe old age. Surprisingly, his strange diet sustained him for a year or two before he died of malnutrition, apparently by his own choice.

Poor Will needs frog, snake, sheep, goat, horse, dog, cat, hog, chicken, duck and goose stories. Send your tale to Poor Will, P.O. Box 431, Yellow Springs, OH 45387. Three dollars will be paid to the author of any story printed in this column.

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Second Ring: Golf Carts, Lawn & Garden, ATV's & Misc.

Third Ring: 1:00 pm OUTSIDE - Vehicles & Misc.

TRACTORS
JD 7310R, IVT TRANSMISSION, DUALS, 4008 HRS
JD 8870 W/ DUALS, 4WD, 6400 HRS
JD 8400, MFWD
JD 6400 W/ LDR, ROPS, MFWD, 6934 HRS
JD 5205 W/ ROPS
JD 5065E W/ ROPS, MFWD
JD 4840 W/ DUALS, PS, 7846 HRS
JD 4500 W/ LDR, MFWD (AS IS - ENGINE)
JD 4230 W/ LDR
1971 JD 4000, DSL, RESTORED
JD 3203 W/ LDR, MFWD, HST, 759 HRS
JD 2040 W/ LDR
JD 755, DSL, MFWD, 798 HRS
1946 JD A, NEW TIRES, (AS IS)
C/IH 9170 W/ DUALS, 7271 HRS
C/IH 8930 W/ DUALS & WEIGHTS, MFWD, 7616 HRS
C/IH 7120 W/ C/IH 890 LDR (AS IS-TRANSMISSION)
C/IH JX55 W/ LDR, 2WD, S/N 002719
C/IH DX40 W/ LDR, MFWD, 1085 HRS
C/IH DX25 W/ LDR & DECK, MFWD
FORD VERSATILE 9680 W/ CAB & DUALS, 4WD, 7900 HRS (OVERHAULED @ 7700 HRS)
FORD FW-60 W/ DUALS, 5928 HRS
IH 6588 W/ BACK DUALS, 2+2 SERIES, 5000 HRS
IH 1466 W/ CAB & DUALS
IH 986 W/ DUALS, OPEN STATION, 3500 HRS, 1-OWNER
KIO TI CS2510 W/ DECK, MFWD
KUBOTA M135X W/ CAB & LDR, MFWD, 2450 HRS, S/N 50838
KUBOTA M108S W/ CAB, MFWD, 3200 HRS
KUBOTA L4760 W/ LDR, HYDRO, MFWD, 300 HRS
KUBOTA L3901DT W/ LDR, MFWD
KUBOTA L3560 W/ CAB, HST, MFWD, LIMITED EDITION, 112 HRS
KUBOTA L3240, C/A/H, MFWD, 1315 HRS
KUBOTA B2620 W/ LDR & DECK, HST, MFWD, 561 HRS
KUBOTA L2600DT W/ LDR, MFWD, 1295 HRS
KUBOTA L2501 W/ LDR, MFWD, 174 HRS
KUBOTA L35 TLB, MFWD, 903 HRS
KUBOTA BX23S TLB, HST, MFWD, 112 HRS
KUBOTA BX25 TLB, MFWD, 777 HRS
KUBOTA BX2380 W/ LDR, MFWD
KUBOTA BX2370 W/ LDR, MFWD
KUBOTA BX1880 W/ LDR, MFWD, 100 HRS
KUBOTA B3200, MFWD
MAHINDRA EMAX-20 W/ LDR, MFWD, 79 HRS
MCCORMICK MC135 W/ LDR & CAB, MFWD, 1619 HRS (AS IS - ENGINE)
MF 8670, 4 REMOTES, MFWD, DUALS, 3972 HRS
MF 1660 W/ CAB & LDR, MFWD, 1295 HRS
MF 231
MF 65
NH POWERSTAR 100 W/ CAB & LDR, MFWD, 396 HRS
NH TN75S W/ LDR, SUPERSTEER, MFWD, 1700 HRS
NH 1320, MFWD, 720 HRS

