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Indiana-based Reynolds Farm Equipment sold to Mississippi firm

By Michele F. Mihaljevich
Indiana Correspondent

ATLANTA, Ind. – Customers of Reynolds Farm Equipment won't notice anything different after the Atlanta-based dealership was sold to Wade, Inc., the CEO of Reynolds said.

Both companies sell John Deere farm machinery. The transaction was completed March 5. The sale price was not disclosed.

"We weren't going to go super public with the sale because nothing is really changing," Michael Bode explained. "The name is remaining the same. Management is staying. The employees are staying. I've been with Reynolds 14 years and the CEO for five years. I was the CEO before the sale. I'm the CEO after the sale."

Chris O'Neal, general manager/COO, has been with Reynolds for more than 26 years and also remains with the company.

Reynolds has five locations in Indiana – Atlanta, Fishers, Lebanon, Mooresville and Muncie. Wade has 14 locations across Mississippi.

There's a long-standing friendly relationship between the two dealerships, he said. Wade and Reynolds share the same values in terms of how they treat customers, employees and their communities, Bode added.

He said Reynolds' vision and mission will remain the same: "Determination to be better than our competition by creating a great Reynolds experience for our customers, our fellow team members and our communities."

Bode said the company's rallying cry will be to "continue the legacy" set by Gary Reynolds and his family. The dealership will turn 70 in December. Reynolds was founded by Gary's parents, Mac and Arline, in 1955.

Wade, Inc. was founded in Greenwood, Miss., in 1909. Wade Litton, the CEO, and his brother Powell, CFO, are fourth-generation family members in the business.

"We're selling to another family-owned John Deere dealership with a family that works in the business every day," Bode said.

After the sale, he said the company wants customers "to feel the same when they walk through our doors as they always did. Our customers will have the same great Reynolds experience that they've always received."

Generally speaking, the number of dealership mergers – or discussions of mergers – in the farm machinery industry continue to rise at a fast pace, said Kim Rominger, CEO of the North American Equipment Dealers Association. There are merger discussions and explorations across the U.S. and Canada among major-line ag dealers, he added.

"There are several factors that are contributing to this," Rominger explained. "The drop in the number of farmer customers, generation change, private equity dollars coming into our industry, cost of capital for operations, and major manufacturers desiring fewer organizations to do business with. All of these are contributing to the merger trend we have been and are seeing in dealerships. Our traditional members are entering a transition period from the family owned and operated equipment dealerships to major businesses spanning multiple states and operations like a large corporation."

The increase in technology and the increased cost in both the technology and the people trained to use or repair such technology is also a contributing factor to the trend in mergers, he said.

From a dealership operation standpoint, the complexity of managing large corporations spanning multiple states and multi-layered management can be both a pro and a con, Rominger pointed out. Finding talented people for rural areas continues to be a challenge for all dealers, he said.

"Pros would be scale," Rominger said. "Larger dealers gain the scale to hire those key employees trained in the new technology. Larger dealers gain access to capital for operations. If private equity is involved in the merger, capital comes with that."

"Con is really a question. Our industry is cyclical with large positive and



Above: Farmers may not be able to get into the fields yet, but the next best thing is a farm equipment auction!. For some it is a social event, while others are looking for the holy grail to add to their collection. This photo was taken during a Farmers Ag and Grain auction in Willshire, Ohio Photo by Leondia Walchle

Bill would streamline USDA farm ownership loans for new farmers

By TIM ALEXANDER
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WASHINGTON, D.C. – Legislation recently reintroduced in the U.S. Senate could make the process of accessing farm ownership loans easier for young and beginning farmers. The bipartisan Farm Ownership Improvement Act, reintroduced on March 10 after passing through the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry last fall, helps producers compete in the farm real estate market via a pilot program for pre-approval and pre-qualification for USDA Direct Farm Ownership loans.

The bill's reintroduction was followed by an outpouring of support from the National Young Farmers Coalition, which said its approval would allow USDA loan programs to "work better" for farmers by improving their access to capital – the top barrier to farm ownership.

Amanda Koehler, land policy associate director for Young Farmers, stated, "For young and beginning farmers and ranchers seeking financing through FSA Direct Farm Ownership loans, there is strong competition for available land, particularly with other buyers who have greater access to capital and credit and can close a deal quickly. As the value of farmland continues to skyrocket, the Farm Ownership Improvement Act, if included in the next Farm Bill, will make young producers more competitive in the real estate market, improve the timeliness and customer service of FSA loan services, and help level the playing field for farmers and ranchers seeking land, particularly among this new generation."

The bill would allow USDA up to two years to develop and fully implement

the pre-qualification or pre-approval process. USDA-backed loans can currently take up to six months to process after a purchase agreement has been signed – a timeline that can be prohibitive for those trying to purchase land in a highly competitive market, according to Young Farmers.

"By implementing a pre-qualification or pre-approval process, this bill could further streamline the application process, reduce delays, and better serve the next generation of farmers. This is especially important in light of the reduction of the federal workforce, which will certainly impact customer service and timeliness of loan approvals," a Young Farmers news release stated.

The legislation was introduced by U.S. Senator Peter Welch (D-Vt.), ranking member of the Senate Agriculture Subcommittee on Rural Development, Energy, and Credit. He was joined by co-sponsors Sens. John Hoeven (R-N.D.) and Tina Smith (D-Minn.). In addition to Young Farmers, the Farm Ownership Improvement Act is endorsed by Farm Aid, National Farmers Union (NFU), National Sustainable Agriculture Coalition, National Family Farm Coalition and Rural Coalition.

"Access to affordable land is essential for the success of all farmers, and it's an especially pressing challenge for young and beginning farmers," said Rob Larew, NFU president. "NFU appreciates Sens. Welch, Hoeven, and Smith for introducing the Farm Ownership Improvement Act. By piloting a new process for the USDA Farm Service Agency's direct ownership loan program, this bill would help make the dream of owning farmland a reality for more of the next generation of family

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negative swings. A question would be will private equity firms be able to stay interested in staying during the negative swings.”

He said it’s yet to be determined if mergers and consolidations are good or bad for the farm equipment dealership industry.

“If these large operations provide increased access to their customers in special technology, increase production capacity, efficient and effective equipment and the support from the dealership that this new equipment necessitates, making the farmer more efficient in production and more profitable, it can only be good.

“If the increased cost does not produce more ease in operations for the farmer customer and additional prof-

it through the technology through increased production or lower labor costs, then likely it will be bad.”

As for how customers could be impacted, Rominger said the day is quickly coming when the local family owned dealership – once a staple of rural areas of the country – will change to large multi-state multi-store operations.

“Without that local ownership, how will customers feel about that local dealership location? Will dealership loyalty, let alone brand loyalty, suffer? Without that loyalty, will there be an increase in shopping for the equipment more than was the case with the family dealership? There is evidence that the newer generation of farmers are less loyal and shop via the internet more frequently than previous generations. This will likely increase with the change in both the generations of farmers and dealership ownership.”

that have demonstrated engagement with beginning farmers and ranchers. It also allows the secretary to assess the value of the pilot program, including whether to authorize a permanent program modeled on the pilot program.

“This bill presents a crucial opportunity to fortify USDA’s partnerships with organizations already supporting beginning farmers and ranchers. For agrarian entrepreneurs, access to land and credit remain the top priorities. By leveraging the trust and expertise of established service organizations, we can ensure the success of this pilot program,” said Antonio Tovar, senior policy associate for the National Family Farm Coalition.

To view the proposed legislation, visit www.welch.senate.gov/wp-content/uploads/2025/03/Farm-Ownership-Improvement-Act-Bill-Text-119th.pdf.

Top Hoosier ag official addresses uncertainties with area farmers

By Stan Maddux
Indiana Correspondent

LACROSSE, Ind. – A top Indiana agriculture official is trying to think positively about the concerns farmers have about issues ranging from tariffs on foreign imports to mass deportations brought on by the new White House administration.

Indiana State Department of Agriculture Director Don Lamb said one of his concerns is the trade war started recently by President Donald Trump and its potential to lower demand from other countries for U.S.-made products such as farm commodities.

He said the impact in Indiana from countries retaliating with tariffs of their own on U.S. imports could be measurable given the current struggling economy in agriculture and that 25 percent of farm commodities in the state are exported.

“We’re already looking at a negative cash flow going into a year of planting, especially corn and soybeans and then anything like a tariff that’s going to depress that market further. It’s tough for a farmer to shoulder all of that himself,” he said.

Lamb said he’s keeping his fingers crossed the benefit to farmers from the type of fair trade the president is trying to bring about from the tariffs will exceed any losses producers might have to endure during what he hopes is not a long trade war.

“I’m kind of trusting somewhere along the line there will be something that might trickle back to the farmers,” he said.

Lamb said the amount of labor in agriculture is already tightening because of the threat migrants feel about being deported from the ongoing federal crackdown on immigra-

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farmers and ranchers.”

The bill’s language requires USDA to provide Congress with an annual report on the pilot program’s performance outcomes and coordinate outreach with stakeholder organizations to spread awareness about the program. It also directs the Agriculture Secretary, currently Brooke Rollins, to implement the pre-qualification and pre-approval process for farmers and ranchers no more than two years after its approval.

In conducting outreach to farmers to inform them of the loan opportunities, the bill compels the USDA secretary to prioritize outreach to organizations



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Above: ISDA Director Don Lamb addresses existing concerns among farmers during a farm bureau gathering in the northwest part of the state.

USDA

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tion.

If existing rules allowing migrants to work legally in the U.S. are made stricter, “that could have a real negative effect,” he said.

Lamb called the labor issue a “big, big deal” and one the leaders in agriculture are going to have to take an even more vocal stance against.

“We got to have some sort of relief for this, and we need that labor force,” he said.

Lamb said a major concern for poultry producers is combating the current strain of the highly pathogenic avian influenza, which has claimed the lives of nearly 8 million chickens, ducks and turkeys in the state this year.

He said the state’s poultry industry wants a vaccine developed for the current strain of the virus, but how soon that will come about is not known.

In the meantime, Lamb said poultry producers whose contaminated flocks were destroyed are trying to hang on to their workforces until the six-to-eight-week decontamination period is completed and they’re back in business.

“The pressure these guys are under is pretty great,” he said.

Fortunately, Lamb said the worst of the bird flu spread appears to be over for now since wild birds flying over and spreading the disease are nearing the end of their annual migrating season.

