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2 non-traditional farmers among Michigan GREAT ambassadors

By Stan Maddux
Indiana Correspondent

LANSING, Mich. — She didn't grow up on a farm but that way of life is certainly in the blood now of a Michigan woman named as one of the state's young faces of agriculture for two years in a row.

Leah Engler of Sandusky is among the six members in this year's class of Michigan Grown, Michigan GREAT Ambassadors, a young adult leadership program through the Michigan Ag Council

"I love agriculture. I can talk about it all day," she said.

The other ambassadors are Thomas Brewer-Brown of Flint; Lilly Nyland of Holland; Kendal Valentine of Richmond; Anna Woller of Montague and Zoey Zupin of Ithaca.

According to the Michigan Ag Council, ambassadors are selected from a pool of applicants with a wide range of agriculture experience in the industry ranging from pig to beef production, agricultural education and from FFA to agronomy.

The 21-year-old Engler graduated last year from Grace College in northern Indiana with degrees in agriculture business and business administration. She's now employed by a partnership between Max Agronomy, P & C Ag Solutions and Johnson's Pumpkin Farm, all in the Thumb area of the state.

Engler said her job responsibilities range from soil sampling, working with spray drones to growing and selling pumpkins.

She described her feelings as "super excited" when learning she was named again as one of the ambassadors. "I think I'm going to get to learn even more and take what I

learned last year and really apply it this year," she said.

Ambassadors are given tasks that include making personal connections with consumers and others in the industry while expanding their knowledge about the state's diverse agricultural sector.

Those duties seem to be a perfect match for Engler, a former 4-H member whose projects in the youth program started with things like photography and crafts. It wasn't until high school when her first big taste of agriculture came from showing dairy cows during the Sanilac County fair and joining FFA.

After that, Engler said it wasn't long before she was milking cows and learning how to do things like run a planter and combine at a farm. Her new found calling in life seems to come from her mother, Sandy, who grew up on a dairy farm and her father, Luke, a math instructor.

Initially, Engler said she planned on becoming a teacher and earned a substitute teachers license to help get her started.

Brewer-Brown, an agriculture education major at Michigan State University minoring in horticulture and environmental sustainable studies, was also not raised on a farm.

His introduction to agriculture came during his junior year in high school when he joined FFA following a presentation about the program during a veterinary science class. "I dove head first into FFA," he said.

His FFA experience included competing in horticulture and being in charge of posting all of the information about the FFA state convention on social media.

Currently, he's pursuing a long-time dream of becoming a teacher. What to teach didn't become clear, though, until his senior year while taking a class in agriculture science.

"I knew that was the spot for me. It clicked instantly," he said.

Brewer-Brown, 20, said his goal is to work at a career institute teaching children from urban areas "where their food comes from and how they can get involved in the Ag industry."

He also reacted with excitement about his selection as an ambassador.

"I don't think I've stopped talking about it for the last, like, two weeks," he said.

Ambassadors undergo training

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Above: Lambing season is the busiest time of year for sheep farmers, as they care for pregnant ewes and monitor the health of newborn lambs. Photo by Leondia Walchle

Researchers investigate immune cells in cows' milk

By Hayley Lalchand
Ohio Correspondent

BLACKSBURG, Va. – Newly published research identifies the immune cells present in the milk of healthy Holstein cows.

Researchers have long understood that milk contains various cell types including immune cells, Gabriela Pérez-Hernández, postdoctoral research associate at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, said. However, technology stood in the way of characterizing the precise type of immune cells present. Now, researchers are using single-cell RNA sequencing to study fresh milk samples, providing a snapshot of the immune cells present by measuring the RNA molecules in individual cells.

"This technique is a powerful tool that enables us to analyze gene expression at the individual cell level," she said. "So even across thousands of cells, we can tell what the main characteristics are of the cells and what cell types they are. We were finally able to get a more detailed picture of cell diversity in cow's milk using this technique."

In a study published in Animal Nutrition, Pérez-Hernández and her colleagues sampled the milk of 25 multiparous healthy Holstein cows. The results demonstrated that the most common immune cells present in the samples were T cells, or immune cells that destroy pathogens and send signals to control the immune system's response to threats, and granulocytes, a type of immune cell that releases small granules that release enzymes to fight pathogens.

Other immune cells identified included macrophages, immune cells that engulf and digest pathogens, and

a small population of B cells, immune cells that create antibodies to attack pathogens. Interestingly, subpopulations of each cell type were discovered, meaning that several types of T cells, granulocytes, macrophages, and B cells were observed. Subpopulations of immune cells have unique characteristics that contribute different functions.

"Our research also has preliminary evidence of progenitor cells in milk," Pérez-Hernández said. "These are cells that contribute to mammary gland regeneration and turnover. We know (mammary gland regeneration and turnover) happens during dry periods, but maybe this is happening during lactation periods, too."

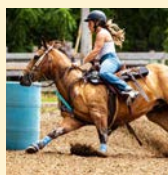
Knowing what immune cell types are present in milk is only the beginning of understanding their purpose. Pérez-Hernández said that the team is interested in exploring how the immune cells end up in milk, what role they play during lactation, and how they maintain mammary gland tissue.

While researchers and farmers have long been aware that colostrum contains a great number of immune cells, it's unclear which types of immune cells are transferred to offspring. Pérez-Hernández said that single-cell RNA sequencing could be used in the future to study colostrum and characterize the immune cells transferred to calves.

"We know in general that some basic immunity is transferred to the offspring," she added. "With these techniques, we can really learn more and maybe potentiate some cells that are going to be better for the calves when they are just born."

Additionally, understanding the cellular landscape and how the mamma-

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Above: Leah Engler (left) and Thomas Brewer-Brown were among this year’s crop of ambassadors for the Michigan Ag Council.

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to sharpen their advocacy and story-telling skills to instill trust among consumers they meet in places like farmers markets.

They will also participate in various initiatives to raise awareness

about the importance of supporting local agriculture in a state where farming is the second largest industry.

“We are excited to see how participants will utilize their creativity, leadership skills and team working ability to share the story of Michigan agriculture,” said Hailey Gilbert, Manager of the Michigan Ag Council.

Cow milk

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ry gland responds to infections and stressors will better equip scientists to study and possibly improve milk production. Pérez-Hernández and her colleagues believe that their research will lead to management strategies that optimize mammary gland health and milk production efficiency.

The research group is also interested in studying how different environmental or management factors, like heat stress and mastitis, affect milk’s immune profile.

“We see potential in exploring certain mammary gland immune characteristics, and we would like to know how these immune cell types are inherited

across generations,” Pérez-Hernández said. “There are other researchers in Wisconsin and Florida that have shown that stressors like heat stress can have intergenerational effects, specifically for the udder. We are curious to see if the mammary immune traits are also passed down or affected due to different stress sources.”

Pérez-Hernández emphasized that while the research seems distanced from farm applications, fundamental and basic research plays a critical role in shaping the future of farm management strategies.

“Many of the practical solutions that are used for dairy farms today started with fundamental research studies,” she said. “At the end of the day, as a dairy or animal scientist, our work is always to support dairy farmers and animal welfare and improve production efficiency.”

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Illinois Ag community loses two leaders on the same day

By **TIM ALEXANDER**
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SPRINGFIELD, Ill. — The Illinois agriculture community is mourning the loss of two of its leaders. Chuck Hartke, 80, who directed the Illinois Department of Agriculture (IDOA) from 2003 to 2008 and Dave Loos, 75, Director of Biofuels and Research for the Illinois Corn Growers Association, both died on April 13 at Springfield Memorial Hospital.

Current IDOA Director Jerry Costello II was still trying to process the news when he spoke to Farm World. “Chuck was a very good friend of mine. Though we never

worked in the legislature together, I knew Chuck when he was the director (Costello previously served as a state representative and ag committee chair) and he was a terrific guy who left an incredible impact on agriculture in this state. His emphasis on youth in agriculture was extremely strong.”

Reacting to the passing of Loos, Costello said, “He was the ‘Mr. Ethanol’ of Illinois. Just an incredible guy, and very, very impactful on Illinois agriculture as well. We extend our condolences and gratitude to both the Hartke and Loos families.”

Chuck Hartke

Hartke’s obituary, published by Bauer Funeral Home, reflects the former state ag director’s lifelong commitment to service, community and country.

He was born on May 7, 1944, to Alphonse and Sophia Hartke, graduated from Teutopolis High School in 1962 and married Kathryn L. Hoene on August 10, 1963, at St. Mary’s of Help Catholic Church in Green Creek, Ill. From 1966 to 1968, Hartke served his country in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War. Stationed in Quang Tri, Vietnam, he served as a field medic, holding the rank of E5 Sergeant and overseeing triage operations.

Prior to his career in public service, Hartke was a dedicated full-time farmer, working the land in Effingham County from the time he returned from Vietnam until his appointment to the Illinois House of Representatives in 1985 (he would serve 9 terms through 2003). Regarded as a skilled grain farmer, Hartke grew corn and soybeans and also managed livestock, raising both swine and sheep.

His obit states that Hartke took immense pride in his work and was known for his forward-thinking approach to agriculture. “He was one of the first farmers in Effingham County to implement a slatted-floor hog operation, reflecting his commitment to innovation and animal welfare. His dedication to the land and his livestock wasn’t just a livelihood—it was a way of life rooted in hard work, resilience, and stewardship,” it states.

In 1997, Hartke was named Assis-



Chuck Hartke

stant Majority Leader, a position he held throughout the remainder of his time in the House. After retiring from public office as ag director in 2008, he remained active in state affairs by joining the Illinois lobbying firm Morrill & Fiedler, LLC, where he continued to lend his voice and expertise to issues close to his heart.

With agriculture in his blood, Hartke poured his time and talent into

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building a greenhouse during his retirement, where he cultivated a wide variety of plants and vegetables. He then offered them to the community in exchange for donations to CSS (Community Support Systems) in Teutopolis.

Memorial donations in Hartke's name may be made to Crisis Nursery of Effingham County.

Dave Loos

Loos began working as the Technology and Business Development Director for Illinois Corn in September 2007 and became their Director of Biofuels and Research in April 2019. He collected and analyzed technical, economic, regulatory, political and social information relevant to corn and ethanol market development projects for both ICGA and Illinois Corn Marketing boards. He also managed the ICMB research program and served as the ethanol technology expert to both ICGA and ICMB.