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2018 CHEVROLET TAHOE, 122850 MILES (AS-IS)
2018 CHEVROLET TAHOE, 150550 MILES (AS-IS)
2007 FORD F-550, 80000 MILES (AS IS)
AMERICAN ROAD LEAF VAC
HEFTEE MOWER LIFT

CONSTRUCTION
2020 JD 331G SKIDSTEER, 1220 HRS, S/N 372929
2019 JD 320G SKIDSTEER W/ CAB, S/N 345080
2017 JD 317G SKIDSTEER, 686 HRS, S/N 308685

CAT 289C HIGH FLOW XPS SKIDSTEER, 2-SPD, 1282 HRS
2019 CAT 289D SKIDSTEER, C/A/H, 2700 HRS
2022 CAT 259D3 SKIDSTEER, 227 HRS, S/N CW918846
2021 CAT 262D3 SKIDSTEER, 393 HRS, S/N ZB203809
2010 CAT 262C SKIDSTEER, QC, 2-SPD, S/N 03115
JCB 270T SKIDSTEER, 216 HRS, S/N SL32040635V426223
2015 CASE TR340 SKIDSTEER, 2900 HRS, S/N 409776
CASE 1818 SKIDSTEER (AS IS-ENGINE)
BOBCAT T200 SKIDSTEER, 3500 HRS
BOBCAT 463 SKIDSTEER W/ CAB & HEAT, 923 HRS
TAKEUCHI TL8 SKIDSTEER W/ CAB, S/N 04306
GEHL V270 SKIDSTEER W/ CAB
BOBCAT FARM BOY SKIDSTEER
2021 CAT 306-07 EXCAVATOR W/ THUMB, 478 HRS, S/N 6G603953
2020 CAT 304E2 CR EXCAVATOR, 2403 HRS, S/N ME407146
2008 CAT 321 DLCR EXCAVATOR, 10538 HRS, S/N NAS00264
2018 JD 300G EXCAVATOR, 5840 HRS, S/N 730882
KUBOTA U35-4 EXCAVATOR W/ THUMB, O/S, 1600 HRS
CAT 930K WHEEL LOADER W/ COUPLER, 6501 HRS
2020 JD 850L CRAWLER DOZER W/ RIPPER, 10647 HRS, S/N 369540
2013 CAT D5K2 LGP DOZER, 4131 HRS, S/N KYY00534
2000 CAT 416C BACKHOE, 4X4, E-STICK, 7050 HRS, S/N 22092
CASE 580 SUPER K BACKHOE W/ CAB, 2WD, 4-IN-1 BKT
CASE 580D BACKHOE
JD 310D BACKHOE W/ CAB, EXT-A-HOE, 4X4, 3100 HRS
JD 210C LANDSCAPE TRACTOR
MANITOU MLT845 TELEHANDLER, C/A/H, 4WD, AWS, 25' REACH, 10000 LB LIFT, 3515 HRS
2021 CAT TH255C TELEHANDLER, 1201 HRS, S/N JK204743
UPRIGHT AB46RT BOOMLIFT, 4WD
JD BH11LB BACKHOE ATTACHMENT, FITS SKIDSTEER, LIKE NEW
JOHNSON PULL-TYPE PADDLE WHEEL SCRAPER
HURRICANE 3PT DITCHER, 1000 PTO
BLUE DIAMOND TRENCHER
JCB PHD, 2 AUGERS, SS MT
TRX HB750 HAMMER, SS MT
BUSHMASTER ROTARY MOWER, EXCAVATOR MT, 42"
BRADCO GROUND SHARK ROTARY MOWER, SS MT
FECON STUMP GRINDER
HALVERSON GRAPPLE BUCKET W/ HYD CHAIN SAW
BLUE DIAMOND GRAPPLE
EZ-ON GRAPPLE BUCKET, 88", SS MT
NH GRAPPLE BUCKET, EURO HOOK-UP (2) BUCKET, 84", SS MT
(4) BUCKET, 72", SS MT
STOUT 48" GRAPPLE, SS MT
BOBCAT VERSA HANDLER BUCKET (12) Q/A PALLET FORKS, 4000 LB CAPACITY, NEW
BALE FORKS
BLUE DIAMOND HARLEY RAKE
HARLEY RAKE, 6'
(3) BOLT ON CUTTING EDGE, 12'