Another issue he addressed is the potential impact on agriculture from the new “Make America Healthy Again” movement of Robert F. Kennedy Jr., the new U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services.

Initially, Lamb said he wasn’t excited about the appointment because of Kennedy’s desire to curb the use of oil seeds in cooking to reduce the consumption of saturated fats.

“That’s kind of hard for a soybean farmer to take but the bottom line is he’s the guy now and we might as well work with him,” he said.

Lamb said his position now is for agriculture to play a role in developing healthier products like a soybean that contains less saturated fat.

“Let’s capitalize on that. There’s no reason not to grasp onto that as far as I can see,” he said.

Lamb was the featured speaker March 20 during the annual chili supper hosted by La Porte County Farm Bureau in LaCrosse.

La Porte County Farm Bureau President Mark Parkman, who raises primarily grain and cattle, said it’s not usual for uncertainty to be felt within the industry during a change in the administration at the federal level.

“Mr. Trump has been relatively favorable to ag in the past, but you never know,” he said.

Lamb is a second-generation farmer raising corn, popcorn, seed soybeans and seed wheat in Boone County with help from his father, brother and nephews.

He was appointed as the ISDA director in March 2023 by then-Gov. Eric Holcomb, and then reappointed to the position recently by current Gov. Mike Braun.


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Weaker La Nina expected to remain through April

The U.S. Climate Prediction Center updated its La Nina outlook. According to the CPC, La Nina conditions remain present and there is a 60 percent chance these will last through April. That said, conditions are weaker than in recent years. The CPC believes there is a 65 percent chance La Nina indicators will turn neutral by the end of May. These conditions will likely linger through the remainder of the South American production season, but impacts will be less than in recent years.

NOAA was also out with its long-range U.S. weather outlooks with mostly favorable conditions expected across much of the Corn Belt. Temperatures for the Corn Belt through May are expected to be near average. Precipitation is expected to be above normal in the Eastern Corn Belt and part of the Western Corn Belt. The remainder is expected to see normal precipitation. Hopes are this will alleviate current drought conditions. The Southwestern U.S. is expected to see below normal precipitation, including the Southern Plains.

The financial institute CoBank has released its U.S. acreage estimates for the upcoming production season. CoBank is predicting U.S. corn acres of 94.55 million this coming season, a 4.35 percent increase from last year. U.S. soybean acres are estimated at 84 million, a decline of 3.55 percent. Given anecdotal reports from across the Corn Belt of regional corn seed sales increasing as much



MARKET ANALYSIS
By Karl Setzer

as 10 percent from last year, this shift is not hard to believe. Elevated nitrogen demand further signals a shift to more corn this year. New crop futures also continue to support corn production with a tighter than normal 2.2:1 ration to soybean values.

Chinese officials announced that they feel the country's pork demand has likely plateaued. A major reason for this is China's declining population, but also from a shift to other proteins in diets, mainly more beef. China imported 1.06 mmt of pork in 2024, which was 32 percent less than in 2023. China's 2025 pork imports are forecast to be relatively steady from 2024. China's top pork source is Brazil, followed closely by Spain. The United States is a distant 3rd. Hog producers in China are also becoming more efficient and have increased domestic production with fewer hogs.

The Argentine government has announced it will be lifting its 50-year-old ban on live cattle exports. Argentina has long banned beef exports to ensure adequate food supplies. Argentine cattle producers claim this ban has prevented them from taking part in global market rallies and limited their income. Argentina exported 935,000 mt of beef in 2024, a 10 percent increase from 2023. This was also the country's largest beef exports in 100 years. The lifting of this ban comes as China elevates

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its beef consumption and the U.S. is placing additional tariffs on beef exports.

Infrastructure has long been a problem in Brazil, and even with recent improvements, issues remain.

The primary hindrance in Brazil is a lack of movement options outside of trucks. Not only does this slow deliveries to export terminals, but it is more costly. This is especially the case in years such as this where diesel costs are elevated.

To remedy this situation, China grain trader COFCO has announced it will be investing more in the country's infrastructure. This includes 23

new locomotives and 979 new grain hoppers, along with improvements to Brazil's ports. By doing this it will further benefit China's import flow and reduce costs long term.

Recent economic data has started to have more of an impact on the commodity market from a demand outlook. Personal income made a sizable increase in January, increasing 0.9 percent from December. The street was expecting an increase of just 0.4 percent. Personal spending in January was also surprising, declining 0.5 percent from December versus estimates for a 0.1 percent increase. This indicates more consumers are putting money into savings. The January price index was up 2.5 percent from a year ago with Core prices increasing 2.6 percent. These were both equal to expectations and down slightly from December.

The greatest surprise for the market came from housing sales data. U.S. pending home sales in the United States dropped to their lowest level in history in the month of January. January home sales dipped 4.6 percent from December and 5.2 percent from January 2024. Home builders are also reporting their lowest demand in five months. Some economists are pinning the low sales on January weather, but rising mortgage rates and uncertain financial outlooks are greater factors.

Most of the South American harvest interest has been on the Brazil soybean crop, harvest is quickly advancing in Argentina as well. The Argentine corn harvest has advanced to 5.4 percent of the crop according to the Buenos Aires Grain Exchange. This is an increase of 3 percent in just the past week. The average corn harvest pace for this date is just 1.7 percent. Analysts are now questioning if this rapid harvest is from dry field conditions, or possibly that production is down from expectations.

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Tennessee celebrates ‘Ag Day on the Hill’ at the State Capitol

by DOUG GRAVES
Ohio Correspondent

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NASHVILLE, Tenn. – Tennessee Gov. Bill Lee and Tennessee Department of Agriculture commissioners out-shelled the competition from the House and Senate at the state’s Ag Day on the Hill celebration last month. The event is held each year at the end of March and is a reminder of the huge impact agriculture and forestry have on Tennessee’s economy, way of life, and future.

The annual Ag Day highlights Tennessee farmers and the state’s agriculture industry, in addition to featuring a lighthearted competition. Competitions in years past have included hay ball tossing and cow milking. This year’s competition featured corn shelling.

State legislators, judicial members and state executive leadership competed in this corn shelling contest. The winning team included Gov. Lee, Commissioner Charlie Hatcher and Deputy Commissioner Andy Hold, who earned a commemorative award and bragging rights.

The Farm and Forest Families of Tennessee organization presented a \$1,000 check in honor of the contest winners to the Shooting Hunger Backpack program.

“This is one issue that most everybody in this state appreciates and believes in,” Lee said, referring to the importance of Tennessee’s agriculture industry. “They know that we have to come together to collectively support it.”

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- 12' Long - 92" High - 94" Wide



54" SLANT BAR FEED FRONT

- 1.5" x 1.5" or 2" x 2" tube frame (specify)
- 1.25" x 1.25" square tubing slant bars
- 54" total height, 20" sheet metal bottom



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- Feeds up to 5' x 5' Round Bales
- Square or Round
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- 18 Feeding Spaces
- For cattle

BALE MISER 7' X 13'

- Feeds up to 2 - 5' x 5' Round bales, or up to 8' square bales
- 30 Feeding Spaces
- For Cattle
- Also Available on wheels

BALE MISER 7' X 16'

- 34 Feeding Spaces
- Ideal for Round Bales or Square Bales
- Inner Cradle with Removable Bars
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Above: Sen. Jessie Seal, a New Tazewell Republican, holds a goat during Ag Day on the Hill. (John Partipilo photo)



Above: Many displays were on hand that day, such as this one from the University of Tennessee Institute of Agriculture. (photo submitted)

Tennessee

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way of life,” Agriculture Commissioner Charlie Hatcher said. “Agriculture and forestry contribute more than \$81 billion annually to Tennessee’s economy and employ hundreds of thousands of Tennesseans, making them essential to the state’s success. “Ag Day on the Hill gives us the opportunity to celebrate the incredible work being done by farmers, forest landowners and all those who support our industry. It also underscores the importance of empowering out youth to continue this vital work in the future,” Hatcher said. While some current leaders spent time advocating the importance their industry has on the state, some of tomorrow’s ag leaders came along to take care of their feathered and four-

legged friends. M.K. Shirley a 12-year-old 4-H member from Rutherford County introduced Gov. Lee to four day old Orpington chicks. “He told me about how he raised chickens when he was a kid living in Williamson County,” Shirley said. “And he asked about chickens that I raised at my home.” Abigail Wicker, an FFA member, showcased sheep she raises in Wilson County. “Next year I’ll be a freshman in college and I hope to study ag business and organizational communication, and hope to be part of shaping policy in the future,” she said. “Maybe one day I’ll be here at the Capitol, but not sure yet.” Attendees enjoyed biscuits with pork, chicken and steak prepared by Tennessee FFA and 4-H members. The Dairy Alliance provided milk from Middle Tennessee State University.

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CHAMPION SEED

MARKETS

Blue Grass Stockyards Lexington, KY

Livestock Weighted Average Report for 3/24/2025 - Final AUCTION			
	This Week	Last Reported 3/17/2025	Last Year
Total Receipts:	1,217	983	1,425
Feeder Cattle:	1,090(89.6%)	884(89.9%)	1,250(87.7%)
Slaughter Cattle:	121(9.9%)	91(9.3%)	164(11.5%)
Replacement Cattle:	6(0.5%)	8(0.8%)	11(0.8%)

Special Note: Baby Calves: plain 385.00-400.00; 125 lb blk bull 1000.00 per head.

Compared to last Monday feeder steers and heifers sold 5.00 to 10.00 higher with some weaned thin-fleshed packages suitable for grass sharply higher. Yearling steers sold 7.00 to 10.00 higher in a limited comparison. Yearling heifers very good demand in a limited comparison. Slaughter cows sold 2.00 to 4.00 higher with good demand. Slaughter bulls sold steady with good demand. Supply included: 90% Feeder Cat- tle (44% Steers, 1% Dairy Steers, 44% Heifers, 12% Bulls); 10% Slaughter Cattle (2% Steers, 81% Cows, 16% Bulls, 1% Dairy Cows); 0% Replacement Cattle (80% Stock Cows, 10% Bred Cows, 10% Cow-Calf Pairs). Feeder cattle supply over 600 lbs was 61%.