"Dave's passing leaves a gaping hole in his own family and in the Illinois Corn family. Dave spent 18 years at Illinois Corn, but worked with us for years before that, helping to build an ethanol industry when he worked for the state of Illinois. He was very committed to Illinois farmers and dedicated to building markets for them. We will miss him tremendously, especially his optimism and constant friendship," said Rodney Weinzierl, Illinois Corn Executive Director.

Loos was born on March 30, 1950 in Dubuque, Iowa, to Ervin Loos and E. Alberta Schrader Loos. A Loami resident, Loos wed Lori Rhoda on



Dave Loos

February 7, 1987.

Loos received a Master Of Business Administration Degree from the University of Illinois. His obit stated that Loos loved his family, friends, his work and co-workers, and enjoyed the outdoors, hunting and fishing and good conversation. His family asked that memorial contributions be made to Ducks Unlimited or to St. John's Lutheran Church.

Farm World last spoke to Loos in February, when he was interviewed about the ongoing push by corn growers for Congress to greenlight year-round E15 ethanol. The expansion of ethanol markets and the creation of new markets for corn growers was his top priority during the discussion.

"Our ultimate goal is to move to higher blends of ethanol — E20, E30 — through an octane standard that would give the autos better efficiency around higher-performance engines, along with lower emissions," he said. "We've got plenty of room and capacity for ethanol right now to very easily accommodate new growth in E15. And we have capacity in corn; we need new demand for corn."

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Indiana BOAH shares info learned from ongoing bird flu outbreak

By Michele F. Mihaljevich
Indiana Correspondent

INDIANAPOLIS – Officials with the Indiana State Board of Animal Health (BOAH) said they are learning more about how bird flu has been transmitted in the state. They have also made some adjustments to procedures and

protocols to try to keep the virus at bay and to make the situation easier on producers. During the April 8 BOAH quarterly meeting, board members were updated on the impact of highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) in the state and nationally. Of the state's 26 cases in 2025, 21

have undergone a genomic analysis, said Dr. Maria Cooper, BOAH's avian health director. Seven of the cases are considered point-source introductions and 14 were common source or lateral transmissions. "We always like to look at what strains and subtypes and genotypes are we dealing with, and how was it introduced. How do we think it's spreading," she said. With point-source introduction, "geese are probably pooping on or around those barns, providing environmental exposure in some way or another to the (poultry)." Common source or lateral transmission is "not a new introduction from wild birds but rather it's spreading farm to farm, more likely," Cooper said. It's a misnomer to assume lateral transmission means the virus was spread by people carrying it from one premises to another, whether through themselves or equipment or vehicles, Cooper said. "That's not necessarily the case. That also includes airborne transmission, which we think is certainly, in our minds, very significant." Testing has found there is potential common source or lateral transmission between cases in a large commercial operation in Jackson County and a

small backyard flock in Jasper County, Cooper said. The operations could have been infected by the same group of sandhill cranes flying over both, she pointed out. Jackson County is in the southern part of state, and Jasper in the northwest. The same genetics found in sandhill crane samples from dead birds in Kentucky and Tennessee have been shown to be related to some of the cases in commercial poultry in Indiana, said Ty Harweiger, a board member representing poultry. As of the day of the meeting, the U.S. had seen 1,676 cases of HPAI since the outbreak began in February 2022, with 168.3 million birds affected either through depopulation or dying from the virus, Cooper said. Of Indiana's 26 cases this year, seven have been in commercial turkeys, nine in commercial egg layers, five in commercial ducks, and five were hobby or non-commercial flocks. A total of 8.33 million birds had been impacted. Indiana has seen 44 cases since 2022. "Unfortunately, at this point, it almost feels like sometimes, HPAI response is routine," noted Dr. Kelli Werling, BOAH's animal programs director. "But every single site and case does have to have a different lens and treated individually." BOAH has made some changes in strategies and protocols for dealing with HPAI, she said. For example, Werling said the agency has adjusted its backyard surveillance. BOAH no longer does door-to-door surveillance within 3K of an infected commercial farm, but will notify those in a surveillance area by phone if their premises are registered, she said. Premises adjacent to a commercial operation with positive HPAI tests will still be sampled, Werling added. Protocols have changed in regard to environmental sampling at egg layer facilities as BOAH is now submitting fewer samples for testing. They sample differently based on manure management type and cage versus cage-free operations, she said. The policies for disposing of egg layer manure and for manure sequestration have been revised. "We've had a lot of opportunities to talk about manure and how to dispose of it in a biosecure way that we're not going to be moving virus around, but also allows these sites not to get tied up and having to wait for that manure to have its wait time, which could be 120 days if we did nothing."

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Few changes in latest WASDE balance sheets

As expected, very few changes took place to the U.S. balance sheets in the April World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates.

The bigger adjustments that we saw to April balance sheets were in the domestic corn complex. The U.S. corn carryout was trimmed 75 million bu to total 1.465 billion bu while a steady number was expected. Feed and residual demand was cut 25 mbu this month, which was more than offset by a 100 mbu increase to projected exports. The average cash corn estimate was left unchanged this month at \$4.35 per bushel.

U.S. soybean carryout was expected to hold steady this month, but the USDA trimmed its number by 5 mbu to total 375 mbu. Soybean crush was bumped up by 10 mbu this month but this was partially offset by slightly higher imports. While this is not a significant change, the soy complex is already at a rationing level, and any cut to stocks is supportive. That said, the USDA stated they are monitoring U.S. trade relations as these will have an impact on both soy and soy product exports, and imports, for the foreseeable future. The USDA left its cash soybean projection unchanged at \$9.95 per bushel.

Only minimal changes were made to domestic wheat balance sheets this month as well, but they were still seen as negative. The USDA trimmed its wheat demand forecast by 27 mbu this month, with seed usage and exports both being lowered. This took the U.S. wheat carryout to 846 mbu, a 22 percent increase from last year. The USDA also left its cash wheat projection unchanged this month at \$5.50 per bushel.

Even fewer changes took place to the global balance sheets. The world corn carryout is now forecast at 287.65 million metric tons, down 1.3 mmt from last month. Global soybean carryout is projected at 122.47 mmt, just above last month's 121.4 mmt. World wheat ending stocks are estimated at 260.7 mmt compared to 206.08 mmt in March.

A number that was lost in all this data was China's corn import forecast. Officials in China believe the country will import 7 million metric tons of corn in the 2024/25 marketing year. This compares to 9 mmt in the prior year. Another record domestic crop and ample feed

wheat supplies are forecast to cut China's corn imports, but so are more efficient corn processing in the country, including streamlined livestock production. China currently has no U.S. corn booked going forward and it is unlikely they will with this reduction.

The USDA made a slight 10-million-pound increase to the U.S. beef production forecast, putting it at 26.7 billion pounds. The USDA cut its beef export forecast by 135 million pounds due to current global trade issues, taking them to 2.685 billion pounds. Beef imports were also lowered 150 million pounds, putting them at 4.86 billion pounds. The average steer value was increased by \$6.01, putting it at \$205.51 per hundredweight.

Pork production was cut a large 350 million pounds this month, putting it at 28.08 billion pounds. Pork exports were also cut by 265 million pounds, taking them down to 6.96 billion pounds. The average hog value was lowered to \$61.14 per cwt this month, down \$1.61.

One of the biggest takeaways from this report was the USDA stating it is monitoring global trade relations and will adjust demand outlooks accordingly. This can be both good and bad, as we may see fewer soybean exports this year for example, but also lower imports of competing products such as used cooking oil for renewable fuel production. This is only adding to market uncertainty and elevating volatility.

Prior to these numbers being released, the Brazilian firm CONAB released its supply and demand forecast. CONAB now has the Brazilian soybean crop at 167.9 mmt, up 600,000 mt from last month. The group's corn crop estimate is for 124.7 mmt, up a large 2 mmt from its prior estimate. Improved weather and elevated plantings are behind the larger production forecasts.

Even though the U.S. planting season is underway we are seeing ongoing debate over potential acreage. This comes from the new crop corn and soybean price ratio that has become more volatile. In recent weeks we started to see soybean values firm though, and this spread narrowed to 2.3:1 as the soy complex pushed for uncommitted acres.



MARKET ANALYSIS
By Karl Setzer

The escalation in trade issues between the U.S. and China has some analysts dropping their new crop soybean demand outlooks though, and in turn, reducing their expected soybean needs. The new crop ratio has narrowed to 2.2:1 and again favors corn production. This shift is not from a push for corn but rather from concerns the U.S. may lose soybean demand.

Hopes for a build in renewable fuel demand continue to provide support to the soy complex. The current U.S. biodiesel demand stands at 3.35 billion gallons per year, but industry officials are recommending the blend rate be raised to 5.25 billion gallons. Renewable fuel supporters are also asking for the total U.S. renewable fuel mandate to be raised to 25 billion gallons from the current 22.3 billion gallons. Such an increase in production would have a

significant impact on U.S. soybean balance sheets that are already at a minimal level.

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SOME BUILDINGS IN STOCK!

Iowa proposes new legislation to address bankrupt livestock operations within the state

By DOUG SCHMITZ
Iowa Correspondent

DES MOINES, Iowa – Iowa Agriculture Secretary Mike Naig has proposed new legislation to address the recently bankrupt Pure Prairie Poultry, Inc., that left the state with over a million unsold chickens after the company closed its Charles City, Iowa, processing plant last fall.

The Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship said the chickens had to later be destroyed, costing the state \$2.3 million. Naig said the new legislation would allow the state to sell or process livestock it takes into custody, and to prevent similar situations in the future.

Last October, the department was granted an emergency court order to take immediate care, custody and control of approximately 1.3 million broiler chickens, owned by Pure Prairie Poultry, Inc.

Don McDowell, Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship director of communications, told Farm World the department’s final report on Pure Prairie Poultry, Inc.’s bankruptcy was filed in Iowa District Court for Sioux County.

“Our department bill, which will touch on a wide range of topics and areas of focus, will have a section related to clearing up questions about the title for livestock within our custody,” he said. “However, the bill has not yet been introduced,” adding that the department anticipates the bill will be introduced soon, but said it could not provide further comment on the bill at this time.