COMBINES
2012 MF 9540 COMBINE W/ POWERFOLD EXT, 2950/2063 HRS, S/N 17215
JD 9510 COMBINE, 4613/3196 HRS, S/N 675371
JD 9500 COMBINE, 3518/2244 HRS, S/N 55634
JD 7720, TITAN II
C/IH 1660

HEADS
2012 MF 9250 DRAPER HEAD, 35'
MACDON FD75-S GRAIN HEAD, 30'
C/IH 1020 GRAIN HEAD, 20'
JD 612C CORN HEAD

2014 JD 608C CORN HEAD W/ DEVASTATORS
JD 608C CORN HEAD
JD 693 CORN HEAD
(2) JD 643 CORN HEAD
C/IH 3208 CORN HEAD, FLAGSHIP, 30'
C/IH 2208 CORN HEAD
C/IH 2206 CORN HEAD
NH 98C CORN HEAD, 12-ROW
MF 3000 CORN HEAD, 8-ROW

PLANTERS & DRILLS
JD 1790 12/23 SPLITTER PLANTER W/ FULL PRECISION, ROW FLOW - SWATH & POPULATION CONTROL, AIR FORCE DOWN FORCE SYSTEM, WAVEVISION SEED TUBES & SENSORS, 20/20 SEED SENSE W/ GEN 2 DISPLAY, TRU-COUNT AIR CLUTCHES
KINZE 3600 12/23 SPLITTER PLANTER W/ ROW SHUT OFF, MARKERS, ISO CONTROL
KINZE 3600 16/31 SPLITTER PLANTER BLACK MACHINE 12/13 SPLITTER PLANTER, S/N 0691753
JD 1590 NO-TILL DRILL, 15'
JD 1560 DRILL W/ DOLLY WHEEL & MARKERS, 15'
JD 8300 DRILL W/ GRASS SEED
C/IH 5400 DRILL, YETTER NO-TILL COULTERS, 15'
C/IH 5100 DRILL W/ SEED BOX, 15'
IH 510 DRILL

TILLAGE
C/IH TRUE TANDEM 330, 34'
GP TT3000, 30'
DUNHAM LEHR CULTIMULCHER, 12'
JD 726 MULCH FINISHER, 25'
JD 915 V-RIPPER, 7-SHANK, 3PT
(2) JD 512 RIPPER, 5-SHANK
JD 2700 RIPPER, 5-SHANK
(2) KRAUSE 4850-18 DOMINATOR RIPPER, 11-SHANK
KRAUSE 2880 DISK RIPPER, 5-SHANK
UNVERFERTH 1225 ROLLING HARROW, 28'
KONGSKILDE TILLAGE, 25'
BRILLION X108 PACKER, 20'
CULTIPACKER, 8'
GLENCOE DISK CHISEL, 9X
OLIVER CHISEL
JD 3PT CHISEL, 10X
CASE HARROGATOR, 20'
HARROW
FIELD CULTIVATOR, PULL-TYPE, 12'
JD CULTIVATOR
CULTIVATOR, 6-ROW
CULTIVATOR, 1-ROW
CULTIVATOR, 3PT
JD ROTARY HOE, 20'
JD 637 ROCK FLEX FOLDING DISK
C/IH 370 ROCK FLEX DISK, 30'
C/IH 496 DISK W/ 3-BAR SPIKE
HARROW, 25'
C/IH 496 DISK, 21'
C/IH 496 DISK
C/IH 3900 DISK, 25'
DISK, 8'
DISK, 3PT
IH 6X PLOW
2X PLOW, 3PT