Groups of 20 head or more:

Steers
66 hd 604 lbs 360.75 Blk-Bwf Fancy
66 hd 749 lbs 320.00 Blk/Bwf Fancy
63 hd 824 lbs 290.00 Blk Fancy
55 hd 838 lbs 281.25 Mixed Value-Added

Heifers
73 hd 638 lbs 299.50 Blk/Charx Few Red Value-Added
78 hd 721 lbs 270.00 Mixed Value-Added
65 hd 723 lbs 279.50 Blk Value-Added

FEEDER CATTLE

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
6	281-293	287	397.50-402.50	400.05
1	330	330	415.00	415.00
1	340	340	463.00	463.00 Fancy
10	353-385	364	392.50-445.00	433.31 Value Added
2	415-417	416	367.00-369.00	368.00
13	400-435	418	402.50-431.00	416.99 Value Added
8	455-495	476	361.00-387.50	378.22
22	452-495	460	388.00-443.00	403.33 Value Added
22	512-542	524	365.00-411.00	384.98 Value Added
4	557-570	561	320.00-345.00	332.41
7	587-593	591	361.00-365.00	363.87 Value Added
101	604-640	611	320.00-360.75	351.63 Value Added
5	658	658	290.00	290.00
26	655-698	667	317.00-336.50	326.43 Value Added
1	710	710	269.00	269.00
66	749	749	320.00	320.00 Fancy
11	700-738	725	283.00-320.00	296.05 Value Added
2	755-785	770	268.00-274.00	271.06
5	768	768	284.00	284.00 Value Added
13	808-839	820	254.00-264.00	257.94
63	824	824	290.00	290.00 Fancy
55	838	838	281.25	281.25 Value Added
2	910-945	928	232.50-239.00	235.81
8	1000-1010	1009	220.00-226.00	225.26

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	220	220	385.00	385.00
1	285	285	342.50	342.50
1	310	310	315.00	315.00
2	382	382	375.00	375.00
2	477	477	338.00	338.00
2	552	552	317.00	317.00
1	770	770	243.00	243.00
1	835	835	244.00	244.00
2	895	895	226.00	226.00

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	585	585	150.00	150.00
1	665	665	190.00	190.00
1	1145	1145	135.00	135.00
1	1300	1300	153.00	153.00

DAIRY STEERS - Small and Medium 3 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	345	345	170.00	170.00
2	377	377	172.50	172.50
1	425	425	185.00	185.00

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
3	265-285	277	315.00-325.00	320.35
4	250-285	269	337.50-380.00	360.64 Value Added
9	305-345	328	357.50-413.00	386.88 Value Added
6	355-368	362	350.00-365.00	359.68
11	350-380	365	380.00-405.00	393.05 Value Added
2	405-420	413	292.50-310.00	301.09
6	409	409	400.00	400.00 Fancy
26	400-445	423	330.00-405.00	384.54 Value Added
3	450-475	463	320.00-327.50	322.56
21	450-485	470	332.50-387.50	365.84 Value Added
15	505-545	521	282.50-307.00	292.33
2	515	515	317.50	317.50 Fancy
25	505-545	531	307.50-347.50	325.49 Value Added
6	560-590	574	280.00-297.50	290.38
21	550-595	577	299.00-322.50	316.19 Value Added
95	602-638	633	274.00-320.00	300.18 Value Added
9	650-691	677	265.00-281.00	272.09 Value Added
1	730	730	245.00	245.00
155	715-730	722	264.00-279.50	273.54 Value Added
3	777-795	783	236.00-247.00	243.28
2	820	820	233.00	233.00
7	857-871	864	239.00-250.00	246.88 Value Added
2	965-980	973	206.00-221.00	213.44

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
7	302-330	310	282.50-320.00	303.55
6	350-385	368	280.00-325.00	307.70

2	405-420	413	250.00-285.00	267.18
6	455-490	482	296.00-320.00	304.34
3	530-540	533	231.00-232.50	231.51
2	570	570	267.50	267.50
1	645	645	250.00	250.00
1	650	650	237.50	237.50
2	730	730	210.00	210.00
1	810	810	214.00	214.00

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	860	860	205.00	205.00

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	255	255	235.00	235.00
1	315	315	242.50	242.50
1	370	370	272.50	272.50

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	290	290	377.50	377.50
1	270	270	400.00	400.00 Fancy
2	330-340	335	385.00-395.00	390.07
1	305	305	410.00	410.00 Fancy
1	395	395	387.50	387.50
3	355-385	365	402.50-405.00	403.38 Fancy
4	422-430	425	363.00-382.00	376.25
10	405-445	425	385.00-425.00	397.92 Value Added
14	465-495	483	330.00-372.50	340.77
8	450-495	463	375.00-417.50	398.83 Value Added
2	505-510	508	310.00	310.00
10	500-540	515	331.00-382.00	354.37 Value Added
13	550-590	563	295.00-320.00	305.93
14	550-585	569	310.00-355.00	327.30 Value Added
1	605	605	265.00	265.00
5	617-640	630	313.00-321.00	316.25 Value Added
4	650-680	663	287.00-293.00	289.04 Value Added
4	705-720	710	237.00-253.00	245.03
2	830-840	835	212.00-213.00	212.50

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
2	277	277	372.50	372.50
6	300-347	323	335.00-345.00	339.28
4	400-427	420	282.50-335.00	299.44
4	465-495	480	285.00-325.00	305.84
3	515-520	518	280.00-310.00	292.54
2	565-580	573	277.50-281.00	279.23
1	610	610	225.00	225.00
1	680	680	240.00	240.00

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	480	480	315.00	315.00

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	330	330	267.50	267.50
1	355	355	275.00	275.00

SLAUGHTER CATTLE

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing
2	1185-1340	1263	156.00-173.00	165.02	Average

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing
26	1050-1595	1341	137.00-145.00	140.81	Average
4	1200-1635	1445	146.00-153.00	148.25	High
9	1310-1620	1461	131.00-136.00	134.12	Low

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing
12	1025-1530	1247	138.00-145.00	141.72	Average
9	1105-1625	1288	146.00-162.00	152.49	High
6	1005-1360	1158	127.00-136.00	132.80	Low

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing
11	645-1395	1000	117.00-125.00	122.78	Average
12	955-1195	1047	128.00-150.00	137.89	High
2	990-1145	1068	97.00-108.00	102.90	Low

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing
1	1165	1165	150.00	150.00	High

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing
5	1435-2340	1744	157.00-164.00	160.86	Average
6	1660-2160	1888	172.00-201.00	183.54	High
7	1075-2030	1455	143.00-149.00	146.04	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	7	905-1080	994	150.00-195.00	169.77

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

Age	Stage	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
2-8	O	1	1005	1005	135.00	135.00

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

Age	Stage	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
2-8	T3	1	1010	1010	1850.00	1850.00

COW-CALF PAIRS - Medium and Large 1-2 w/ 150-300 lbs calf (Per Unit / Actual Wt)

Age	Stage	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
2-8	O	1	1100	1100	3000.00	3000.00

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				Prev Week		Last Year		2025	2024	YTD
Thu., Mar. 20, 2025		Week Ago		Year Ago		WTD	WTD	WTD	YTD	YTD
% Change										
Calves	1,000		1,000	504	4,000	4,000	3,174	37,662	58,330	-35.4%
Cattle	119,000	114,000	117,204	485,000	440,000	480,236	7,159,242	7,604,270		-5.9%
Hogs	489,000	465,000	488,046	1,939,000	1,798,000	1,938,282	30,901,306	32,204,850		-4.1%
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Wild bird feces present little risk to food safety

By Hayley Lalchand
Ohio Correspondent

DAVIS, Calif. – Researchers have reported that wild bird feces confer little risk to leafy greens.

Foodborne pathogens like E. coli and Salmonella can be spread through the feces of wild animals. Producers often use strategies to deter wildlife from entering agricultural areas to prevent the spread of pathogens, like using fences and rodent traps and removing vegetation that can serve as wildlife habitat.

Still, these strategies do little to keep birds away from crops, as they can easily fly over physical barriers. The vast majority of North American bird species are also federally protected under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, which prohibits actions that could harm birds. With few options to dissuade birds, growers have been worried about the potential for the animals to contaminate food.

Austin Spence, ornithologist and postdoctoral scholar in the Department of Wildlife, Fish, and Conservation Biology at the University of California, Davis, and his colleagues weren't convinced that birds were the source of disease-causing pathogens. Spence and his collaborators set out to investigate if birds threaten human health and safety.

"Luckily, the outcome of our work is that (birds) aren't really a threat (to human health and safety)," Spence said. "Most of the birds that are on farms present very little food safety risk."

Spence and his team conducted bird consensus and fecal contamination surveys across 29 organic farms growing leafy greens on the California Central Coast. Leafy green farms were a focus of the study because they are food primarily eaten raw, presenting a higher risk to human health and safety if they are contaminated.

To study wild birds on the farm, field technicians conducted point counts, a process in which each bird seen or heard on the farm was recorded. The surveys were conducted near harvest time. Across 862-point counts, the technicians detected 9,560 birds of 90 species. Technicians also collected fecal samples on the farms, which were later analyzed to determine what species of bird the feces originated from.

The results of the farm studies revealed that of all birds detected, only 1,015 birds of 25 species were observed making direct contact with leafy greens. Of birds observed interacting with crops, 89.6 percent of them were smaller than 100 grams.

The size of birds matters when it comes to understanding the pathogen spread from feces because smaller birds have smaller poops. Through other experiments, Spence and his team discovered that smaller feces were less likely to harbor E. coli, thereby reducing the spread of the pathogen. E. coli is more likely to persist in larger poops, such as those from wild turkeys that are bigger than a quarter.

Additionally, 92 percent of collected fecal samples were on the soil as compared to 8 percent of fecal samples found on lettuce. In greenhouse and field experiments, the research team determined that E. coli populations decline over time at higher rates on soil and plastic mulch compared to lettuce.

Taken together, the results deliver a simple message to farmers: most birds that defecate on farms are small, and small poops have a lower risk of transferring pathogens to food.

Spence also said that in a separate study, birds were collected and tested for E. coli, Salmonella and Campylobacter. Less than 10 percent of birds tested had Campylobacter, and less than 1 percent

(Wild Birds continued on page 17)



Above: Wild Turkeys roaming a farm field. (courtesy of Daniel Karp)



Above: A California Quail among newly sprouted kale. (courtesy of Rose Albert)

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A history of the 1985 New Holland and International Harvester merger

During the early 1980s, New Holland and International Harvester created a secret task force to consider the merger of the two companies.

Both were struggling with an extremely difficult agriculture marketplace as sales plummeted and interest rates escalated to record levels. The 1980 grain embargo had also caused a large drop in farm crop prices.