Headquartered in Fairfax, Minn., Pure Prairie Poultry, Inc., operated a Charles City, Iowa, chicken process-

ing plant and contracted with farmers throughout Iowa to grow broilers. On Sept. 30, Pure Prairie Poultry, Inc., notified the department that, due to their financial position, they were unable to purchase feed for these chickens located at 14 Iowa farms.

Upon notification, the department coordinated with state and federal agencies, as well as industry partners, to seek a possible solution. With no immediately available solution and citing significant potential animal welfare concerns, the department, under its authority in Iowa Code Chapter 717, sought an emergency court order to take over the care, custody and control of the birds located within Iowa.

On Oct. 2, the department’s emergency petition was granted, which authorized the department to immediately provide for the feed and care of the birds. According to Iowa Code, a hearing was then scheduled for Oct. 8 in order for the Iowa District Court to approve a plan for the final disposition of the birds.

On that same day, Pure Prairie Poultry, Inc., also ceased operations at its Charles City processing plant and laid off its workers. With no processor readily available for the birds, the department said it actively pursued numerous other processors and markets, and solicited offers for the purchase of the birds. Due to the structure of the broiler industry, however, the department said large-scale processors had limited ability to increase their processing capacity utilizing the open market.

The department said it was able to secure an initial offer to purchase all 1.3 million birds, and had a tenta-

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Livestock Weighted Average Report for 4/14/2025 - Final			
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	This Week	Last Reported	Last Year
	4/7/2025		
Total Receipts:	1,989	373	788
Feeder Cattle:	1,769(88.9%)	291(78.0%)	584(74.1%)
Slaughter Cattle:	208(10.5%)	78(20.9%)	179(22.7%)
Replacement Cattle:	12(0.6%)	4(1.1%)	25(3.2%)

Special Note: Baby Calves: 400.00-625.00 per head; 170-185 lbs 375.00-402.50 per cwt. Correction to revise trend statement.

Compared to last Monday feeder steers and heifers under 600 lbs traded noticeably higher in a limited comparison with last week's lite test. Yearling steers and heifers limited comparison. Slaughter cows sold 1.00 to 3.00 higher with good demand. Slaughter bulls sold steady with good demand. Supply included: 89% Feeder Cattle (24% Steers, 62% Heifers, 13% Bulls, 2% Dairy Heifers); 10% Slaughter Cattle (1% Steers, 2% Heifers, 87% Cows, 9% Bulls, 1% Dairy Cows, 1% Dairy Bulls); 1% Replacement Cattle (55% Stock Cows, 35% Bred Cows, 5% Bred Heifers, 5% Cow-Calf Pairs). Feeder cattle supply over 600 lbs was 58%.

Group of 20 head or more:

Steers
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30 hd 1015 lbs 171.50

Heifers
48 hd 643 lbs 259.75 Mixed
70 hd 682 lbs 277.00 Blk/Mx
162 hd 682 lbs 287.75 Blk/Bwf
68 hd 706 lbs 269.75 Smokes/Red
81 hd 716 lbs 263.75 Mixed
71 hd 769 lbs 264.50 Blk/Bwf

FEEDER CATTLE

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	340	340	440.00	440.00 Fancy
4	370-395	381	391.00-400.00	395.18
3	370-395	383	419.00-440.00	427.77 Fancy
11	400-447	430	361.00-404.00	384.88
5	410-412	411	412.50-435.00	426.91 Fancy
7	402-420	411	402.50-430.00	419.10 Value Added
20	450-490	476	350.00-379.00	363.57
25	455-499	486	379.00-402.50	393.17 Value Added
6	515-540	527	330.00-347.00	334.32
43	500-548	528	351.00-390.00	374.67 Value Added
14	550-592	569	320.00-345.00	332.31
52	550-598	580	337.50-387.00	351.83 Value Added
14	600-640	624	295.00-310.00	304.42
39	605-635	618	315.00-353.00	335.90 Value Added
13	656-695	674	281.00-299.00	290.74
49	650-695	679	310.00-327.50	319.34 Value Added
2	710-715	713	280.00-283.00	281.49
27	705-748	734	289.00-306.00	296.75 Value Added
10	773-795	778	264.00-274.00	269.69
6	805-842	818	258.00-261.00	259.48
4	855-897	884	247.00-261.00	251.64
2	927	927	221.00	221.00 Fleshy
4	1010-1025	1020	225.00-245.00	232.46
1	1085	1085	213.00	213.00

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
3	315-340	328	341.00-380.00	357.81
2	437	437	317.00	317.00
2	500-535	518	290.00-315.00	302.92
4	557-577	567	289.00-296.00	292.56
2	610-645	628	265.00-281.00	272.78
3	665-670	668	245.00-280.00	265.72
1	780	780	233.00	233.00

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
2	247	247	290.00	290.00
1	590	590	262.50	262.50
1	630	630	229.00	229.00

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
2	220-230	225	333.00-340.00	336.58
5	255-280	272	350.00-392.50	366.15
6	300-347	337	329.00-365.00	358.49
18	305-345	334	375.00-395.00	382.69 Fancy
12	350-382	371	320.00-372.50	346.73
19	350-390	371	375.00-397.50	389.71 Fancy
8	405-445	429	321.00-387.50	343.05
39	400-446	424	341.00-393.00	370.49 Value Added
14	451-495	475	312.50-339.00	326.01
47	452-497	476	341.00-375.00	362.31 Value Added
4	515-545	529	292.00-319.00	308.85
50	500-545	519	320.00-343.00	331.81 Value Added
14	550-592	574	285.00-304.00	295.56
51	550-597	571	304.00-337.50	319.01 Value Added
51	620-647	643	259.75-278.00	260.76
37	600-645	625	279.00-303.00	287.36 Value Added
4	667-685	675	263.00-270.00	264.76
262	657-699	682	277.00-291.00	284.51 Value Added
3	715-735	727	251.00-255.00	253.00
177	702-747	712	255.50-280.00	267.00 Value Added
1	790	790	239.00	239.00
90	755-785	769	254.00-265.00	263.95 Value Added
10	800-827	824	201.00-239.00	204.69
8	827-828	828	253.00-265.00	259.00 Value Added
1	900	900	215.00	215.00
2	977	977	221.00	221.00
1	1210	1210	206.00	206.00 Fancy

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
2	270	270	342.50	342.50
2	305-325	315	282.50-329.00	305.01
4	370-395	376	303.00-310.00	305.33
3	418	418	301.00	301.00
7	455-490	477	271.00-311.00	294.60
5	507-545	516	244.00-283.00	274.89
8	560-590	574	240.00-299.00	272.40
2	642	642	251.00	251.00
3	650-675	663	230.00-245.00	235.09
8	710-730	716	231.00-242.00	239.24
2	760-770	765	230.00-235.00	232.48

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	245	245	232.50	232.50
2	320-335	328	232.50-255.00	243.49
1	500	500	230.00	230.00

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
30	1015	1015	171.50	171.50

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
3	225-240	232	360.00-382.50	369.06
3	260-270	263	372.00-397.50	383.13
10	315-345	325	385.00-400.00	393.04
3	370-390	383	351.00-410.00	383.56
2	377	377	432.50	432.50 Value Added
4	407-430	415	360.00-391.00	382.73
10	420-445	427	395.00-410.00	404.90 Value Added
17	450-495	478	341.00-367.50	358.78
19	455-490	469	367.50-391.00	375.88 Value Added
5	520-545	531	321.00-340.00	330.62
14	500-531	516	351.00-362.50	357.94 Value Added
10	560-595	580	315.00-335.00	328.03
15	550-575	559	337.00-360.00	347.18 Value Added
5	607-640	623	282.50-307.50	299.60
25	620-648	632	310.00-336.00	324.42 Value Added
4	650-685	670	273.00-305.00	281.90
8	655-695	669	287.00-315.00	297.22 Value Added
3	700-740	718	248.00-265.00	258.62
5	705-730	723	260.00-282.50	271.05 Value Added
3	760-775	767	250.00-257.00	252.31
5	803-840	818	229.00-231.00	230.18
4	877	877	227.00	227.00
1	1040	1040	180.00	180.00

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
2	250-260	255	335.00-370.00	352.16
1	300	300	312.50	312.50
3	370-380	377	330.00	330.00
3	400-430	410	287.50-332.00	316.44
1	490	490	300.00	300.00
4	500-530	523	270.00-310.00	295.80
1	575	575	285.00	285.00
1	745	745	239.00	239.00
2	920-940	930	171.00-177.00	174.03

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
2	270-275	273	250.00-305.00	277.25
1	530	530	240.00	240.00
1	640	640	210.00	210.00

SLAUGHTER CATTLE

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing
1	1295	1295	197.00	197.00	Average

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing
4	1040-1435	1251	167.00-185.00	173.94	Average

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing
28	1135-1675	1367	140.00-147.00	144.15	Average
16	1340-1775	1517	148.00-160.00	153.77	High
9	1050-1420	1313	129.00-139.00	133.94	Low

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing
18	835-1470	1198	138.00-147.00	143.03	Average
27	1030-1660	1290	147.00-157.00	151.71	High
10	980-1360	1183	128.00-137.00	133.90	Low

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing
23	825-1290	1058	116.00-134.00	126.56	Average
22	865-1285	1047	134.00-149.00	141.18	High
12	785-1115	943	104.00-116.00	110.37	Low
2	895-975	935	90.00-100.00	95.21	Very Low

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing
1	1030	1030	130.00	130.00	Average

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing
11	1140-2260	1645	157.00-171.00	164.16	Average
6	1845-2040	1939	172.00-191.00	179.56	High
1	1250	1250	120.00	120.00	Low

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing
1	1610	1610	140.00	140.00	Low

REPLACEMENT CATTLE

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	8	760-1130	990	143.00-187.50	169.57

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	3	1005-1115	1068	137.00-142.00	139.58

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

Age	Stage	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
2-8	T2	3	1175-1355	1292	1875.00-2550.00	2118.03
2-8	T3	1	1190	1190	2200.00	2200.00

BRED COWS - Medium and Large 2-3 (Per Unit / Actual Wt)

Age	Stage	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
2-8	T2	2	930-945	938	1725.00-1850.00	1788.00

BRED COWS - Small and Medium 2-3 (Per Unit / Actual Wt)

Age	Stage	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
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tive agreement in place for all birds to be processed as they reached market weight, pending court approval. The department provided notice to the interested parties of the potential agreement.