GRAIN CARTS & WAGONS
(2) UNVERFERTH 8250 GRAIN CART
J&M 875-18 GRAIN CART
J&M 875 GRAIN CART
J&M 750 GRAIN CART W/ SCALES & TARP
BRENT GCB782 GRAIN CART
BRENT GCB780 GRAIN CART
BRENT 570 GRAIN CART
DEMCO 1050 GRAIN CART W/ SCALES
DEMCO 1050 GRAIN CART
DEMCO 650 GRAIN CART W/ SCALES & TARP
PARKER 4500 GRAIN CART
PARKER 710 GRAIN CART
J&M 680 GRAVITY WAGON
J&M 540 GRAVITY WAGON
(2) DMI GRAVITY WAGON W/ DOUBLE HOPPER & BRAKES
DMI BIG LITTLE GRAVITY WAGON
ARTSWAY DMI D470 GRAVITY WAGON, 400 BU
EZ-TRAIL 3400 GRAVITY WAGON, 300 BU

EZ-TRAIL GRAVITY WAGON, 200 BU
LITTLE GIANT GRAVITY WAGON

HAY EQUIPMENT
JD 450E ROUND BALER W/ MONITOR
VERMEER 505 SUPER I ROUND BALER, PULL TYPE, 540 PTO
VERMEER 605SM ROUND BALER
JD 328 SQUARE BALER, 540 PTO
NH 269 SQUARE BALER
VERMEER BPX9010 BALE PROCESSOR
NH 166 HAY MERGER
2022 NH DB313R DISKBINE, RUBBER ROLLS, SWIVEL HITCH
NH 1412 DISKBINE
NI 5409 DISK MOWER
JD 1219 MOCO
ENROSSI 8-WHEEL RAKE, UNUSED
NH 1022 RAKE
NH HT152 RAKE

ROTARY MOWERS
JD HX15 BATWING
BUSH HOG 2615 LEGEND BATWING
WOODS BW12 BATWING, 12'
JD 1408 ROTARY MOWER
JD 709 ROTARY CUTTER, 7'
WOODS ROTARY MOWER, 3PT, 5'
WOODS ROTARY MOWER, 3PT, 4'
FRONTIER FINISH MOWER, 3PT, 6'

OTHER EQUIPMENT
2012 APACHE AS1020 SPRAYER W/ AUTO STEER, SWATH CONTROL, POLY TANK, 90' BOOMS, 2385 HRS
2009 ROGATOR 1084 SPRAYER
ROGATOR RG854 SPRAYER
ROGATOR 854 SPRAYER
HARDY 500-GAL SPRAYER, 540 PTO, 50'
TERRAGATOR TG1803 W/ NEW LEADER L3020G SPREADER BOX
TERRAGATOR RG1100B W/ NEW LEADER L4258G SPREADER BOX
ROGATOR RG1100 SPRAYER W/ NEW LEADER L4258G SPREADER BOX
GVM PROWLER E370 SPREADER, S/S BED
BLUE JET AT3000 APPLICATOR W/ RAVEN MONITOR, 11-KNIFE, LIQ FERT, 1000-GAL TANK
BLUE JET 28% LIQUID APPLICATOR W/ MONITOR, 15-KNIFE
2021 J&M EC270 SEED TENDER
UNVERFERTH 3750 SEED TENDER W/ SCALES & TALC
UNVERFERTH 3750 SEED TENDER GRAIN CLEANER
BADGER BN1050 SILAGE WAGON, TANDEM AXLE
NH 195 MANURE SPREADER
MANURE SPREADER
JD CONVEYOR ELEVATOR, 40'
EZ-TRIAL 680 HEAD CART
SHOP-BUILT HEADER TRAILER, TANDEM AXEL GOOSENECK, 34'
(4) HEAD CART
WOODS ROTOTILLER, 72"
FRONTIER BOX BLADE, 72"
LANDPRIDE BOX BLADE, 60"
BOX BLADE, 3PT
BOX SCRAPER
GRADER BLADE, 3PT
BLADE, 3PT
JRTX XP 712 FRONT MT HYD SNOW BLADE
CAT SNOW BOX
SNOW BUCKET, 102"
SNOWBLOWER, 3PT, 2-STAGE
JD 400 PHD W/ 2 BITS, 3PT
DANUSER PHD
YARD RAKE, 3PT
ROOT RAKE
30-TON LOG SPLITTER
SEWAGE PUMP
REESE 5TH WHEEL SLIDER HITCH W/ RAILS
TRUCK TOOL BOX
ROLL GUARD OFF FORD TRACTOR
QUICK HITCH
500-GAL FUEL TANK W/ PUMP ON TRAILER, UNUSED
500-GAL FUEL TANK
(2) HONDA GENERATOR, 2200 WATT, NEW
PORTERCABLE AIR COMPRESSOR
ELECTRIC PRESSURE WASHER
JD PRESSURE WASHER, GAS