Their proposal was submitted to Sperry Rand, the owner of New Holland. It was rejected.

Six months later, IH needed expensive tooling for their newly designed 5X88 series tractor line but was not in a position to fund the purchase. IH management met with Case to suggest that IH would sell the 5X88 project to Case (who also needed a new tractor lineup), and IH would build it for them in the IH Rock Island plant. The tractor would be painted in Case colors.

When Case owner Tenneco Corporation was told of this offer, Tenneco management instead met with IH's top management and formed an agreement for Tenneco to buy the IH farm equipment division and merge it with Case. That purchase was concluded in February 1985. (The 5X88 tractor did go into production as the 3388/3588, called the 2+2.)

New careers in agriculture

Precision/Digital Agriculture has opened a large number of career opportunities. Parkland College in Champaign, Ill., has opened a \$6 million facility sponsored by AGCO. A service technician's associate degree will be offered. The two-year program will prepare students to meet the growing demand for skilled technicians to service AGCO's Fendt and Massey Ferguson brands of equipment. Twenty-five students are enrolled for the first class.

Credit courses will be available in power generation, power trains, hydraulics, electrical engineering, precision technology, and more. The facility will include a simulator cab to familiarize students with cab controls.

This program is similar to the agricultural technology program at the same college, which is sponsored by Case New Holland (CNH).

Programs like these are operating throughout the country to prepare students for careers. More manufacturers are getting involved to accelerate education in the technical part of equipment service.

Why collect tractors?

I asked a friend why he collects tractors. He has about a dozen. Here's what he said:

"My collection mirrors what my dad had on our farm when I was a kid a long time ago. Every time I climb up on one, plop down on the seat, and grab the steering wheel, I think of my dad doing the same thing all his life."

I've heard the same thing from other collectors. Memories play a big part in collecting!

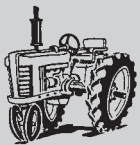
The tractor is a newcomer

The first steel plowshare was created in China in 500 B.C. Mankind has been towing tillage implements in many ways since then, including camels, oxen, horses and water buffalo.

Only in the past 127 years, since 1898, has the tractor existed. It was not till 1950 that tractors outnumbered draft horses in the U.S. In some parts of the world, animals still outnumber tractors for fieldwork.

ALL ABOUT TRACTORS

BY PAUL WALLEM



Here in the U.S., a great number of inventors developed various tractor designs during the years 1898 to the present. Over 200 different groups tried to succeed in the marketplace and only a few persevered. Those who did survive have provided great changes in crop production.

However, history books document the fact that tractors are indeed a newcomer in the world of farming and ranching.

This week's Burma Shave sign: He Saw The Train and tried to duck it. He Kicked the Gas and then the Bucket!

Paul Wallem was raised on an Illinois dairy farm. He spent 13 years with corporate IH on domestic and foreign assignments before resigning to own and operate two IH dealerships. He is the author of THE BREAKUP of IH and SUCCESSES & INDUSTRY FIRSTS of IH.

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Above: Waterloo Boy was one of the very first tractors

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Above: Technician Rose Albert collecting fecal samples in a spinach field. (courtesy of Rose Albert)

Wild Birds

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had Salmonella and E. coli. Spence said that mammals more related to humans, like cows and pigs, are more likely to spread pathogens than birds.

The results of Spence and his team’s work have financial implications for farmers.

“In California, we have a rule that we are hoping to change, in that if there was any sort of wildlife poop (present on a farm), farmers weren’t supposed to harvest a meter or three feet from that fecal sample,” Spence said. “That can be a lot, especially when these small birds are pooping small poops that aren’t a risk. We estimated that it could be up to a 12 percent loss in yield. From our work, we found that if (farmers and policymakers) followed more scientific standards and only not harvesting around these large poops or only not harvesting when (the poop) is actually on lettuce,

we could take that 12 percent loss down to 3 percent.”

The results also show that conservation and agriculture can go hand in hand, Spence added. Growers may preemptively remove wildlife habitat that surrounds their crops to reduce the spread of potential pathogens and improve food safety. However, there is no evidence that removing wildlife habitat contributes to food safety. Instead, many scientific studies suggest that habitats around farms can be beneficial, with wildlife aiding in pest control and pollination.

While large birds can pose some risk to food safety, there is little that can be done to deter them from interacting with crops.

“We would classify about 80 percent of birds on farms as low risk (to food safety). It’s really about harvesting around poop,” Spence said. “What we’ve been telling farmers is that if you see (poop) that’s about the size of a quarter, don’t harvest around it. Everything else is pretty low risk.”

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Georgia lawmakers approve \$300M in farm and timber tax breaks after Hurricane Helene

ATLANTA (AP) – Georgia lawmakers on March 21 approved tax breaks for farmers and timber owners harmed by Hurricane Helene that could be worth nearly \$300 million.

House members voted unanimously to send the bill to Gov. Brian Kemp for his approval.

“This is a part of the Hurricane Helene recovery package that specifically addresses issues for farmers and foresters,” said House Majority Whip James Burchett, a Republican from Waycross.

The tax breaks come on top of \$862 million in spending that Georgia lawmakers earlier allotted for Hurricane Helene relief after the storm caused billions of dollars in damage when it cut across the eastern half of the state in September.

The bill would exempt federal crop insurance and disaster payments to farmers because of Helene damage from Georgia state income taxes. That could be worth \$140 million.

Farmers in Georgia are already collecting hundreds of millions in crop insurance payments. Georgia officials estimate the state’s farmers are also likely to collect \$2.4 billion in federal disaster relief payments from the \$30.8 billion allocated to cover disaster losses in a December law passed by Congress.

The USDA has begun accepting applications for \$10 billion in aid to farmers nationwide due to losses suffered because of rising fertilizer prices and lower prices for crops, meeting a deadline imposed by Congress and cited recently in Atlanta by U.S. Agriculture Secretary Brooke Rollins. But the department has not yet disbursed any of the other aid despite rising frustration among farmers.

Georgia’s bill would also let private timberland owners claim a credit on their state income taxes for damaged timber if they replant trees. The credit, available in 66 disaster-area counties, would be good for up to \$550 per acre. The timberland tax break could be worth \$83 million to \$104 million through 2030, estimates show.

Another tax break would waive state and local sales taxes on building materials needed to rebuild chicken houses, barns, fences and other structures.

A fourth program would let counties waive the taxes they collect when timberland owners cut down trees for the last three months of 2024 and all of 2025. Any county that chooses to waive taxes would refund any taxes collected since Oct. 1. The state would spend an estimated \$17.4 million to replace counties’ lost tax money.

“When you go from Valdosta to Augusta, it’s pretty devastating,” said Sen. Russ Goodman, a Republican from Cogdell. “You’ve got not only these folks who have lost their inheritance, or their children’s inheritance, or their retirement and everything else. But you’ve got to look at what it means to the local community as far as losing all the revenue because the timber crop was destroyed.”

Georgia lawmakers earlier in March approved \$285 million for low-interest loans to farmers and to remove downed trees from private lands so they don’t become a fire hazard. There’s also \$25 million in grants to nonprofits that are supposed to go to help individuals.

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Vertical farming coming to Illinois State

By DOUG GRAVES
Ohio Correspondent

NORMAL, Ill. – The vibrant, attention-getting repurposed shipping container with the giant letters that read “VERTICAL FARMING” has been sitting in the heart of Illinois State University’s (ISU) campus the past few weeks. To some, its contents remain a mystery.

The agriculture students at ISU are aware of what’s inside, and on April 7, the entire student body and others will know. A ribbon-cutting ceremony is scheduled at 3 p.m. that day near the Office of Sustainability to officially welcome this freight farm.

Vertical farming efforts are already under way at schools like Ohio State University, Purdue University, University of Arizona, Oregon State and a few others. ISU is the latest to undertake this effort. ISU’s project aims to promote sustainable agriculture and serve as a training ground for students pursuing careers in horticulture and specialty crop production.

The farm that will be erected inside this freight container measures 350 square feet. It will include a vertical hydroponic growing system, which relies on nutrient-rich water and LED lighting instead of soil.

This method allows the farm to produce 4,600 plants at full capacity, including basil, cilantro and parsley, while using 95 percent less water compared to traditional farming. The system only requires 5 gallons of water daily, making it an efficient and eco-friendly way to grow crops year-round.

“The vertical farm will serve as an educational and demonstration site for students, local



Above: Illinois State University ag students await the opening of the shipping container on April 7. It contains equipment needed to install a vertical farm. (photo submitted)

schools, businesses and community groups,” said Dr. Dave Kopsell, horticulture professor at Illinois State’s Department of Agriculture. “It offers hands-on learning experiences, preparing students for careers in agriculture and sustainability.”

ISU offers a variety of programs and resources for its agriculture students, including majors in agribusiness and animal science, with hands-on learning opportunities at its 360-acre teaching and research farm in Lexington, Ill. The vertical farm gives students added opportunities.

“When the freight farm is installed, it will be capable of growing the same amount of leafy greens as 1.5 to two acres,” Kopsell said. “Plans are to sell the produce to Campus Dining. It’s amazing that you can have all that production right here.”

The farm was initially proposed in 2020 through the Innovation Consulting Community and became a collaborative effort between the College of Applied Science and Technology, the Department of Agriculture, and the Office of Sustainability.

And perfect timing for the installation of the new freight farm. Just last fall, the agriculture department at ISU received a \$150,000 grant from the USDA. With the funding, Kopsell led an interdisciplinary team to develop a new course: Sustainable Urban Agriculture, which is now a senior capstone course for 2025. It is ISU’s first urban agriculture course.

“Sustainable urban agriculture is farming that’s not the traditional rural large-scale field production,” Kopsell said. “It could

be aquaponics, a freight farm or even vertical farming. It’s growing plants for food production where you wouldn’t normally associate them being grown, growing food where the people are.”

The course is designed to provide training and experience for careers supporting or engaging in urban agriculture, which includes community gardens, rooftop farms, hydroponic facilities and vertical production where crops may be grown in warehouses or along skyscrapers. The new vertical farm will give students a first-hand look at hydroponics and more.

Kopsell said the students will get real-world experience in planning, organizing, maintaining and harvesting urban farms. In addition, they’ll also participate in service-learning projects, from supporting food pantries to teaching K-12 students about sustainability.