On Oct. 7, the day before the scheduled hearing, attorneys for some of the other interested parties notified the department that they would assert their lien rights and security interests in the chickens, including against the buyer's proceeds from the sale of the post-processed meat. Citing costs surrounding potential litigation due to the lien claims, the buyer backed away from their offer.

In accordance with the Iowa District Court's order, depopulation started Oct. 17 of last year. The department said the depopulation was overseen by licensed veterinarians employed by the department, with depopulation of all Pure Prairie Poultry, Inc., birds located at Iowa farms concluding Oct. 25 of last year.

The department said it will seek reimbursement of the taxpayers' costs from responsible parties, including through possible legal remedies, and had also notified relevant local law enforcement of the situation.

When asked about the newly proposed legislation, Jennifer Williams Zwagermann, director of the Agricultural Law Center and agricultural

law professor at Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa, told Farm World, "Overall, I think it is important that whenever we have financial issues with livestock operations, such as bankruptcy, that we consider a number of factors.

"One is, of course, the welfare of the animals, and ensuring that no matter what, they continue to receive appropriate feeding and care," she said. "Another is the impact on the overall industry, and economic and other aspects that trickle both up and down from the impacted operation.

"The costs to taxpayers is, of course, another area to consider," she added. "I think there are many citizens that do not like the idea of euthanizing birds when the only reason is that the state could not find a buyer that was willing and able to step into this particular situation, given a variety of interests and challenges to ownership."

She said, "I have confidence that there are ways the state and the legislature can work with the livestock industry, and those involved, to negotiate and find agreeable financial resolutions. Overall, these are not common situations, and I hope it remains that way moving forward.

"That being said, it should be possible to ensure that if the state steps in to feed and care for livestock until either a new buyer is found or until they are ready for processing, reimbursement for those basic costs seems like a reasonable expectation. I

can envision then that proceeds from the sale beyond that would be directed to other creditors of the operation."

Naig said, "This is an incredibly unfortunate situation and raises serious questions about the USDA's oversight of taxpayer dollars. Congress should exercise its oversight authority to ensure that something like this does not happen again, and that those responsible are held accountable."

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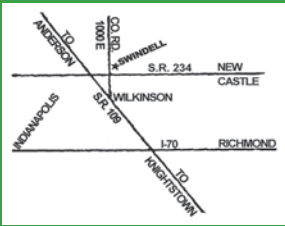
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Indiana farm offers horse camps and riding lessons

By Michele F. Mihaljevich
Indiana Correspondent

FORT WAYNE, Ind. – When she was in high school, Bella Stanchin helped neighborhood kids learn to ride horses. Little did she know that what she started doing for fun 11 years ago would turn into a full-time role on her family's horse farm in northern Allen County.

"It was not intentional (to begin offering formal riding lessons)," she explained. "I found my passion in teaching others to ride. Little by little, others started asking me to schedule them in and I found myself at the barn teaching lessons after school."

In addition to riding lessons, Stanchin offers horse camps over summer and winter breaks. During the summer, weekly sessions of Monday-Thursday camps are offered, she said. Kids come out for half of the day either in the morning or evening. Over winter break, they have about two weeks of camps, Stanchin said.

She's done horse camps for 10 years. They consist of horse care, feeding horses and doing chores, riding lessons, outdoor games and crafts, and fishing/canoeing.

"Camps are a great time for kids to make friends, spend time outside in the fresh air and off of screens, and bond with the horses," Stanchin said. "It is so rewarding to see how much the kids enjoy time at the farm and they count down to camp from year to year. These could not happen without the help of

some really great friends who help run these farm camps all summer. Our camp helpers are amazing at working with both horses and kids."

Stanchin's family has owned Blue Willow Farm since 2017. Her family has been involved with horses for five generations, working in such areas as breeding, training, racing, shoeing, barrel racing and lessons. Stanchin is a barrel racer. Her father, Jason Wiseman, is a professional farrier. One of her brothers, Isaiah Wiseman, is a professional jockey. Her mother, Jennifer Wiseman, is a schoolteacher. Her husband, Jay Stanchin, also works off farm.

Horses have been a great way for her family to bond, Bella Stanchin said.

"To me, working with horses is rewarding in every way," she noted. "Not only do they depend on us 24/7 for care, but they also really enjoy having a job and a purpose. They enjoy being rode and mine specifically love barrel racing."

"It makes me proud to take in horses that are not trained or broke yet, teach them how to move and listen correctly, and then watch them go run barrels or lead kids around. It is no small task as it takes working with them and riding them every single day to develop them into nice horses, but I put in that work to see the results."

The farm has 20-25 horses consisting of boarded horses, horses in training, Stanchin's personal barrel horses, lesson horses and ponies, and a few thoroughbred racehorses. The farm



Above: Bella Stanchin is a barrel racer, and offers horse riding lessons and horse camps at her family's farm in northern Allen County, Ind. (courtesy of Bella Stanchin)

has riding arenas and stables. She said they also try to raise a few animals to supply pork, beef, chicken and eggs for the family.

Stanchin will often work with training horses one to six months and then they go back to their owners. The horses in their barn range from ages 3-35.

"For the boarded horses, we do all of the daily care and maintenance,

then owners come ride their horses when they would like," she said. "For the horses I own, I am responsible for everything including things such as all of the care, monitoring their health, cleaning them, exercising them, and keeping up with their tack and equipment."

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Department of Interior urged to add phosphate, potash to critical minerals

By DOUG SCHMITZ
Iowa Correspondent

ARLINGTON, Va. – A bipartisan coalition of U.S. agricultural groups and lawmakers in both chambers of Congress is urging U.S. Department of the Interior Secretary Doug Burgum to add the fertilizers phosphate and potash to the U.S. Geological Survey's list of critical minerals.

The April 3 letter, led by U.S. Sens. Joni Ernst (R-Iowa) and Elissa Slotkin (D-Mich.), and Reps. Kat Cammack (R-Fla.) and Jimmy Panetta (D-Calif.), included 41 members of Congress.

"The majority of the world's phosphate and potash resources are concentrated in only a few countries, leaving them open to supply chain vulnerabilities and geopolitical instability," said Corey Rosenbusch, The Fertilizer Institute president and CEO. "The events of the past few years have shown us that food security is national security and now is the time to change how we talk about these vital resources.

"Without these two minerals, modern agricultural systems would crum-

ble and the ability to feed our growing population would be nearly impossible," he added. "It is vital that we take proactive steps to secure our own agricultural future by recognizing the role these minerals play in putting food on our tables."

Currently, the United States imports roughly 98 percent of its potash needs, the bulk of which – about 85 percent – comes from Canada, according to the TFI. Only 14 countries in the world produce potash, with China, Belarus and Russia accounting for over 40 percent of global production. Regarding phosphate, China and Russia account for over 50 percent of global production.

Ryan Droulette, Iowa State University farm management specialist, told Farm World, "Phosphorus imported to the U.S. accounts for 6-16 percent of consumption. Maybe not as critical as potash except that most of those imports have come from Peru and Morocco.

"By adding phosphate and potash to the critical minerals list, it would help streamline the process for expanding mining production in the U.S.," he said.

"It would help emphasize the need to develop a more resilient source of minerals that are domestically sourced, which would mitigate the risk of global shortages and geopolitical conflicts.

"With a more secure, stable source of potash and phosphorus, the U.S. farmer would hope to see a more stable price from year to year," he added. "Of course, domestic production would have to compete with established global supply chains for price, which is not the easiest to do when prices are low."

In the April 3 letter, the lawmakers said, "The United States must address the growing risks to this supply chain, including a return to domestic production of potash as quickly as possible. The importance of potash to the nation's economic and national security was recognized in 2018 when the U.S. Department of the Interior included potash on its list of 35 critical minerals.

"However, under the previous administration, the 2022 update removed potash from the list – a decision that clearly warrants reconsideration," the lawmakers said, adding that President Donald Trump recently reversed this decision, adding potash back to the list in his March 20 executive order.

Under the law defining critical minerals, the lawmakers said three criteria must be met: 1) a mineral must be essential to the economic or national security of the U.S.; 2) its supply chain must be vulnerable to disruption; and 3) the mineral must serve an essential function in the manufacturing of a product.

"Both potash and phosphate fulfill these criteria, and their significance for U.S. national security, food security, and American farmers is especially critical, particularly given recent glob-

al events that have affected fertilizer markets and highlighted the risks of disruptions," the letter said.

The letter added, "At the very heart of this issue are the American farmers who work tirelessly to feed Americans and much of the world. Fertilizers containing potash and phosphate are essential to maintaining soil fertility, improving crop yields, and ensuring consistent food production.

"Without access to a stable and affordable supply of these minerals, farmers face higher costs, reduced yields, and increased uncertainty – challenges that threaten their livelihoods and the food security of millions of American families," the letter said.

"In closing, we again ask you to take a decisive step toward securing our future by adding potash and phosphate to the U.S. Critical Minerals List," the letter said. "Doing so will send a powerful message that the United States is serious about safeguarding the nation's food supply."

Roger Cryan, American Farm Bureau Federation chief economist, agreed, telling Farm World, "America's food security is a matter of national security. Minerals like potash and phosphate are critical tools farmers use to grow the food and fiber America's families rely on. The (Trump) administration recognized the importance of potash fertilizer by exempting it from reciprocal tariffs.

"We appreciate lawmakers for coming together in a bipartisan manner to elevate this important issue further," he said. "Farm Bureau supports the inclusion of potash and phosphate on the U.S. Critical Minerals list to ensure farmers continue to have access to the fertilizer they need to keep America's food supply strong."

Horse Camp

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Though Stanchin has given riding lessons to people ages 3-80, elementary- and middle-school kids make up a large part of the riding program. She does provide horses to those seeking lessons, but will also help horse owners work with their personal horses, either at the family farm or at their farms.

Stanchin said she helps many teens work on such things as overall horsemanship, finding the best way to communicate with horses, horse fitness, skills for barrel racing, and preparing for 4-H fairs.