(50) NEW 5-GAL LUCAS HYD OIL (WILL BE SOLD IN LOTS OF 10)

VEHICLES
2018 KAWASAKI BR125JJ Z125 PRO MOTORCYCLE
2009 FORD MUSTANG GT, V8, 5-SPEED, 34000 MILES
2004 GMC ENVOY XL
2006 PETERBILT 335 SEMI
1991 IH 8100 DUMP TRUCK, S/A, CAT DSL
2008 BUTLER MFG SINGLE AXLE POLE TRAILER
2008 R&R IN LINE SNOWMOBILE TRAILER, ALUMINUM

GOLF CARTS, ATVs, AND UTVs
(15) 2022 CLUB CAR TEMPO GOLF CART, BEIGE, GAS
(20) 2015 CLUB CAR PRECEDENT GOLF CART, WHITE, GAS
(140) 2013 YAMAHA DRIVE GOLF CART, WHITE, GAS
(22) 2021 CLUB CAR TEMPO GOLF CART, 48V ELECTRIC, CASHMERE W/ BROWN SEATS
(17) 2021 CLUB CAR TEMPO GOLF CART, 48V ELECTRIC, PLATINUM W/ GRAY SEATS
(2) 2017 YAMAHA DRIVE 2 GOLF CART, ELECTRIC
YAMAHA GOLF CART W/ BED
2022 CAN-AM RYKER 600 ACE, 618 MILES
2022 CAN AM RYKER 600 ACE, 660 MILES
2021 POLARIS RANGER 1000 PREMIUM, TURN SIGNALS, REAR BUMPER W/ LIGHTS, SIDE MIRRORS, 6000 MILES
2021 POLARIS RANGER 1000 PREMIUM, HUNTERS EDITION, 880 MILES
2020 POLARIS RANGER XP PREMIUM, TURN SIGNALS, 1700 MILES
2020 KUBOTA 850 SIDEKICK, 40 MILES
2017 POLARIS RANGER 1000XP W/ CAB & HEAT
2016 POLARIS RANGER 900XP, 499 HRS
2016 JD 825I W/ CAB & HEAT
2016 KAWASAKI KRT800 TERYX, 4-SEATER, 97 HRS
2015 POLARIS RANGER 900XP
2013 POLARIS RANGER 800XP, CREW CAB
2012 POLARIS RANGER 800XP CREW CAB
(2) 2011 JD 825I GATOR
2011 POLARIS RANGER XP, 4WD, 644 HRS
2011 POLARIS RANGER 800
2010 JD TX 4X2 GATOR, 318 HRS
(2) JD 835M GATOR
JD XUV825E GATOR
(3) JD 825I GATOR
JD 590M XUV GATOR
JD TS 4X2 GATOR
JD 4X2 GATOR
(2) CUSHMAN W/ BED
HONDA PIONEER 700
KAWASAKI 3010 MULE
KAWASAKI BRUTE FORCE 750
KUBOTA SIDEKICK RTVXG850 W/ DUMP BED, 34 HRS
KUBOTA RTV 1140 W/ CAB & HEAT, POWER DUMP BED
KUBOTA RTV1140, 200 HRS
KUBOTA RTV1140
KUBOTA RTV X1100, C/A/H, 46 MILES
KUBOTA RTV1100
KUBOTA RTV900, LOADED, 41 HRS
KUBOTA RTV400 W/ MANUAL DUMP BED, OPEN STATION, 4WD, 1150 HRS
KAWASAKI TERYX 750
NH 115 RUSTLER, 4WD
POLARIS RANGER 1000
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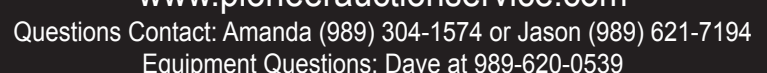
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Compulsive go-getter didn't take time for dreams of his family

Roger was a plunger, no, not in a janitorial sense but in a business one. He was a compulsive go-getter who married an exact opposite.