“There’s a lot of people making a great living out of urban farming,” Kopsell said. “And in this course, there’s service learning, civic engagement, energy recycling and sustainability, and the financial side of it. It’s a course that’s going to satisfy all these needs. And, with urban farming there are lots of marketing options. You can grow for profit or to donate. You can grow for wholesale, retail, local restaurants, schools, hospitals or nursing homes. You’re going to be able to do so much more than a traditional farm.”

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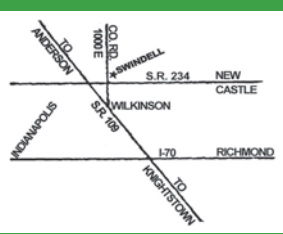
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Capacity crowd at this year's Southwestern Ohio Bee School

By DOUG GRAVES
Ohio Correspondent

LOVELAND, Oh. – If numbers are any indication, beekeeping in southwest Ohio and other parts of the tri-state is alive and well.

Attendance at the 46th annual Southwestern Ohio Beekeeping School in Loveland was at capacity, with an influx of both veteran and new beekeeping enthusiasts.

According to the USDA's National

Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS), honeybee populations in Ohio and across the U.S. have seen a significant increase, with the number of bee colonies rising to an all-time high. The U.S. added almost a million honeybee colonies in the past five years. NASS statistics suggest more than 1 million honeybee colonies have popped up around the nation since 2007.

Greg Meyer, Ohio State University agricultural educator and the school's host, was one of a dozen presenters at this year's gathering. Meyer spoke about the importance of native plants for pollinators, which has helped with the honeybee population over the past few years.

"One of the bigger issues facing beekeepers is the lack of diversity in crops for the bees throughout the growing season," Meyer said. "Pollinators are vital. Having native plants around is helpful. Bees need to eat throughout the season. For example, soybeans can be valuable, but they only flower for a week or two, then they're gone. So, the big challenge, especially for backyard beekeepers, is can they provide enough food throughout the growing season to keep those hives healthy and strong. They need a big number of food buildup and strong number of bees to survive Ohio's winters. Unfortunately, for many 'keepers in Ohio it's building the strength within the hive."

In past bee schools, much of the talk surrounded that of the varroa and tracheal mites, as well as small hive beetles. Colony Collapse Disorder, or



Above: Cold winter months still prove detrimental to bee colonies across the nation. Another factor in lower colonies in some states is the varroa mite, as seen on this honeybee. (photo submitted)



Above: There was no shortage of supplies for beekeepers at the Southwestern Ohio Beekeepers School. Shown is a 50-gallon honeycomb extractor. (Doug Graves photo)

CCD, was also a devastating topic. Even pesticide usage was discussed. Also making headlines was the Africanized honeybee, which threatened to spread from the southwest and deep south into hives here in the Midwest.

"Africanized honeybees are still out there, but they're not a major issue these days," Meyer said. "Other challenges are still out there. There's varroa mites, tracheal mites, small hive beetles and pesticides to deal with."

Alex Zomchek, certified master beekeeper instructor from Butler County, echoed Meyer's statement about pests like the mites, adding that "while they remain a big threat there are simple

fixes."

"Colony mortality rates in Ohio are up to 50 percent in many cases and these pests are the biggest reason why they occur," said Zomchek, who manages bee labs in Ohio, Wisconsin, Florida and North Carolina. "These mites are like mosquitoes, they can't be eradicated totally. We'll win the battle if we use the tools and techniques that we've already developed. We can take that 50 percent mortality rate and reduce it easily down to the 10 percent zone using what we've already learned."

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National farm groups ask EPA to set RFS volumes for 2026

By DOUG SCHMITZ
Iowa Correspondent

WASHINGTON, D.C. – A coalition of six national farm and commodity groups recently sent a letter to EPA Administrator Lee Zeldin, urging the agency to establish “robust, timely Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) volumes for 2026 and beyond.”

In the March 17 letter, Clean Fuels Alliance America, the American Farm Bureau Federation, the American Soybean Association, the National Oilseed Processors Association, the North American Renderers Association and the U.S. Canola Association, urged the EPA to propose and finalize the 2026 biomass-based diesel volume at 5.25 billion gallons, along with a “commensurate (corresponding in size, extent, amount, or degree) increase in the advanced biofuel volume.”

“Setting these volumes for 2026 and establishing consistent growth for 2027 and beyond, based on the industry’s investments and projections, will ensure that American consumers can access affordable and clean transportation options,” the letter said. “These volumes will support farm security, create jobs and economic opportunity, and further President Trump’s goal for U.S. energy dominance.”

The North American Renderers Association said, “Projections from the U.S. Energy Information Administration indicate that U.S. biodiesel and

renewable diesel production will exceed 5.4 billion gallons in 2026, with total domestic production, including sustainable aviation fuel and other advanced biofuels, expected to surpass 6 billion gallons.”

Kurt Kovarik, Clean Fuels Alliance America vice president of federal affairs, said production of biodiesel and renewable diesel has doubled in the last few years, following investments in new capacity, as well as in feedstock collection and processing.

“The EPA needs to make a step-change (a two-step process that improves efficiency and addresses challenges like high free fatty acid content in feedstocks) in the RFS volumes for biomass-based diesel and advanced biofuels to account for proven production capacity, and to support continued investment and economic growth,” he said.

Paul Winters, Clean Fuels Alliance America director of public affairs and federal communications, told Farm World, “Biodiesel and renewable diesel markets are essential to farm security and prosperity. Farmers have invested billions over the past few years to build U.S. markets through domestic oilseed processing and renewable diesel capacity.

“Growth of the ethanol sector creates a new raw material – distillers corn oil – for biodiesel, renewable diesel, and renewable jet,” he said. “This new value-added resource has been a real difference-maker for the U.S. eth-

anol industry in terms of their prosperity. Robust RFS volumes across the board will be good for farmers. It will also save consumers money at the pump.”

He also discussed the Department of Justice’s latest legal arguments in response to Clean Fuels Alliance America’s lawsuit over “the EPA’s failure to meet last November’s deadline for finalizing the 2026 RFS volumes.”

“Renewable Fuel Standard volumes, by statute, must be set 14 months before the compliance year,” he said. “That means the final 2026 volumes were due by November 2024. Without this timely notice, biofuel producers do not have sufficient information to plan feedstock purchases, and other investments to increase production and meet the program goals. The good news in the latest Department of Justice filing is that they seem to recognize this is a real deadline, not an alleged deadline.

“Nonetheless, the Department of Justice’s lawyers continue to claim that the EPA had not actually missed any deadline or required action when Clean Fuels Alliance America gave notice of an intent to sue,” he added.

He said, “To meet the November deadline for a final 2026 rule, the EPA would have had to propose the rule by summer 2024. Instead of the proposal, the EPA issued a public notice that they would not propose the rule until March 2025. Clean Fuels Alliance America gave notice to the Depart-

ment of Justice and the EPA, based on the clear lack of action needed to meet the deadline.”

Betty Resnick, American Farm Bureau Federation economist, told Farm World, “For the past few years, the Renewable Fuel Standard’s Renewable Volume Obligations (RVOs) (which the EPA is responsible in setting) has been set too low as compared to production of biomass-based diesels, which needs to be rectified when setting RVOs for 2026 and subsequent years.”

RVOs are targets set by the EPA for obligated parties (i.e., fuel refiners, blenders, and importers) to ensure a specific volume of renewable fuels is blended into the transportation fuel supply.

“For biomass-based diesel to continue to expand and bring new demand for U.S. farmer’s soybean, canola, and corn oil, and rancher’s tallow (the rendered fat, predominantly, of cattle and sheep), the RVO must be raised to meet the capacity in the marketplace,” she said.

When asked what impact this will ultimately have on U.S. farmers, she said, “Setting an adequate RVO for biomass-based diesel, and also the advanced biofuel category that includes sustainable aviation fuel, will bolster demand in these critical and developing biofuel categories. This is especially crucial for soybeans, which are quite export-dependent, at a moment of high-trade uncertainty.”

Bee School

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Zomchek refers to techniques such as maintaining clean equipment, providing adequate water and food sources, regularly inspecting hives for pests and diseases, and ensuring proper hive ventilation and expansion as needed.

Discussions during the program mostly centered around how to keep colonies thriving during winter months and how to increase colony sizes.

On a lighter topic, Clermont County beekeeper Randy Smith was on hand to show keepers how to make mead. Often referred to as “honey wine” and “the nectar of the gods,” mead is simply fermented honey and the oldest alcoholic beverage.

“Mead is nothing new,” Smith said. “Mead dates back before the days of the Vikings. You don’t hear much about it compared to the rest of the wine products out there. Any beekeeper can convert honey to mead. All you need is honey, water and yeast. In just four to six weeks, you can bottle it. This just adds another aspect to beekeeping.”



Above: All things bee-related were for sale at this year’s bee school gathering, including this 33.84-pound slab of beeswax. (Doug Graves photo)

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By William Flood
Ohio Correspondent

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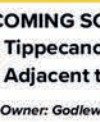
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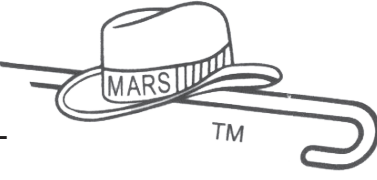

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a 12-volt electrical system and a re-built front end fetched just \$800.

The second-highest bid of the auc-tion was \$89,000 for a well-main-tained 2014 John Deere S670 com-bine. With 2,660 hours on the engine and 1,764 hours on the separator, it included features like RWA, a Lankota unload clutch, a year-old Copperhead Ag Concave, 520/85R42 dual front tires, and 750/65R26 rear tires.

Three more combines sold much lower. A bid of \$31,000 won a 1999 John Deere 9410 with 4,581 engine hours and 3,305 separator hours. It was recently serviced and featured 4WD, LED lights, a new unloading auger, a Cyclone spreader, and newer



Above: A well-maintained 2014 John Deere S670 combine sold for \$89,000

Right: Heavy equipment included items like a 2006 Moxy MT41 40-ton dump wagon (\$32,000).

rasp bars. A Case IH 2388, with 4,044 engine hours and 3,328 separator hours, and a new unload auger and auger tube, made it to \$19,000. Mean-while, a John Deere 7720 turbo com-bine, with a hydrostatic transmission and 12-foot straight platform head went for just \$2,300.