"The training all depends on the level of the rider, level and age of the horse, and the type of riding or showing they are pursuing," she pointed out. "Horses all have their own personality, temperament, and quirks, so we find the best way to ride and handle each specific horse."

Stanchin had her first son in April 2024 and put him on a horse the minute they got to the farm. She said she loves that she gets to share the lifestyle with another generation of her family.

"To me, being at the farm and around horses takes the hustle out



Above: Bella Stanchin has been teaching others to ride horses since she was in high school. (courtesy of Bella Stanchin)

of our busy world and lets time slow down," Stanchin said. "Horses have a calming nature to them and they respond best when you are nurturing and calm toward them, too. Visitors often appreciate the beauty of the horses and enjoy petting them and watching people ride in our arenas.

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Shrubs for Shrikes program aims to improve bird numbers in Indiana

By Celeste Baumgartner
Ohio Correspondent

INDIANAPOLIS – Loggerhead shrikes, also known as “butcherbirds,” were once a common songbird in Indiana. Graduate student Ken Burton found 100 nesting pairs in the late 1980s. In 2014, only 10 pairs remained.

The drop in numbers is likely caused by habitat loss due to changes in land use, said Allisyn-Marie Gillet, state ornithologist for the Indiana Department of Natural Resources (IDNR). Much of the grassland habitat in their historical range has been developed or converted to large-scale agriculture. Beginning in 2020, the Shrubs for Shrikes program has aimed to turn that number around.

Many farmers had already allowed the researchers to come on their farms and look for shrikes for an annual survey and many agreed to participate in the program. That meant they would permit landscapers to plant at least four Eastern red cedars on their property and they would agree to maintain them for at least 10 years.

Farmers received a stipend for their participation. Funds come from the Indiana Audubon (not a chapter of the National Audubon Society), the IDNR Division of Fish and Wildlife, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, which



Above: Loggerhead shrikes, also known as “butcherbirds,” were once a common songbird in Indiana. There were 100 nesting pairs in the late 1980s. In 2014 only 10 pairs remained. The drop in numbers is likely caused by habitat loss.

have teamed up to help provide shrubs for shrikes through the Adopt a Shrike Program.

“We typically find shrikes on heritage farms with pasture/livestock in Orange, Lawrence and Spencer counties,” Gillet said. “The shrikes benefit from the wide variety of habitats that these farms make for wildlife and help farmers by eating a lot of insects and small animals



Above: The Eastern red cedars were 8 feet tall, so they would be immediately useful to the birds. Gary Langell, Dan Kaiser, Sarah McNichol, kneeling in front, and Amy Kearns with a tree ready for planting.

that are farm pests.”

Loran Wilson, of Orleans, Ind., is one of 18 farmers participating in the program. His farm is ideal. The family has brood cows and a feedlot that can finish 300 head of cattle. Shrikes do well in

pastureland. In the mid-1980s the family saw shrikes on the property, then they disappeared for a while. Now they are seeing them again.

“They like a pasture that is 6- to 8-inches tall,” Wilson said. “They love to catch bugs. In the mid-1980s we had shrikes at the home farm. They would catch little garter snakes, and they’d hang them on the barbed wire fence, stab them on the barbs. Or they will eat a field mouse and take the skull and impale it on a barb on a barbed wire fence. At first, I wondered who in the world was doing that! It was the shrikes. People nickname them “the butcherbird” because of that.

“They want a fence, where they can perch and stick their little trophies on barbed wire,” Wilson said. “They like a high line like a power line where they can sit up and watch down below, and a big shrub. We had three different corners of the field where it wouldn’t be in the way or bother anything and I let them put the cedar trees into the corner and put a little fence panel across it to where the cattle won’t rub on it. We’ve had two different pairs of shrikes and one single that they identified last year.”

Also, the shrikes are using the shrubs for escape cover, said Amy Kearns, assistant ornithologist for the IDNR. The sooner the young can leave the nest the better off they are. The smells created by the nest can attract predators such as possums or raccoons.

The birds need to follow their parents around the farm to get fed. That gives parents more area that they can hunt. But the young are not yet strong flyers.

“When they go around these farms and there is a cedar for the young to hide in if a Cooper hawk flies by then the parents are calling to let the young know there is danger, then the young can hide in that cedar,” Kearns said. “That gives them a safe place to hide from predators while maximizing the food that the parents can capture on that farm.”

The Eastern cedars were 8 feet tall when the landscapers planted them, ensuring that they would be useful to the birds immediately.

“We saw them using them right away,” Kearns said. “It has been very successful. We did have to put in the work at the beginning, coordinating with the landowners, planting the bushes, watering the bushes, and putting in the fence to protect them from livestock, but it has paid off. They are all doing well and providing habitat not just for shrikes but for many other native species as well.”

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Above: Jay Akridge (left) received his FFA American Farmer Degree at the National FFA Convention in Kansas City, Mo. (photo submitted)

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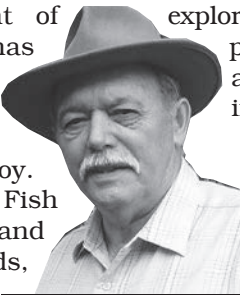
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Indiana DNR opens 3,950 acres in Sullivan County as Busseron Creek

The Indiana Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has officially opened nearly 3,950 acres of permanently protected land in Sullivan County for visitors to enjoy. Known as Busseron Creek Fish & Wildlife Area (FWA), the land includes forests, woodlands, marshes, swamps, lakes, and grasslands.

"Today's a day for the record books," said Suzanne Jaworowski, Indiana Secretary of Energy and Natural Resources. "With the addition of nearly 4,000 acres of permanently protected Indiana landscape, Hoosiers and wildlife alike gain an expansive natural place ready for



SPAULDING OUTDOORS
By Jack Spaulding

exploration. I'm thankful for the many partners who came together to achieve this record achievement in conservation."

The permanently conserved land was once part of the former leased Minnehaha FWA. Indiana's DNR paid \$10.8 million for the property, a total including funding support from hunters, trappers, and recreational shooters via the Wildlife Restoration Program. The U.S. Navy paid an additional \$910,000 to support a conservation easement on a portion of the land through the Department of Defense's Readiness and Environmental Protection Integration program, and a \$600,000 grant from National

Fish and Wildlife Foundation through Walmart's Acres for America program also supported the acquisition.

"The Conservation Law Center is excited to lead an incredible project like this through the Southern Indiana Sentinel Landscape partnership, which brings together private, state, and federal funding to unite around a common vision of strengthening national security, enhancing conservation, and supporting thriving rural landscapes," said Michael Spaulding, coordinator of the Southern Indiana Sentinel Landscape.

The land will provide key habitat for wildlife including turkey, deer, waterfowl, rabbit, quail, and numerous species of migratory songbirds. DNR has established hunting units, parking areas, and access trails and will continue adding infrastructure to improve visitor accessibility on site.

For more than 30 years, DNR leased this property, operating it as Minnehaha FWA. In 2016, the property owner declined to renew its lease with the state, and Minnehaha FWA closed. The property is located near the Lake Glendora Test Facility, an area of NSA Crane operated by NSWC, Crane Division.

Midwest Walleye Challenge

Indiana anglers are invited to participate in the 2025 Midwest Walleye Challenge, a virtual fishing tournament offering the opportunity to win prizes and contribute to fisheries management while providing Indiana Department of Natural Resources (DNR) fisheries biologists with valuable data on the state's walleye, sauger, and saugeye populations.

The tournament kicked off on April 1 and ends June 29. Only catches of walleye, sauger, and saugeye count in the tournament.

The Midwest Walleye Challenge was

piloted in Iowa three years ago. Additional Midwest states have joined in adding to the larger fisheries research project, creating a region-wide citizens science opportunity.

There's a \$25 registration fee to enter, with biweekly cash prizes available. Participants have a chance to win a grand prize at the end of the tournament.

Anglers can submit catches and their time on the water for multiple categories, including a "Tough Luck" category for anglers logging fishing trips but don't catch anything, a "Most Waterbodies Fished" category for anglers logging trips from multiple rivers, lakes, and streams, and a standard "Longest Fish" category, in addition to random prize drawings for all participants.


Participants use the free mobile app, MyCatch, to submit photos of their catch on a measuring device so length and species may be determined. Once the photo is reviewed, and the catch is confirmed, it will appear on a live leaderboard so anglers can see their current tournament ranking.

Those interested in participating can view the rules and register at anglers-atlas.com/event/840 or with the MyCatch app. For more information visit: wildlife.IN.gov/fishing/walleye-fishing/#Tournament_Details.

'till next time,
Jack

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Nutrien Ag Solutions opens Innovation Farm facility in Champaign, IL

By DOUG SCHMITZ
Iowa Correspondent

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. – Nutrien Ag Solutions has opened a new facility at its Innovation Farm in Champaign to advance research and technology in farming across North America, according to company officials.

“Nutrien purchased the 282-acre farm in 2019 with a goal to eventually add an on-site facility to house the Champaign Innovation Farm team, and accelerate the adoption of new technology for our grower customers and retail locations, focusing on full acre solutions (the approach to crop management, which offers a comprehensive range of services for growers),” Katelyn Maass, Nutrien senior manager, North American retail communications, told Farm World.

“After a few years of demonstrating the value of full acre solutions on the land, ground was officially broken for the on-site facility in spring 2024,” she added.

On March 20, the farm celebrated its grand opening, showcasing the latest agricultural technology and sustainability practices. The facility is the newest addition to Nutrien’s Innovation Farm Network, and the fourth of its kind nationwide.

Company officials said Nutrien’s Tolono, Ill., site is transitioning its operations into the broader Champaign community, from its previous location in the University of Illinois Research Park. Nutrien first entered the Research Park in 2018 after acquiring the Champaign, Ill.-based Agrible, a digital agriculture company specializing in advisory tools and data science for farmers.

The building serves as the main space for the farm’s 16-person agronomy



Above: Nutrien Ag Solutions officially opened its newest Innovation Farm in Champaign, Ill., with company leaders (left to right) Jeff Tarsi, Rob Clayton, Paul Bonnett, Thaddeus Bates and Kent McDaniel at the March 20 grand opening. (photo courtesy of Nutrien Ag Solutions)

omy team for agronomic research and on-farm testing: “We actually do not do research on the farms,” Maass said. “We work with suppliers and their research teams, so we can pick up where research leaves off.