Dorothy was definitely NOT a plunger, but a steady-as-she-goes conservative who liked to have every waking hour planned down to the last minute. So, you can imagine her state when on their way to Lake Tahoe for their honeymoon they stopped for a fast-food burger and Roger saw a poster for a heavy equipment auction that, lo and behold, was just a few miles out of their way.

"Don't worry," Roger told Dorothy, "we're just gonna watch."

He kept saying that right up until the time he bought an old dump truck, skiploader and trailer by maxing out every credit card the two of them were carrying. Three hours prior Dorothy had been married to a bread truck driver and now they owned a construction company! Instead of spending a few days at Caesars Palace on the shores of Lake Tahoe, Dorothy was now following Roger home in a dump truck. Little did she know this would be their life together for the next 40 years.

Roger hit the ground running and built his construction company from scraping manure at feedlots and dairies to bidding and building multi-million-dollar roads and bridges. He was seldom home for supper. Their first child was Leonard, a frail, retiring type who just wanted to be left alone to read books in his bedroom. He hated it when his dad made him tag along on a construction job. It was on one such trip that Roger saw an auction flyer for a club calf sale that, amazingly, was just a few miles away.

"Don't worry son, we're just gonna watch," said Roger as they sat in the sale bleachers. An hour later they were looking for a ride home for Leonard's first show steer. Although, if his dad had bothered to ask, Leonard would have much preferred a lamb if he had to raise a show animal at all. Leonard was on the small side and that steer



It's THE PITTS
By Lee Pitts

dragged him all over the landscape and stepped on his toes every chance he got. Leonard hated that steer, but not as much as his father hated seeing him handed a red ribbon at the fair. This was unacceptable. No kid of his was a loser. So, there were many more such auctions where they were "just gonna watch."

The middle child was a girl, Tina, and she dreamed of becoming either a makeup artist or a Dallas Cowboys cheerleader, certainly not a real cowboy. But one day on a whim Roger took the family to a purebred cattle auction. "Don't worry," Roger said, "we're just gonna watch." That's how Tina got roped into being a rancher for life.

Then one day Roger took his youngest son Robbie to a farm equipment auction. Robbie loved fast cars and restoring hot rods, not Farmall tractors. "Don't worry," his father reassured him, "we're just gonna watch." A couple hours later Roger had bought enough worn-out farm equipment to keep Robbie away from cars for years.

As his many enterprises prospered, Roger put Leonard in charge while he went to auctions to buy heavy metal, cattle and more land. Tina ran the cattle and Robbie kept busy restoring the old tractors his father now collected. Wife Dorothy wanted to sell it all and see the world, at least that part of it you could get to in a 42-foot mobile home with four slide outs and a full-size tub.

Then one day Roger fell over dead at age 64 from a massive heart attack.

Pastor Coglein and the family sat at the kitchen table planning Roger's service. When the Pastor asked Leonard if he would like to say a few words at the funeral the shy young man got a frightened look on his face. What could he say about a father he loved, but deeply resented. Dorothy made eye contact with each of her offspring and saw in their faces a reflection of her own unrealized dreams.

"Don't worry kids," Dorothy spoke those famous last words, "we're just gonna watch."

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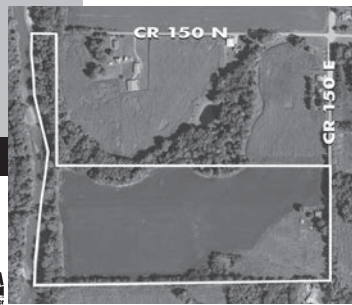
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Book examines what we eat and why we eat it

"How to Feed the World: The History and Future of Food" by Vaclav Smil
c.2025, Viking, \$30, 272 pages



THE BOOKWORM SEZ
Terri Schlichenmeyer

Your plate, at first, seemed like it was too big.