Other agricultural equipment in-cluded a 2021 John Deere 1590 15-foot grain drill with fewer than 1,000 acres bid to \$30,000. A 2009 Chan-dler 24-foot dual-drive spreader with 30-inch paddles and a plastic chain liner landed \$22,500, while a Krause Landstar TL 6400-18 field cultivator sold for \$19,000. Lower-priced items included a Blue Jet sub-tiller/ripper at \$2,000, a John Deere 8300 21-hole



grain drill with press wheels and new tires at \$1,000, and a New Holland 3110 side-slinger manure spreader at just \$381.

In the heavy equipment category, a 2006 Moxy MT41 40-ton dump wagon left for \$32,000. It was equipped with a removable tailgate, 29.5-25 tires, hydraulic jack with tractor remotes, and a swivel hitch. Skid steers also sold well, with a New Holland C345 (850 hours) scoring \$45,000. It came with tracks, high-flow hydraulics, 2-speed, H/A, quick release, EROPS, heated seat, and a radio. A Bob-cat T595 with 2,702 hours went for \$25,000, featuring a material bucket, auxiliary hydraulics, joystick controls, 2-speed, quick release, and OROPS. A Gehl 5640 Turbo with 7,067 hours, a Deutz oil-cooled engine, 78-inch bucket, auxiliary hydraulics, CH at-tachment, and quick attach, received a bid of \$12,750. Further down in bids, a Galion Motor Grader Interna-tional, with a gas/diesel engine but needing hydraulic repairs, went for just \$2,750.

A small selection of vehicles was also available. A 1996 Volvo semi-truck with 45,369 miles rolled off for just \$2,500. It was equipped with a Cum-mins 9411 370E engine, Fuller RTX transmission, and wet lines. A 2007 Ford F-250 regular cab long-bed pick-up, with 139,050 miles and a 5.4-liter engine, was grabbed for \$1,800, while a 1977 GMC CE6 lime spreader truck, in need of repairs, went for only \$750.

To go with those vehicles were a dozen trailers, including a refurbished XL specialized LX70HDG 45-foot non-ground bearing lowboy trailer with a 24-foot well that sold for \$20,000.

A bid of \$9,500 picked up a 2000 Featherlite 24-foot gooseneck trailer with 13k GVWR and a 7-foot ceiling. A Thermo King 48-foot reefer trailer only pulled \$3,000.

For those looking for off-the-job ex-citement, a Polaris 800 H.O. EFI UTV with a snow blade and only 319 miles went out the door at \$5,000, while a Kawasaki Vulcan motorcycle, with just 11,299 miles, roared off for \$1,750.

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Cow numbers increase in February; output also up

February's Milk Production report shows output at 17.725 billion pounds, down 2.5 percent from February 2024, however adjusting for the Leap Day, output was up 1.0 percent from a year ago, and the largest percentage gain in two years. The 24-state production, at 16.985 billion pounds, was up 0.9 percent.

January output was revised up 70 million pounds in the 50 states, resulting in a 0.5 percent increase from a year ago, instead of the 0.1 percent originally reported. Revisions added 72 million pounds in the 24-state data, up 0.6 percent, instead of 0.2 percent.

February cow numbers totaled 9.405 million, up 15,000 head from January and 62,000 more than a year ago. The January count was revised up 25,000 head. The 24-state count, at 8.963 million, was up 13,000 from January, and 75,000 above a year ago. The January count was revised up 25,000 head.

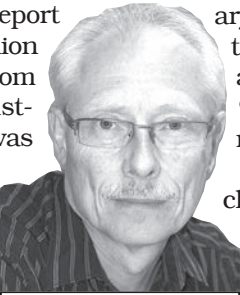
February output per cow in the 50 states averaged 1,885 pounds, up 6 pounds or 0.3 percent from a year ago, and up 2 pounds or 0.1 percent in the 24-state data.

HighGround Dairy says this was a per cow record for the month, but "Even more impressive, was the 44-pound increase from January, which is the second-highest gain between these two months since at least 1981."

Adjusting for component increases, milk production was up 3.5 percent year over year, according to StoneX, which added, "The last time we saw that kind of growth was mid-2021." It means there's plenty to make more butter and cheese.

Year over year comparisons are skewed because of the Leap Day, but factoring that in, California milk was down 126 million pounds or 3.7 percent from a year ago, thanks to a 75 pound drop per cow. Cow numbers were up 1,000 head. Bird flu continues to impact the U.S. top milk producer and slow its recovery.

The USDA's latest Cold Storage data reported Feb. 28 butter stocks at 305.5 million pounds, up a hefty 44.8 million pounds or 17.2 percent from January, up 7.8 million or 2.6 percent from Feb. 2024, and the second-highest Febru-



MIELKE MARKET WEEKLY
By Lee Mielke

ary level since 1994, according to HighGround Dairy. January stocks were revised down 9.5 million pounds from last month's report.

American type cheese climbed to 782.9 million pounds in February, up 12.1 million or 1.6 percent from January's level, but was down 47.4 million pounds or 5.7 percent from a year ago. The January total was revised 6.8 million pounds lower.

The "other" cheese category holdings totaled 574.2 million pounds, up 11.9 million pounds or 2.1 percent from the January level, but down 31.8 million or 5.2 percent from a year ago. January's level was revised down 10.7 million pounds.

That put the total February cheese inventory at 1.38 billion pounds, up 24.7 million pounds or 1.8 percent from January, but down 76.8 million or 5.3 percent from a year ago. January's total was revised down 18 million pounds. The report is viewed as neutral to the market.

The importance of U.S. dairy exports will increase as the spring flush begins and new cheese capacity turns out more cheese to consume. China's January and February dairy imports rose 10 percent, compared to a year ago, when adjusted for the leap year. Unfortunately, little to none of that came from the U.S. HighGround Dairy says import data aligns with strength seen in New Zealand's data and was primarily driven by fat-based products.

Butter imports totaled 25.6 million pounds in January and 29.1 million in February, up 29.1 percent and 64.7 percent respectively from a year ago.

Cheese imports reached four-year highs, totaling 32 million pounds in January, down 5.8 percent from a year ago, and 33.1 million in February, up 44.9 percent. Oceania dominated market share at 67.5 percent, says HGD, while the U.S. lost market share.

Whey imports totaled 125.4 million in January and 124.8 million in February, up 19.6 percent and 48.8 percent respectively, and were at three year highs, according to HGD. "While much of the surge was driven by a push to bring in product ahead of the U.S. tariff exemp-

tion expiration, there are also early signs of diversification.

Combined whole milk/skim milk powder imports amounted to 177.8 million pounds in January and 162.7 million in February, down 9.7 percent and 1.7 percent respectively.

HighGround summed up the report, "If there were any questions as to why the Oceania market has been so well supported over the last six months, this data reinforces the notion of strong Chinese demand. It also highlights the deepening link between China and New Zealand, with notable market share growth across all product classes."

A new report from CoBank says "Genetic improvements within the U.S. dairy herd are fueling historic gains in key milk components needed to produce cheese, butter and a variety of other popular dairy foods. While U.S. fluid milk production has remained relatively flat in recent years, butterfat and protein levels within the nation's milk supply are growing at a record pace as more producers are employing genetics to optimize milk composition."

The steady upswing in milk components is paying dividends for dairy producers and positioning dairy processors for continued growth. Over 80 percent of the U.S. milk supply goes into manufactured dairy products that rely on butterfat and protein content. Demand for those two key milk components is rising as \$8 billion of new dairy processing capacity is slated to come online through 2027.

The report adds: "The historic pace of change in U.S. milk composition is poised to continue as genetic gains and market incentives will drive butterfat and protein production higher for the foreseeable future."

In politics, the International Dairy Foods Association (IDFA) submitted for-

mal comments to the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative (USTR) this week, urging the agency to "Reconsider its proposed actions to curb China's dominance in global shipbuilding and boost shipbuilding in the U.S. While IDFA supports the administration's efforts to revitalize the U.S. shipbuilding industry, the organization opposes USTR's proposed penalties as they would severely disrupt U.S. dairy supply chains and damage the global competitiveness of American agriculture."

"Strengthening America's shipbuilding is a goal the dairy industry shares. IDFA members have seen firsthand the value of U.S.-owned and -flagged vessels when supply chains are tested," said Becky Rasdall Vargas, senior vice president of trade and workforce policy at IDFA. "USTR's proposed actions, however, risk inflicting serious unintended consequences on American exporters, producers, and workers by raising shipping costs, rerouting global trade, and weakening supply chains, especially for time-sensitive, perishable products like dairy."

Meanwhile, U.S. Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand, Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer, and Rep. John Mannion demanded answers on the Trump administration's reported plans to potentially close the statewide offices for the Natural Resources Conservation Service, Farm Service Agency, and USDA Rural Development in Syracuse.

The letter stated, "President Trump and Elon Musk's so-called 'Department of Government Efficiency' is terminating the lease for the building that houses these three agencies, leaving the future of the programs they administer uncertain. The administration has also laid off a number of workers, leaving New Yorkers unable to reach New York-based staff at the USDA over the phone."

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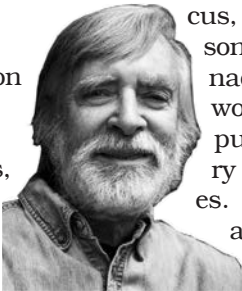
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August Derleth



POOR WILL'S ALMANACK
By Bill Felker

The Stars: The dark early mornings in April bring the Summer Triangle deep into the center of the sky, and the Milky Way accompanies Cygnus, Lyra and Aquila, stretching from Sagittarius due south to Capella in the north. The Great Square is coming up over the eastern tree line. Boxy Libra is setting in the southwest, and Arcturus, the corn-planting star, having traveled across the heavens through the night, precedes the Corona Borealis into the west.

The Shooting Stars: There are no major meteor showers this week.

Weather Trends: By the time the April 2 front moves to New England, average air temperatures start to rise one degree every three days instead of Early Spring's one degree every two days. And as the April 6 front approaches, the chances for frost briefly diminish, and chances for highs in the 70s or 80s increase dramatically across the country. Lunar apogee on April 8 makes mild temperatures even more likely. Precipitation, however, often puts a stop to field and garden planting.

The Natural Calendar: Crab apple and cherry blossom time begins in the Lower Midwest and the East, and it usually lasts into the last week of the month. Buckeye leaves are coming out. Cro-

cus, snowdrop and aconite seasons end except along the Canadian border. The seasons of wood hyacinths, scilla, daffodil, pushkinia, windflower and glory of the snow take their places. Early tulips are open. May apples are up and spreading their wings. Trees are in full flower throughout the Central Plains, the Northeast, the Northwest and the Rocky Mountains. In the Southeast, all the grasses are coming into bloom.