“Our goal with our Innovation Farm Network as a whole is to grow agriculture by sharing the knowledge that we gather on these farms, not by promoting specific products, but by sharing the practices, products, and technology that have been demonstrated to successfully work together as a full-acre approach that is efficient, attainable, and repeatable by farmers across North America,” she added.

She said, “The 16 team members who work out of this facility repre-

sent the various services, offerings, and expertise of our Nutrien agronomy team. With this team, our goal is to take the innovation farm focus on equipment, technology, products, practices and people, and bookend it with soil health and atmospheric science to help make the best recommendations for growers.

“Also represented on the team are data scientists to analyze and interpret the data we receive,” she added. “There are also agronomists and soil scientists to understand the needs of the soil and crops. This team also works closely with IT to help with digital tools to compute the data coming in from all types of equipment, and can be used to collect historical data.”

Jeff Tarsi, Nutrien executive vice president and president of global retail, told the Champaign News-Gazette on March 21, “We call this research at the speed of farming. It’s our ability to do replications to fiscally sound experiments on real farms and in real farm environments to collect the data, and allow our growers to replicate it on their own farms.”

The Champaign Innovation Farm has a weather studio, a green screen, and media capabilities to deliver localized forecasts to growers through YouTube and social media, company officials said. The site also has 10-mile panoramic views and can generate regionally relevant forecasts for global markets such as South America and Asia.

Kent McDaniel, Nutrien Cornbelt regional manager, told the News-Gazette the multi-purpose site will cover a range of focuses, including equipment testing, agronomic trials, environmental science, and hands-on demonstrations.

“I think (with) the whole idea about community, we could do this technology innovation anywhere, but you get the most value out of it when you’re in the same locations as where your products are going to actually provide value,” he said.

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Illinois governor and ag leaders renew MOU with Mexico

By TIM ALEXANDER
Illinois Correspondent

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. – Illinois Pork Producers Association (IPA) President Jennifer Tirey had barely finished unpacking from a trade mission to Mexico City, Mexico, when news came down that China would increase their retaliatory tariffs against the U.S. to 81 percent on pork products from the 34 percent raise previously announced.

With the status of U.S. international trade partners as unsteady as ever due to the Trump administration's latest tariffs, Tirey's goodwill trade mission to Mexico as a guest of Governor JB Pritzker, which resulted in a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the nation's trade leaders, couldn't have been timelier.

"I felt really honored to be part of the conversation, and proud that the governor saw the critical need for us to be there," Tirey said. "Agriculture is such a huge economic engine for our state, with soybeans and corn obviously having a huge footprint in that space as well. We weren't there to solve the world's problems overnight, but we did make some very necessary connections that I think moving forward will really help us."

The Illinois-specific trade mission began on March 30 and concluded April 2. Because of weather-related flight delays, Tirey did not arrive back in Springfield until April 3. The trip, organized by Pritzker, Lt. Gov. Juliana Stratton, the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, the Illinois Department of Agriculture (IDOA) and Intersect Illinois also included state ag commodity representatives Rodney Weinzierl, of Illinois Corn, John Lumpe, of Illinois Soybean, and Josh St. Peters, of Illinois Beef. Also present was Jerry Costello II, IDOA director.



Above: Illinois Governor JB Pritzker (center) led a trade mission to Mexico March 30-April 2 that included (l-r) Illinois Ag Director Jerry Costello, Illinois Corn's Rod Weinzierl, Illinois Beef's Josh St. Peters, Illinois Pork's Jen Tirey, Illinois Lt. Gov. Juliana Stratton, Illinois Soybean's John Lumpe and Illinois Deputy Gov. Andy Manar. (J. Tirey photo)

"On Monday morning (March 31) the entire delegation had a morning briefing in the U.S. Embassy, and the (USDA Foreign Agriculture Service) minister of agriculture, Morgan Perkins, was present at that meeting. Representatives from four different sectors were also present at the U.S. Embassy meeting: the Councils for Commercial Affairs, Political Affairs, Economic Affairs, and Agricultural Affairs," Tirey reported.

"I found that panel to be very interesting in how all of these sectors are connected, and it was nice to hear how some sectors' issues affected others. From there we were able to talk directly to the minister of agriculture about the issues that are impacting us, including the bilateral trade agreement and how important it is to us."

Topping the list of issues discussed with Mexican trade partners and company representatives was the existing 25 percent tariff on Mexican products en-

tering the U.S., along with the potential of additional tariffs on Mexican products from the U.S. and retaliatory measures against U.S. products by Mexico.

"We did talk to a few buyers that were concerned with the tariffs and were talking about looking at other markets just to potentially hedge their bets," Tirey said. "That is one of our biggest concerns, potentially losing that (Mexican) market. It would be so hard to get back."

An Ag Roundtable was held April 1, during which the Illinois ag commodity leaders met with buyers for Mexican food companies. Some approached Tirey with questions about how to work more effectively one-on-one with the Illinois pork industry. "This meeting opened up potential doors that we hadn't opened before," Tirey said, "and it gave all our commodity groups an opportunity to share why we were there with the Mexican delegation."

The National Pork Board reported in

2024 that Mexico is the largest export market for U.S. pork, accounting for around 37 percent of exports. From January to April 2024, exports to Mexico increased by 11 percent in volume to 388,855 metric tons (mt) and 18 percent in value to \$815.6 million. April 2024 pork exports to Mexico reached a record 107,594 mt, up 34 percent from the previous year, with a value of \$240.5 million, a 61 percent increase.

According to a state of Illinois news release, bilateral trade between Illinois and Mexico exceeded \$32 billion in 2024, making Mexico Illinois' second-largest export market. Exports include chemicals, agricultural products and machinery. Conversely, Mexico is Illinois' third-largest import market, with Illinois importing over \$19 billion in goods, including beverages, transportation equipment and electronics.

In addition to tariffs, Tirey and her ag colleagues also discussed migrant labor issues with the Mexican delegation and trade representatives.

"It was important to be able to share the importance of livestock and why the industry is one of the overall economic drivers of the state of Illinois, but also to share how interdependent we are as an industry on TN (temporary nonimmigrant) visas. A lot of those workers come from Mexico, and our interrelationship goes so far and is so necessary to keeping our industry in the positive moving forward," Tirey said.

A MOU between Mexico and the state of Illinois was renewed near the conclusion of the trip for the first time since the 1990s, solidifying their historic trade relationship and shared spirit of cooperation. "Regardless of what may or may not come out of the tariffs, there was an assurance that these two entities want to continue working together into the future," according to Tirey.



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LaPorte County, Ind., to get food, crop waste processing plant

By Stan Maddux
Indiana Correspondent

KINGSBURY, Ind. – A \$70 million plant converting primarily food and crop waste into natural gas and nutrients for soil will be constructed in Indiana.

The plan includes another \$70 million investment on an expansion once the facility at Kingsbury Industrial Park is operating.

Ground has been broken on the Kingsbury Bioenergy Complex, which is scheduled for completion late next year.

The plan, in the northwest part of the state, will be owned and operated by Nexus W2V, a leading waste processing solutions firm based in Greenville, S.C.

“This is a decisive step toward a future where waste is transformed into a valuable resource,” said CEO of the company, Roshan Vani.

The plant will be able to process up to 200 tons of organic material like expired ingredients at major food processing plants for use in converting it into natural gas.

According to company officials, the facility will produce enough natural gas to operate more than 47,000

homes while reducing the amount of waste going into landfills.

“Indiana continues to lead the nation in attracting forward thinking investments in energy and waste management solutions,” said State Rep. Jim Pressel, of Rolling Prairie.

Vani said a lot of the organic material will come from processors of edible products in the Chicagoland area whose food and ingredients never made it to the stores due to spoilage or expiring.

He said supermarket chains in the region will also be a supplier of packaged foods like cake mixes and cereal no longer available for sale.

In addition, Vani said the company, working through brokers and directly with farmers, if necessary, will secure the rights to crops such as potatoes and pumpkins that never made it to market.

“We already have a network of great brokers that already are networked with haulers where we can figure out ways to come get large volumes of organic waste,” he said.

Food-related fats, oils and greases, along with expired soda pop, are among the other materials that will be accepted into the plant.

Some of the projected 35 workers to be hired at the plant, initially, will remove food from packaged items for placement into a digester where all organic material will be mixed with water or some other liquid and then heated.

The methane created from decomposition of the slurry will be captured and injected into existing NIPSCO natural gas pipelines for use by consumers.

“We have equipment that cleans that methane to get it to a pipeline quality gas,” he said.

The remaining nutrient-rich solids will be extracted from the digester and allowed to dry before processed into a bio-char product similar to potash.

He said the bio-char product will be available for sale to customers such as farmers, gardeners and landscapers for use to improve the health of their soils.

Vani doesn’t expect any shortage of supply, citing figures that indicate more than 40 percent of food produced in the U.S. is discarded.

“We’ve really been thoughtful on

our receiving base side on how we can slide into the market with the existing eco-system,” he said.

Right now, Vani said the plan is to bring the food waste into the plant mostly on semi-trucks. Freight trains as an option are still being explored.

An existing CSX rail line at the park can be used to move product, but would require a rail extension from the plant.

He said the facility will also have an odor control system to eliminate any foul smells emitting from the plant.

Matt Reardon, in charge of economic development for La Porte County government, said the facility, to be in the southeast corner of the industrial park, has been several years in the making.

He said the project followed a process that included site selection, finding a buyer for the gas along with zoning approval.

“That’s a big investment by all measures and we’re certainly happy to have that,” he said.

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INDIANAPOLIS – Fuel retailers, bio-fuels advocates, farmers and more are invited to the annual High Performance Low Carbon Liquid Fuels Summit on May 6-7 at Gridiron Hall at the Indianapolis Colts Headquarters, 7001 W. 56th St. in Indianapolis.

Hosted by the Indiana Soybean Alliance’s Membership & Policy Committee (M&P) and the Indiana Corn Growers Association (ICGA), the Summit will offer a variety of speakers who will share details about the opportunities for soybean-based biodiesel and corn-based ethanol fuels amid the current legislative climate.