The fancy food you got was presented nicely but the portions were small, so the plate looked massive. Two bites, you wiped your mouth, and you might need a snack later. That's okay, it was an interesting experience, right? So now read the new book, "How to Feed the World" by Vaclav Smil, and help make sure there's enough for everyone.

What will dinner be like on a random evening in 2050? It's hard to say – you might not even know about dinner tonight – but the future is worth thinking about, especially in today's world. One thing you can bet on, though, is that diets in the future will change and adapt, just as they did for our ancestors.

Early hominins, says Smil, likely ate what they observed animals eating, but foraging can't grow a larger population. Also, humans couldn't survive on, say, a gorilla diet or a lion's dinner because humans have different nutritional needs

and, as a species, they didn't all live in the same general climate. These limitations meant that, to sustain a larger population, humans almost had to domesticate crops and animals to feed larger communities.


We can, in fact, thank agriculture for much of what we have to eat, and otherwise. Farming was the only way, says Smil, for "mass-scale... sourcing (of) food that could have led to larger populations capable of new technological and intellectual advances..."

To understand how to invite the world to the table most efficiently and nutritionally, we first must understand why we eat some things "and not others," and why humans can't live on just any old thing tossed in a bowl. We should acknowledge that global warming may have a few positive effects. Education on proposed methods of increasing food sources and their viability is key. We can utilize new technologies, and we can stop wasting food.

If you're like most people, what's on your plate at your next meal is, to some degree, important. You may debate what to eat, plan the meal carefully, and make it purposefully. That you can eat is something you may not even think much about, but you will after reading "How to Feed the World."

Just merely having food on the table seems amazing, in author Smil's hands – never mind having more in the pantry. To understand why that's so and why we eat what we eat, there's a lot of math to learn, along with science, history and archaeology. Though it can sometimes be overwhelming, Smil helps even the least math-and-science-minded reader to clearly see how care, mindfulness, and open-mindedness can ensure that the table holds enough for us all.

If you're concerned about your family's well-being or what the world's future holds in this contentious world, this book helps. It's one for forward thinkers, food producers, cooks, chefs and activists. If that's you or if you just plain love to eat, "How to Feed the World" will put some great ideas on your plate.




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As more dealerships are bought out; farmers don't have same relationship

Historically, farmers and ranchers avoid the legal arena like the plague. A lot of our vendors have unfortunately incorporated that attitude into their business model. This article will focus on the equipment industry, but I could also outline many examples in the feed and livestock arenas as well.

Most people that read my articles know that I watch several FarmTube channels regularly on YouTube. There are 10 channels that I follow weekly and in the past week, seven of these channels have been upset over the cost of parts and problems with service. I'm just listening to a video where Matt is changing the bearings on the feeder house of his combine. He priced the bearings from the dealer at \$176 each, from his local parts store was \$26.

Before I go on to a specific service issue in Michigan, I want everyone to know that I want... we need, for the dealer and manufacturer to be successful. As American farmers, we are proud and supportive of the brands we use and have served us well for

55 YEARS AND COUNTING FROM THE TRACTOR SEAT
BY BILL WHITMAN

decades. We want that relationship to continue but they must accept the fact that we must survive to be customers in their future as well. Again, we fully understand that dealers have debt to service and when new equipment isn't selling, the dealer looks to the service/parts department to generate the income necessary to service their debt. Unfortunately, too many of the dealerships are owned by a corporation with many dealerships and on the local level, they have forgotten the importance of local relationships. So, in short, the manufacturer needs to hear this: they must find a way to support their dealerships in a way that does not put unreasonable pressures on the farming operation. Let me give you an example.

In Charlevoix, Mich., there is a century dairy farm that uses older (well maintained) tractors and equipment of a certain color. Three years ago, their big tractor (a tractor 30-plus years old with 4,500 hours) had a

major breakdown and was sent to the dealership for repair. After spending tens of thousands of dollars, the tractor failed with the same problem within an hour of returning to service.