Fish, Game, Livestock and Birds: Haying begins throughout many Southern states in April; transition animals slowly from last year's old hay to this year's fresh hay.

House wrens migrate as windflowers bloom. Bluegills and rock bass look for worms. (They are most likely to feed as the April 6 and 10 cold fronts approach, especially in the morning when the Moon is overhead.

In the Field and Garden: The field and garden day is increasing at the rate of two minutes per 24 hours. Japanese beetle grubs move to the surface of the ground to feed. As the Moon wanes, dig in new strawberry, raspberry and blackberry plants. Dust roses lightly as new leaves emerge.

Put in early sweet corn, head lettuce and peas. Flea season has begun for pets and livestock, and flies infest the barn. During this fourth lunar quarter, destroy tent caterpillars as they hatch and plant all your remaining root crops. Weeds are taking over the garden; the Moon's fourth phase favors removing them.

Across the country, farmers plant oats and spring barley. Field corn planting is underway throughout the

South and the central states. Cotton planters plant cotton along the Gulf. In the Great Lakes region, commercial cabbage transplanting is underway.

Marketing Notes: April 13-15 mark New Year's Day for immigrants from Cambodia, Thailand and Laos. The Asian market often favors lambs and kids in the 60 to 80-pound live-weight range.

The Almanac Horoscope: Studies show that by the end of March, many people report a complex of symptoms that creates the broad strokes of spring fever: a higher energy level combined, oddly enough with a lack of ambition, decreased need for sleep, reduced appetite, alleviation of depression, a sense of comfort, amiability, warmth and renewal.

While these reactions were once thought to be purely psychological, evidence is accumulating that they are the effects of adjustments in the body's internal chemistry to environmental cues.

It is thought that the increasing amount and intensity of sunlight after spring equinox is processed by the brain through the eyes, transmitted to the pineal gland in the cerebrum, which reduces its secretion of melatonin, a hormone that influences mood and energy levels.

The price one pays for ignoring the messages of the pineal gland may, in fact, lead to springtime depression. Researcher Dr. Norman Rosenthal suggests, reasonably enough, that if you see other people outside enjoying the spring, you may experience a heightened sense of loneliness and of being left out.

The physiological nature of spring fever can, in effect, be a two-edged sword. A study by Matthew Keller has found that people who spent more than 30

minutes outside in the springtime experienced an elevated mood, while those who spent fewer than 30 minutes outside actually had a negative reaction to spring. Keller asserts that most people spend up to 95 percent of their time indoors, so their chances of them really feeling good about spring or experiencing the positive effects of spring fever are greatly reduced.

Almanac Classics

Wimpy, the Runt
By Eugenia Herrmann, Redkey, Ind.
My father was a butcher at an Ohio packing plant during World War II. Frequently, he would bring a "runt" pig home for my mother to feed out, either for our own consumption or for resale.

One runt that arrived was a pint-sized piglet named Wimpy. He was really small and young. At the same time, our Springer Spaniel dog had puppies, and before anyone realized it, she had adopted the pig to nurse alongside her puppies.

Wimpy was totally happy with his adoption and grew quickly. He became very attached to the dog, following her everywhere, including going on hunting jaunts with her. More than once, the neighbors called my mother to tell her that Wimpy was caught in a fence somewhere. Mom would have to go rescue him and bring him home.

Weaning Wimpy became a major problem, however. He was the size of the dog and still wanted to nurse. Mom would keep the dog in the house and try to keep Wimpy in the barn, but to no avail. The climax occurred when Wimpy tore down the screen door trying to find his "mommy."

Regretfully, Wimpy was one young piggy who had to go to market early.

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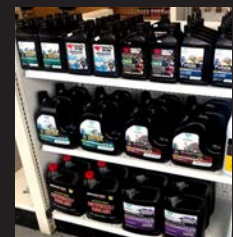
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Several key strategies to prevent grass tetany in cows

Grass tetany, also known as hypomagnesemia, is a metabolic disorder caused by low magnesium levels in cattle. We generally see this disease in two classes of cows and in one of two nutritional situations.

The most common scenario is in early lactation beef cows grazing lush, fast-growing pastures in early spring. We can also see the grass tetany when these cows are consuming primarily grass hay before pasture turnout.

Grass tetany (or sometimes referred to as “winter tetany”) can also occur in late gestation cows when they are either grazing these early spring pastures or eating grass hay.

Preventing grass tetany involves several key strategies:

1. Provide magnesium supplementation:
- Ensure cows consume 4 ounces/head/day of a high magnesium (Hi Mag) mineral containing 10-15 percent magnesium. If cows are grazing pasture, the loose, salt-hi mag mineral mix can be fed free choice. To be sure the cows are consuming the amount listed on the label, weigh out the mineral and calculate consumption. A 50# bag should last 50 cows four days (4 ounces (or ¼ pound) x 4 days x 50 cows = 50#) while a herd of 25 cows would take eight days to clean it up. If cows are overconsuming or under consuming, contact your feed supplier for assistance in rectifying the issue.

- If cows are consuming feed in a bunk, top dress the loose, salt-hi mag mineral mix on the feed to ensure all cows receive the proper amount. Studies show that about 15 percent of cows eat either zero or much less mineral than required when it is fed free choice, so any time you are feeding a feedstuff, top dress the mineral mix on the ration.

- While tubs and licks tend to be a more costly source of minerals, consumption can be improved over loose salt-mineral mixes because many are molasses based. If grass tetany is a problem on your farm, using these molasses-based products that contain a higher level of magnesium may be a good option when you are unable to supplement a feedstuff high in magnesium.
2. Manage pasture composition:
- Avoid grazing lush, rapidly growing, cool season grasses which are often low in magnesium. Grass tetany is most likely to occur when cows are grazing small grain pastures like

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wheat, rye and triticale. These pastures would be best utilized by heifers that are being kept for replacements or fall calving cows.

- Mix legumes (e.g., clover, alfalfa) into pastures, as they have higher magnesium content than grasses.

- Limit nitrogen and potassium fertilization, as excessive levels can reduce magnesium uptake in forage. High potassium soils and high potassium feedstuffs are the biggest risk factors in causing grass tetany.

3. Provide supplemental feed:
- Feed a feedstuff like wet or dried distiller’s grains with solubles (DDGS) or alfalfa hay that is high in magnesium. Work with your nutritionist to determine how much to feed per day.

- Feed cows dry hay before turning them out onto lush pastures to slow down digestion and improve magnesium absorption.

- Avoid sudden dietary changes that could disrupt magnesium balance.
4. Ensure adequate energy and mineral balance:
- Maintain proper calcium, phosphorus, and sodium (salt) levels in the diet, as imbalances can exacerbate magnesium deficiency.

- Monitor body condition scores (BCS) to ensure cows are not undernourished, as thin cows are more susceptible.
5. Monitor high-risk cattle
- Older, high-milking cows are most at risk and require closer observation.

- Cold, wet weather and stress (transportation, changes in diet) increase susceptibility. The “perfect storm” for grass tetany is when the weather warms up, the cows are turned out on a cool season grass or small grain pasture and then the weather turns colder. The colder weather increases consumption of the low magnesium/high potassium forage and down goes the cow into a state of tetany.

- Watch for early symptoms (nervousness, muscle twitching, unsteady gait) and be prepared to call your herd health veterinarian quickly so IV treatment can be initiated.
- By implementing these prevention strategies, you can significantly reduce the risk of grass tetany in your beef cows.



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Above: Tire collection went smoothly reaping benefits for the Montgomery County community.

Local farm bureau hosts tire collection

By Cindy Ladage
Illinois Correspondent

LITCHFIELD, Ill. – On March 8, farmers and residents of Montgomery County, Ill., brought tires to be reclaimed to a site in Litchfield. Farm Bureau members could bring a total of 10 tractor tires, 18 semi tires, and 20 passenger tires.

The cost was 16 cents a pound, and trailers (or pickups) were weighed full, then weighed empty to determine the cost.

The tire collection was sponsored by the Montgomery County Farm Bureau Young Leaders. Kate Wilson, manager of the Montgomery County Farm Bureau, said, “The Young Leaders hosted a successful Tire Drive in Litchfield. The tires were collected at the M&M Service Company Grain Elevator and will be hauled away and recycled by Earth Services of Benton, Ill. A majority of the tires they recycle are used as TDF, which is an alternative energy source to coal, oil and natural gas.”

A lot of tires were collected over the 8 a.m.-noon collection window. Wilson said, “Approximately 30 tons of tires were collected.”

The Montgomery County Farm Bureau members learned about the event through direct mailing postcards to farmer members, email, announcements on WSMI Radio, and on Facebook.

With stringent rules for the removal of tires, this has become a popular annual event. Wilson said, “This was the second collection hosted by the committee, and they plan to host another event in 2027.”



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HARLEY RAKE, 6'
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COMBINES
2012 MF 9540 COMBINE W/ POWERFOLD EXT, 2950/2063 HRS, S/N 17215
JD 9510 COMBINE, 4613/3196 HRS, S/N 675371
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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'
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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'
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ARTSWAY DMI D470 GRAVITY WAGON, 400 BU
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ROTARY MOWERS
JD HX15 BATWING
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WOODS BW12 BATWING, 12'
JD 1408 ROTARY MOWER
JD 709 ROTARY CUTTER, 7'
WOODS ROTARY MOWER, 3PT, 5'
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The local gym is now the new country club, and people are being judged by which gym they belong to. This hit me when I was run over as I was going to the hardware store by a spandex-clad gentleman who ran right into me because he was talking on his phone and had his nose up in the air like he was high society or something.

"Oh, excuse me. I'm sorry old chap but I'm late for my Pilates class," he exclaimed.

The gym happens to be right next door to the hardware store which makes for an interesting clash of two cultures. The guy was wearing a headband, Fitbit watch and was carrying a bottle filled with a slimy green liquid that I assumed he drank. The haughty gym-goer stooped so low as to speak to me, the lowly hardware aficionado. "I haven't seen you around here. Do you work out?" he asked, scanning my body from head to toe while shaking his head in disgust.

"I sure do, seven days a week," I replied.

"You certainly don't belong to my gym or I'd have seen you around. What's the name of your gym?"

"It's called the ranch."

"Hmph. Never heard of it. Is it nearby?"

"It's about 15 miles from here."

"You really should apply for membership to my gym, that is if you qualify, of course."