This year’s Summit will include several featured speakers and panel discussions with biofuels experts from around the world. Some of the speakers and topics include:

- Decarbonization Does Not Equal Electrification – John Eichberger, Transportation and Energy Institute executive director.
- The Future of Renewable Fuels Federal Policy and Regulation – Panel with Geoff Moody, of the American Fuel and Petrochemical Manufacturers, David Cobb, of Clean Fuels Alliance America, Chris Bliley, of Growth Energy and Michael Hartrick, of the Environment and Energy Policy Alliance for Automotive Innovation.
- Advancements in Biofuel Infrastructure

ture and Innovation for Fuel Retailers – Panel with Nate Hale, of fuel retailer Wally’s, Ron English, of J.T. Petroleum, Jeff Dzierzanowski, of Source North America Corp., and Jeff Wilkerson, of Pearson Fuels.

- State Policy Landscape. Laying the Foundation for Growth in Indiana – Panel with Jeff Wilkerson, of Pearson Fuels, Jeff Earl, of Clean Fuels Alliance America, Lawrence McCormack, of Cummins Inc., and Dallas Gerber, of Growth Energy.

- Land, Air and Sea: Biofuels Tactics – Panel with Jackie Hayes, of Whitefox Technologies, Mark Ingebretson, of U.S. Grains Council, David Cobb, of Clean Fuels Alliance America, Jamey Cline, of Christianson PLLP, and Hugh Caperton, of Vault 4401.

The full agenda and registration can be found online at: bit.ly/LFS-registration

Biofuels impact on Indiana

About 43 percent of Indiana’s corn crop goes to the state’s 15 ethanol biorefineries each year, which produce 1.4 billion gallons of ethanol. The Indiana Corn Marketing Council (ICMC), the state’s corn checkoff, offers a grant program that encourages fuel retailers to install fuel pumps with higher blends of ethanol such as Unleaded 88 (15 percent ethanol) and E85 (85 percent ethanol). More than 400 fuel stations in Indiana offer these higher blends of ethanol.

ICGA President Chris Cherry, a farmer from New Palestine, Ind., said all Hoosier corn growers benefit from a healthy ethanol industry.

“Like most businesses, the ethanol industry requires coordination,” Cherry said. “For this industry, the supply chain begins with farmers growing corn as the feedstock for ethanol. We work closely with the ethanol biorefineries that buy our crops. The biorefineries work closely with the fuel retailers who sell the product to consumers. In between those steps there are many levels of transportation and marketing and sales. If any of these steps break down, then the industry suffers. Events like this Summit help Hoosier farmers maintain good relationships with our partners to keep this industry strong.”

According to figures published by ICMC, the value of Indiana corn exported through ethanol is \$218 million. Along with U.S. consumption of ethanol, 1.9 billion gallons of U.S. ethanol were exported to more than 75 countries in 2024. That equals 477 million bushels of corn. Indiana’s ethanol industry supports nearly 35,000 direct jobs and contributes approximately \$3 billion to Hoosier household incomes per year. Ethanol byproducts include distillers corn oil, which is used to make biodiesel and renewable diesel, and dried distillers grains used for animal feed.

Soybean-based biodiesel also impacts the Indiana farm economy. Although the state only has one biodiesel production facility, Louis Dreyfus Corp. in Claypool, it is the largest U.S. biodiesel biorefinery. This plant sustains 820 jobs and \$134

million in economic activity. Louis Dreyfus uses more than 300 million pounds of soybean oil to produce nearly 100 million gallons of biodiesel from Hoosier soybean fields.

Clean Fuels Alliance America (CFAA) reports that increased demand for oil for biodiesel boosted soybean prices by 63 cents per bushel. The CFAA said Indiana has 71 fuel retailers that offer diesel blends 5 percent or higher with biodiesel. The Indiana Soybean Alliance (ISA), the state’s soybean checkoff program, said Indiana’s 273 million bushels increased in value by more than \$171 million in 2019 due to biodiesel production.

“ISA’s vision is to be a catalyst for innovation and leadership in the state’s soybean industry,” said ISA Chair Denise Scarborough, a farmer from La-Crosse, Ind. “With Louis Dreyfus and the fuel retailers that sell biodiesel, we have partners that help us positively serve Hoosier farmers and the state’s economy. Biodiesel makes the air cleaner, and we are working with companies across the state to use more biodiesel.”

ISA and the American Lung Association have collaborated to create the B20 Club of Indiana, which recognizes and supports Indiana-based fleets running on biodiesel blends of 20 percent or higher. Since the inception of the B20 Club, 13 million gallons of B20 have been used – reducing CO2 emissions from those fleets by 23,000 tons. That is the equivalent of planting 340,000 trees. Biodiesel and renewable diesel made from soybeans reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 70 percent compared to petroleum diesel.

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2023 Kinze bean planter sows a \$150,000 bid at Cripes auction

By William Flood
Ohio Correspondent

TIPTON, Ind. – On March 31, Cripes Auction Service hosted the Larry Harper farm retirement auction. The event provided an opportunity for buyers to acquire dozens of pieces of well-maintained and often like-new agricultural equipment, semis, trailers and livestock gear. Nearly 90 items from his operation were offered via HiBid.

The highest bid of \$150,000 went for a 2023 Kinze 3665 16/32 bean planter. The pivot-fold planter featured Blue Drive electric drive, True Speed high-speed meters, and bulk fill capabilities. Another Kinze rig, a 2021 Model 4905 16-R30 corn planter also hit six figures at \$112,000. The front-fold machine was outfitted with Blue Drive, True Speed, and a 750-gallon liquid capacity.

Second place went to a 2017 John Deere S680 2WD combine with 2,177 overall hours (1,513 on the separator) that hit \$133,000. It was outfitted with Interactive Combine Adjust, Pro-drive transmission with Harvest-Smart, concave round bar, deep tooth shoe, Tri-Stream rotor with extended wear, extended wear grain handling, 750/R26 rears, and IF520/85 R42 duals. Other options included PowerCast powered tailboard, feed accelerator slow speed drive, power-folding grain tank covers, power-folding 26-foot unloading auger, and LED lights. Inside its premium cab was an enhanced air suspension seat, AutoTrac ready, harvest monitor, GS3 touch screen with color display, Command Touch MSP-DR dual-tilt drive, and a premium radio package with XM satellite radio.

Fifteen additional Deere items were offered, including a 2022 John Deere C16F folding corn head for an X-series combine, landing \$92,600. Bought new, and used just two seasons, it featured 30-inch row spacing, non-stock master, stalk deflector ready, active end fenders, and intermeshing knife rolls. A bid of \$46,800, picked up a 2013 John Deere 5085M tractor with 1,026 hours. It came with a John Deere H260 loader, three remotes, Power Reverse Plus, 16.9-30 Goodyear rear tires at 60 percent, and 11.2-24 Alliance front tires at 99 percent. Later, a good-condition 15-foot John Deere 750 no-till drill scored \$11,600.

Other agricultural equipment scoring five figures included a 2024 J&M LC290 speed tender that hit \$33,200. It featured a Honda motor, aluminum wheels, scales, 36-inch flex-spout, 11-foot telescoping spout, wired remote, 2-5/16-inch ball hitch, 21-foot Tru-Trac conveyor, and licensing package. Two similarly equipped 2023 Brent 757-series Grain Train gravity wagons, with 4-wheel brakes, like-new Firestone tires, and tarp lights, sold for \$23,400 and \$23,200. And a Koyker Manufacturing Flexstore bag unloader pulled \$16,100.

Three dozen more items bid to four figures, including a New Holland Hayliner 276 square baler at \$4,450, and a New Holland 328 Manure Spreader at \$4,250. A 12-foot Glen-coe 9-shank disk chisel made it to \$2,100. Even at the auction's lower end, some excellent deals were made. A 24-foot Hiniker 1224 field cultivator was picked up for \$575, while a homemade 675-gallon sprayer with a hydraulic pump, 45-foot boom, and 11.00-16 tires went for \$475. A bid of just \$75 took home a Deere 6-row, 30-inch row crop cultivator.

In another category, three semis were up for auction, each bringing mid-four-figure sums. Two 2011 International ProStars were offered, both powered by ISX Cummins diesel engines and automatic transmis-



Above: A 2023 Kinze 3665 bean planter scored the auction's top bid at \$150,000.



Above: A 2021 Kinze corn planter was among three items that reached six figures, selling for \$112,000.

sions. One, with 847,784 miles, sold for \$53,000, while the other, with unlisted mileage, followed closely at \$52,500. Bidding reached \$41,000 for a 2009 International ProStar, with 1,022,539 miles, also with an ISX Cummins diesel engine and automatic transmission.

Alongside the semis were five trailers, including a 1996 Load Luger 50-ton ground-bearing detachable trailer that sold for \$12,000. It featured a 23-foot well, swing outriggers, a Pony motor, and a self-contained 420 Predator hydraulic pump and motor. A Trailerman gooseneck trailer with a hydraulic dovetail and 20,000-lb GVW brought in \$7,800, despite having a twisted frame. Additionally, a 2005 Wabash National 53-foot refrigerated trailer with spread axle tandems and a Whisper edition reefer went for \$3,550.

Several smaller vehicles and trailers were available, including a 2015 16-foot Premier S616 livestock trailer, which brought \$6,200. A 1973 Chevrolet C60 2-ton grain truck, in running condition with 85,390 miles, was also on the list. It featured a small-block Chevy 8-cylinder gas engine, 4-speed transmission with high-low splitter, and 16-foot by 93-inch by 41-inch hydraulic dump bed. Although needing some work, it was

grabbed for just \$1,850.

Livestock equipment included items like a Filson Squeeze Cattle Chute (\$2,500), an aluminum livestock animal truck topper (\$2,100), and a set of eight 10-foot by 6-foot dog kennel fences, two with gates (\$650).

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Nemeth brings knowledge and passion to Ohio Farm Bureau

By Mike Tanchevski
Ohio Correspondent

COLUMBUS, Ohio – Brent Nemeth, of Rayland/Dillonvale, is Ohio Farm Bureau's new organization director for Carroll, Harrison, Jefferson and Tuscarawas counties.

The area is where he was born and raised. "I grew up basically 200 yards off the banks of the Ohio River – in the foothills of the Appalachians," he said.