The dealership had been purchased by a corporation a couple of states south and the service department pretty much replaced the experienced mechanics with younger technicians who don't have experience with older equipment repair. When dealerships appreciate their customers, they stand by their service. Additionally, most dealerships in the past would have brought out a loaner tractor and the customer would have been taken care of. But when the dealership no longer values their customers, none of this happens. This farmer had no choice but to take their case to court.

I'm leaving things out of the narrative such as the estimate given was three times less than it ended up being and the amount of time taken to repair the tractor was far beyond the time initially given. During one of the endless depositions the comment was made to the dairyman, "you have so much equity in property, why don't you just sell out and live comfortably the rest of your life?" You see the disconnect? The equipment dealer doesn't get the connection

that generations have with their farms. Each generation wants to leave it better when it's passed off to the next generation and no one wants to be the generation to give up on so many generations' work before them. When our vendors do understand that connection and/or don't respect it, something needs to change for everyone in the next generation to eat.

My position seems harsh and is an indictment of a business relationship we have depended on for well over 125 years. It is also a relationship that we must have in the future. I am advocating that the future of our farms and the manufacturers we depend on require that we work together rather than the environment that currently exists. I am pleading with manufacturers to find a way to support their dealerships rather than milk the farm from what equity is left. From my perspective, it is a very shortsighted business model that dooms a percentage of the customers they have served for decades.

So, unfortunately, we must factor in yet another challenge to our businesses. What I remain convinced of is that the spirit we founded our country is alive and well, and will sustain our industry through this challenge and others that come our way.

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Above: Erica and Jeff Moorman came with their kids, Grace, age 7, and a 4-H Cloverbud, and Bennett, age 5, in pre-school. They joined farm bureau that night.

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Ag Trivia night provides fun

By Celeste Baumgartner
Ohio Correspondent

HAMILTON, Ohio – How many townships are in Butler County? How many FFA chapters? Who are the county commissioners? What is GMO? What is a female sheep called? Who made the first steel plow? What tractor is orange?

These were a few of the 40 questions asked at the Butler County Farm Bureau’s (BCFB) Agriculture Trivia night. They ranged from history to farm animals. While the attendance was smaller than the organizers had wished for, everyone had a good time and hoped that the evening would be repeated.

Jacob Schulte, on the BCFB’s board of trustees and current membership chair, ran the show. There was to be no use of cell phones or computers, and no cheating.

“We’ve invited farm bureau members and members of the community,” Schulte said. “We wanted to have a fun, exciting, family-friendly night to talk policy, the history of ag, ag definitions, and practices. Just a night for the family to talk farming and have a social event.”

They advertised the evening by sending farm bureau members a postcard



Above: Jacob Schulte ran the show at the Butler County Farm Bureau Agriculture Trivia night. There was to be no use of cell phones and no cheating.

and through social media. The 40 questions, developed by a mix of the membership board and Schulte, ranged from difficult to very easy. Schulte allowed 30 seconds each for the 40 questions. There were enough gift card prizes to go around to everyone.

Erica and Jeff Moorman came with their kids, Grace, age 7, and a 4-H Cloverbud, and Bennett, age 5, in pre-school.

“Jeff grew up on a dairy farm so we like to support agriculture in the county,” Erica said. “We would like to own a farm someday but right now we can’t afford it.”

Everyone had fun, new friends were made, and the Moormans joined farm bureau.

Try your skill with a couple more questions:

- What does GMO stand for?
- a. Generic Micro Organism
 - b. Giant Mono Occultation
 - c. Genetically Missed Occurrence
 - d. Genealogic Miniscule Occurrence
 - e. Genetically Modified Organism

What cattle species is known for producing the most milk per year?

- a. Belted Galloway
- b. Holstein
- c. Shorthorn
- d. Brahman

Which tractor brand did not fold under AGCO?

- a. Oliver
- b. Ford
- c. Minneapolis Moline
- d. Cockshutt

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