"Of course," I replied.

"As a member you can use any of our state-of-the-art machines. For instance, our treadmills allow you to run in place while talking on your phone and stream a movie. For a small additional charge, you can sign up to participate in our Pilates, spinning and yoga classes," said the uppity gym jock.

"You keep referring to it as 'my gym'. Why are you hustling gym memberships? Do you own the place?"

"Oh no. It's just that my gym is running a special promotion and for only \$39 per month you can be a member and get an official T-shirt signifying your new-found status. And for every five new members I sign up I get a free



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By Lee Pitts

month, a headband and a mango/beet smoothie. As a new member you would qualify for the same program, that is, after you pass our rigid screening process."

"I'm sure I could use the status I'd gain by joining your prestigious gym but mine is free," I replied, "and I don't have to drink the green yuck or buy the leg warmers or headband and honestly, can you picture me in a spandex leotard. And I don't really have the time for yoga or Pilates and I threw-up on the carousel at the county fair so I think the spinning class is definitely a non-starter."

"But are you really getting a proper workout at this Ranch place?" asked Mr. Spandex. "You certainly don't look like it. From the looks of your body, I suspect your abs and lats could use a lot of work. We have an excellent coaching team and I'm sure we have more modern up to date apparatus to work out on. What's your favorite machine at The Ranch?"

"I'd have to say it's a Bobcat, but it's a rental."

"Hmph. I've never heard of it. Do you have a climbing wall?"

"No, but I do have to climb a fence every once in a while, while sorting."

"Might I ask how much you can lift?"

"Well, that depends on how much rain we get," I replied. "In a real wet year, I might have to lift and throw 400 pounds but if we have a bad year with no grass I might only have to lift and throw 300 pounds. I also work out by lifting railroad ties, heavy sacks of grain and cement, and by digging postholes."

"That's certainly an unorthodox work-out regimen, What's the main staple of your exercise regimen?"

"I'd have to say fencing."

"Oh, after watching that sport during the Olympics I've always wanted to try it. Please do tell me more," said the suddenly excited gym snob.

"Well, it's something you and your wife can do together but it's dangerous, especially if your wife is mad at you. See all the cuts and lacerations on my arms and hands? That's all from fencing with my wife."

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Indiana sheep farmer testifies before Congress regarding farm bill

By Michele F. Mihaljevich
Indiana Correspondent

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Testifying before Congress wasn't new to Larry Hopkins when he appeared March 4 in front of the U.S. House Agriculture Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy and Poultry. After the appearance, Hopkins said he's satisfied he was able to get his message across regarding the farm bill and the overall state of the livestock industry.

Hopkins, a Westfield, Ind.-area sheep farmer, is chairman of the American Sheep Industry Association's (ASI) Legislative Action Council and serves on its executive board. He was asked to speak to the committee by ASI president Ben Lehfeldt.

The committee wanted to hear from livestock industry representatives and reached out to ASI to request someone from the sheep industry, Hopkins said. Also at the hearing were those representing the beef, pork and poultry industries.

Some of the key points he hoped to make to the committee concerned the farm bill passed out of the House Agriculture Committee in May 2024.

"(It) was a very good bill for farmers and the sheep industry specifically," Hopkins told Farm World. "Unfortunately, the bill never made it to the floor for a final vote and the Senate did not produce a bill at all until after the fiscal year ended and also after the election due to partisan bickering."

"The previous farm bill, which is by now very out of date, had to be continued for the second year in a row through a Continuing Resolution known informally as a CR. So, I encouraged the committee to follow the blueprint of the previous draft that was approved by that committee last year when crafting the current version."

Before testifying, Hopkins worked with ASI staff and the organization's consultant – Cornerstone GA – to narrow his message to a few topics.

"With (their) help, I think I was well prepared and able to make the right comments that Congress needed to

hear," he said. "I did have a few members come up afterward and thank me for my comments and appearance, so I believe it was worth the effort to participate and would encourage other farmers to do so if given the opportunity."

The topics he mentioned during his testimony included loan rates and trade wars.

"Loan rates for various commodities, including wool, are very low and out of date so two programs that the sheep industry relies on are the LDP (Loan Deficiency Payments) and MAL (Marketing Assistance Loan), those programs need to be updated," Hopkins explained. "The trade wars during the first (President Donald) Trump term killed the USA's largest market for wool in China and then the pandemic further eroded the market worldwide when the bottom fell out as demand for wool clothing dropped off as folks stopped going to the office and wearing suits and slacks. The wool market has never recovered from those two disasters."

The bill also included programs that allow the sheep industry to develop new markets for its products and provide production research and support to sheep operations across the country through the National Sheep Improvement Center, he noted. An updated risk management program is also a priority, Hopkins added.

He previously testified before the House Appropriations Transportation Subcommittee in the 1990s while serving as town manager of Fishers, Ind. Hopkins has appeared many times before the Indiana General Assembly, where he said the process of testifying is similar to that of Congress.

"When someone testifies they usually present written and oral testimony, so when you prepare the written text, that gives you an opportunity to present the issues and specific points you want to convey in detail," Hopkins pointed out. "By pulling together the written testimony, it familiarizes you with what you need to convey during the spoken portion of the hearing, which is usually shorter and limited to

a specific amount of time."

To prepare for the hearing, he said it's important to stay current on the topics of the day affecting the sheep and greater livestock industry, which gives a pretty good idea of what questions might be asked. Most farmers have a good working knowledge of what issues are affecting their farming business interests, Hopkins said.

He said he wasn't surprised by the questions asked by committee members. "Most of the questions related to farm bill programs, the potential effect of tariffs on the livestock industry and also how the HPAI (highly pathogenic avian influenza) virus is affecting the poultry industry and potentially other livestock commodities."

Hopkins is hopeful for a new farm bill by the end of the year.



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- John Deere 85 8-Row 30" Rigid Folding Cultivators
- Kelly 4-Row 30" S-Tine Cultivators
- Case IH 1200 16-Row Planter
- John Deere 4020 Tractor
- New Holland 355 Grinder
- John Deere 7000 MaxEmerge 12-Row Planter
- John Deere 4640 Tractor
- John Deere 9500 Combine
- Hagedorn Hydra-Spread Extravert 3440 Manure Spreader
- 1994 Dodge 2500 Pickup Truck
- Cat V50DSA Forklift
- Cepco S180 Pull Type Dirt Pan
- Massey Ferguson 8140
- Freightliner FL112 Semi Truck
- Fruehauf 35-Ton Detach Trailer
- 2014 Maxxum 110 Limited
- Case MXM 190 Tractor
- Case SPX 3200 Patriot Sprayer
- Chevy C65 Dump Truck
- (2) Gravity Wagons
- Dalton Ag 15-Shank Applicator
- 1971 Ford 9000 Dump Truck
- Frontier RC2084 Rotary Mower
- John Deere 158 Loader Arms w/Bucket & Forks
- 67" King Kutter 3-Pt Box Blade
- John Deere 655 Track Loader
- John Deere 8760 Tractor
- Case IH 9230 Tractor
- 24' International Field Cultivator
- New Holland 355 Grinder Mixer
- Claas Liner 700 Twin Hay Rake
- New Holland 315 Wire Tie Baler
- John Deere 7000 6-Row Planter
- 17' Field Cultivator
- DMI 1300 Ecolo-Champ Chisel Plow
- International 800 10-Bottom Plow
- John Deere 2450 8-Bottom Plow
- 72" Hutchinson Auger
- 91' Westfield MK130-91 Auger
- John Deere 3950 Silage Chopper w/ 2-Row Corn Head
- 15' John Deere 400 Rotary Hoe
- Case IH SB541 Square Baler
- 1000-Gal Nurse Trailer
- 4-Row 3-Pt Side Dress Unit
- FMC Sprayer
- John Deere 7000 4-Row Planter
- Kubota L4200 Tractor
- John Deere 7000 4-Row Planter
- CAT D-8 Dozer 2 U Series

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- Saddle Tanks
- Wilmar Fertilizer Cart Parts
- 3pt Box Scraper
- Dunham-Lehr Loader
- Ferris Mower
- Woods 3-Pt Mower
- Semi Headache Rack
- 2015 40' Forest River Gooseneck Trailer
- Meter Max Ultra Precision Test Stand(BRAND NEW in box)
- CAT 18" Bucket off Mini Excavator
- John Deere Pump off 8330 Tractor
- Polaris Hawkeye ATV
- Road Gear Headache Rack
- Sturdy Lite Headache Rack
- Trailer Headache Rack
- Headache Rack off Trail King Trailer
- 100-Gal L Shape Steel Fuel Tank
- Mi-T-M Brand New 30 Gallon Air Compressor/Generator
- Ingersoll Rand Wheelbarrow Air Compressor
- John Deere 45 Gallon Gator Sprayer w/120" booms
- Dickey John Radar w/Mounting Bracket
- John Deere Radar w/Mounting Bracket
- 5' Ford 3pt Rotary Mower
- 5' 3pt Box Blade
- 6' 3pt Blade
- 3pt Bale Stacker
- Fuel Trailer w/500 Gallon Tank
- Limbinator 20" Hydraulic Tree Saw
- (4) 275/80R22.5 Truck Tires
- John Deere Brown Box
- Misc Fertilizer Pumps
- Category 2 Quick Hitch
- KPM2 Monitor off Kinze Planter
- Brush Gaurd off John Deere Tractor
- 5000lb Clark Forklift
- (2) 12'x 8'x 42" Steel Sections of Pallet Racking
- Lincoln Gas Generator/Welder
- (2) Heavy Duty Steel Shop Carts on Casters
- 6'x 52" Wood Floor Steel Frame Utility Trailer
- Electric Air Compressor
- (4) Tires
- Cub Cadet MTD Zero Turn Mower
- (2) John Deere Combine Fuel Tanks
- Metal Cut Off Saw
- 28' Folding Booms
- Howard Rototiller
- Woods RM550 3-Pt Mower
- 3' 3-Pt Rototiller
- 12' Cagle 3-Pt Sprayer
- 30' Huskee 3-Pt Sprayer
- Tractor Weights
- 5' Howard HR20 Rototiller
- (2) 18.4-38 Titan Tires
- (12) Pro Shaft Drives
- 60" John Deere Belly Mower
- 48" Seed Easy Drop Seeder
- Pull Type Broadcast Spreader
- Set of Turf Tires & Rims off of a John Deere 790
- (31) Fiberglass Seed Box Extensions
- John Deere Loader

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