Nemeth graduated magna cum laude from Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology in Terre Haute, Ind., with a bachelor's degree in civil engineering. He's also a graduate of West Virginia University College of Law.

While at Rose-Hulman, he developed a keen interest in cattle and farming.

"My roommate was from Nebraska, and I was always with him. We were the best of friends," Nemeth said. "His dad was a large animal vet, and his family had a couple of thousand head of cattle. We're just talking cattle all the time, and I started going to Nebraska with him on weekends and



Above: Brent Nemeth, new organization director for Ohio Farm Bureau, will serve members in Carroll, Harrison, Jefferson, and Tuscarawas counties.

in the summers. Next thing I know, I'm into cattle, and I'm into farming."

That wasn't his first exposure to farming and livestock. As a child, he sold eggs from chickens he raised on an inactive dairy farm his parents

owned.

"They didn't farm it, but it had the workings of the dairy on it," Nemeth said. "I took advantage of an old chicken coop/spring house on the property."

His grandmother's local church group's baking events provided a market for his eggs.

"I had 50 laying hens, and the women's auxiliary always had baking events, and they were talking one day about how they wanted fresh brown eggs off the farm for their baking, Nemeth said. "So, I started peddling eggs around town to these ladies who liked to bake."

Early in his career, he worked as a data analyst for Consol Coal and later transferred to Michael Baker Jr., Inc. in Pittsburgh, where he performed in the design and construction of water resources, environmental engineering, and water and wastewater treatment plant projects.

He then served as general counsel for his family's concrete and river unloading businesses in Jefferson and Belmont counties.

Nemeth's passion for animals, combined with his civil engineering and legal backgrounds, spurred an interest in the public policy side of agriculture.

In January, he was appointed to the Jefferson Soil and Water Conservation District's board. That, in addition to his role as organization director with Ohio Farm Bureau, gives him a platform to promote agriculture.

"Now I have two things where I'm involved with public policy," he said. "I want to use all those tools and all of those experiences I have formulated over the years, and I want to advocate for farming."

A lifelong resident of Jefferson County and former Jefferson County Conservation Farmer of the Year, Nemeth runs a seed-stock cow-calf operation on land he purchased in 2000.

"I turned this place into a 30-paddock rotational grazing farm," he said. "I'm very much a fan of the benefits of rotational grazing. Not just for the

benefits to the ground and the environment, but to the livestock itself."

Nemeth runs a 75-head cow-calf operation of purebred Angus with some Simmental crossbreds on 90 acres. He grows hay on an additional 140 acres and is in the process of acquiring another 30 acres contiguous to his cow-calf operation to support residual grazing for his cattle.

I've got somebody that's going to plant that, and I'm trying some different things too," he said. "I always believed in diversity, but one thing I'm understanding now, more than ever, is diversity of my forages for my cattle – we're going to give that a try."

Due to topography, the main farm focus of Ohio's Appalachian counties is on beef cattle and sheep because of the region's capability to produce forage grasses and legumes, essential to feeding livestock.

Coal and steel, which were the driving economic forces in the region for so long, eclipsed farming as a primary source of income. Farming was something coal miners and mill workers did to provide additional income.

Nemeth wants to make farmers in his area more efficient and increase their knowledge about new and better ways of running their operations.

"During that era, men and women were part-time farming, and they didn't keep up as much with the knowledge and the science," Nemeth said. "That's part of what I'd like to bring to the table – helping people to be more efficient and be able to embrace this way of life and get excited about it."

Being new to the position, Nemeth is deliberate about how he familiarizes himself with what it takes to do the job.

"I'm learning to do things the Ohio Farm Bureau way," he said. "I'm trying not to go too quickly because I don't want to overwhelm myself. It's going to take me a little time to grow and adjust."

Nemeth is devoted to this part of the state, and he's an ardent proponent of what agriculture can look like in Ohio's Appalachian counties.

"To get that passion up about these grazing farms and this forage production around here," Nemeth said. "We have the people – we have to invigorate the passion and to get caught up on the science. I think we can get there."

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Butter international shipments highest since March 2022

A lot of eyes are on dairy product demand right now as the spring flush begins. Exports are strong due to low U.S. prices, particularly on cheese and butter, but they are suspect due to the Trump tariff tit for tat and falling U.S. dollar.

We got a look back on February in USDA's latest Dairy Supply and Utilization report which showed overall cheese use at 1.1 billion pounds, down 0.8 percent from February 2024. HighGround Dairy blamed "tepid domestic consumption for both American and Other-Cheese as a volatile economic environment weighs on consumer purchasing." The good news is "Discounted U.S. product compared to the rest of the world continues to stimulate healthy export demand."

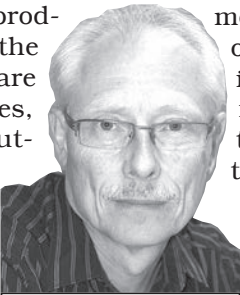
Butter utilization, at 169.4 million pounds, was up 10.1 percent and "Neared the monthly high set in 2021, missing it by just 500,000 pounds. Exports and domestic disappearance were both robust," says HighGround, "and international shipments hit their highest mark since March 2022. These were likely buoyed by the steep discount that U.S. product carries to international prices."

Unfortunately, nonfat dry milk and skim milk powder continued to falter, coming in at 151.5 million pounds, down 13.8 percent from a year ago, and down from the year before for the 17th time in the past 19 months. HGD says "It was the lowest volume for the month since 2011 highlighting just how poor demand is presently."

Dry whey utilization fell to 57.2 million pounds, down 11.3 percent, smallest monthly volume since November 2022, primarily due to poor domestic demand. Exports were up 3.0 percent; however HGD warns, "Growth seems unlikely to continue given the tariff war with China, the top destination for U.S. whey." With China's tariff at 125 percent, a U.S. price of 47 cents per pound would put whey at over a dollar to China.

Speaking in the April 21 Dairy Radio Now broadcast, HighGround Dairy's Curtis Bosma pointed out that we export a significant amount of the nonfat dry milk and whey that we produce here so there is a lot of concern about what lies ahead. Domestic demand is greatest for cheese and butter, he said, and cheese has faced some headwinds, while butter demand has been relatively steady.

"The thing that's really going to



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move the price one way or the other," says Bosma, "Is going to be export demand and right now that's quite questionable given everything that's going on."

He adds that the new cheese plants that have come on line were also built to tap into the whey supply chain as demand for high protein whey derivatives has seemingly been insatiable.

Problem is, a good segment of that demand is international and, if we're unable to export that product because of tariffs or other trade concerns, then that presents a challenge, according to Bosma.

Timing is essential, he said, because as these plants come on line, initially they're not manufacturing the higher value whey products but are starting with the base line commodity grade dry whey. However, those prices have slumped the last few months. The product mix may change over time, he concluded, but "That may be a lot slower than we want it to be."

Fluid milk sales may be returning to their old ways. The USDA's February data reports packaged sales at 3.4 billion pounds, down 2.2 percent from February 2024, and follows a 0.5 percent slippage in January and a 2.6 percent increase in December 2024.

Conventional product sales totaled 3.1 billion pounds, down 2.5 percent from a year ago. Organic sales, at 241 million pounds, were up 2.8 percent from a year ago, and represented 7.1 percent of total milk sales in the month.

Whole milk sales totaled 1.2 billion pounds, down 1.3 percent from a year ago, but up 0.1 percent year to date. Whole milk represented 35.5 percent of total milk sales for the month. Skim milk sales totaled 143 million pounds, down 6.7 percent from a year ago.

Packaged fluid sales in the two-month period totaled 7.2 billion pounds, down 1.3 percent from 2024. Conventional product sales totaled 6.7 billion pounds, down 1.7 percent from a year ago. Organic products, at 517 million pounds, were up 4.8 percent, and represented 7.2 percent of total milk sales in the two months. The figures represent consumption in Federal market orders, which account for about 92 percent of total fluid sales in the U.S.

Down on the farm, dairy margins weakened slightly over the first half

of April as increasing feed costs more than offset a small improvement in milk futures, according to the latest Margin Watch (MW) from Chicago-based Commodity and Ingredient Hedging LLC.

"Market participants continue to monitor the evolving trade war that the Trump administration is pursuing, with the reciprocal tariff scheduled that was revealed on "Liberation Day" much more aggressive than most were anticipating. While a 90-day reprieve was issued shortly after the announcement following stress in the U.S. Treasury market with yields spiking in response to a sharp selloff, punitive tariffs on China remain in place and the country now faces an effective 145 percent duty on goods shipped to the U.S. An exemption was made for some consumer electronic products including cell phones and computers that only face a 20 percent tariff, although China raised duties on U.S. exports to 125 percent which effectively shuts down trade between the two countries.

"China is the largest buyer of U.S. dry whey, with shipments of 150 million pounds last year and representing a market share of around 40 percent of U.S. exports between 2022 and 2024. February U.S. dairy exports declined by 4.3 percent in volume to 463 million pounds but increased in value by 12.1 percent to \$723.5 million. Nonfat dry milk exports fell 25.7 percent from last year to 106.9 million pounds, the weakest February volume since 2016. By

contrast, February cheese exports of 99 million pounds were the strongest volume ever recorded for the month and up 7.3 percent from 2024. Butter exports rose 134.2 percent while exports of anhydrous milk fat were 10 times larger than in February last year," the MW concluded.

CME Cheddar block cheese closed the Good Friday holiday-shortened week at \$1.8350 per pound, up 9 cents on the week, highest since Feb. 27, 2025, and is 15.50 cents above a year ago. It has gained 23.25 cents the past four weeks.

The Cheddar barrels climbed to \$1.90 per pound Tuesday, highest CME price since Oct. 30, 2024, but closed Thursday at \$1.84, up 3.50 cents on the week, 18 cents above a year ago, and a half-cent atop the blocks. The barrels have gained 29 cents in four weeks. Sales this week totaled 14 cars of block and 14 of barrel.

Midwest cheesemakers told Dairy Market News that demand tones have improved the past two weeks. Retail customers are more aggressive in buying. Retail Cheddar and Italian style cheesemakers relay similar notes. Barrel makers say demand has steadied somewhat, but they are also actively purchasing milk and increasing production. Milk has grown in availability and spot milk prices mid-week were as low as \$6-under Class III. Lower prices were expected later in the week and over the spring holiday weekend.

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