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Indiana Farm Bureau COO is retiring after 38 years

By Michele F. Mihaljevich
Indiana Correspondent

INDIANAPOLIS – When Mark Sigler joined Indiana Farm Bureau (INFB) in 1987, he had no interest in taking on an officer role with the organization. Thirty eight years later, Sigler is retiring after serving in several capacities, including most recently as chief operating officer (COO) and treasurer.

His last day as COO is Sept. 1. Sigler will stay on as treasurer until the end of the year. Megan Ritter, who will step into the COO role after Sigler retires, is serving as chief administrative officer in the meantime.

Sigler started with farm bureau as a marketing assistant in the commodity department, and was appointed by the board as corporate secretary in 1994. Sigler said the COO and treasurer titles were added in January 2002.

“I was attracted to INFB because of the work they did in marketing and carcass evaluation programs in the 1980s,” he explained. “I was on the meats and livestock judging teams at Purdue (University) and wanted to do something in that area and the opening in their commodity department offered me that opportunity.”

Sigler said being an INFB officer wasn’t on his agenda when he joined the organization.

“As many people know, our career paths don’t always follow the path we have in mind,” he noted. “There were several changes in agriculture that took place in the early 1990s that led to the elimination of our carcass evaluation programs. Then the timing just worked out for me to end up in different positions within the organization. I was given the oppor-



Mark Sigler

tunity to lead our field staff when that position opened up and then we had several retirements that led to my appointment as corporate secretary.”

Sigler said he met many people he now considers friends while working at INFB and being involved with the county farm bureaus.

“Working at farm bureau also opened the door for me to be involved with other groups that I have enjoyed,” he said. “These include serving on the Indiana State Fair Board and announcing the swine shows at the fair for many years, serving as chair of the Indiana Agricultural Leadership Institute Board, and chair of the Purdue Ag Alumni Board. The other accomplishment I consider significant during my tenure would include increasing the financial stability and strength of the organization.”

Sigler said farm bureau has changed significantly during his career. In his early years, most of the people who attended their events and meetings had farms that looked very similar.

“Today’s farms and what is included under the definition of agriculture is far more diverse,” he pointed out. “One of the great things about farm bureau is that it is a general farm organization that represents all types of farms and commodities. However,



Above: It is the time of year for fawns who love to hide in fields. Photo by Leondia Walchle

Meteorologist talks to soybean growers about weather changes

By TIM ALEXANDER
Illinois Correspondent

CHICAGO — CBS Chicago’s Emmy-winning Meteorologist, David Yeomans, offered a presentation on current and future weather patterns affecting agriculture for members of the Illinois Soybean Association on May 21. Yeomans dove into how tornado alley is shifting, damaging thunderstorm wind events are happening more often and temperatures are becoming more variable.

Yeomans began his webinar presentation by noting that a variety of weather patterns have recently come through Illinois, from floods to near-drought conditions, increased tornadoes and rare wind-driven dust storms. He also offered moisture projections for the rest of the season, displaying a weather map showing that most of northern Illinois is currently about 40 percent short of normal precipitation levels, while southern Illinois remains around 20 percent bereft of average rainfall for the year.

“Over the past 45 days it has been super dry from Springfield to Peoria, up to Rockford and especially in the Chicago area, where we have had half to one-third of our normal rain. This is a significant amount of rain that is missing,” said Yeomans. “If we change that percentage to actual inches on the ground, over much of our growing area in northern Illinois we are 3-to-5 inches short. That has done an incredible number on our soil moisture.”

Soil moisture is at two percent of normal or less in parts of Illinois, “which can have a huge impact on your operation,” according to the Chicago meteorologist. He displayed satellite imagery illustrating near record-low subsoil moisture levels

in areas including Dekalb County, where 4 inch-deep soil is very dry and 8 inch-deep soil is completely dry. In Champaign the numbers are similar, while in St. Charles soil moisture levels are also crossing into record-low territory. Record-dry soil levels have also been reported in Freeport.

Rainfall that fell in north-central Illinois and Chicagoland on May 20 and 21 was “not a drought-buster,” according to Yeomans, with only around ½-1 of an inch recorded from Rockford east to Chicago. Northwestern Illinois, however, enjoyed more than 3 inches of rain, helping to close the precipitation in that area. “From Chicago out to Rockford we’re still showing less than half of our normal weekly rainfall for this time,” he said. “Drizzle and light rain is not very beneficial to 8-inch and 20-inch soil moisture levels, which are still suffering.”


Shifting to his summer weather outlook for farmers, Yeomans said the current “La Nada” weather pattern — sort of a neutral, less predictable pattern that is neither an El Nino or a La Nina — doesn’t offer much in the way of clues as far as long-range summer and autumn weather prognostications.

“There is also a less often-discussed multi-month cycle called the MJO, which has to do with global weather patterns; it’s also in a neutral phase. With these not influencing us one way or the other, the NOAA Climate Prediction Center says that local soil moisture is what they’re weighing most heavily when they produce their map,” Yeomans said.

“Using soil moisture as one of their most important factors moving

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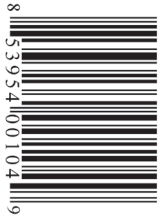


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because of that diversity, it is much more challenging to bring everyone together on some of today's issues."

When he started at farm bureau, Sigler said the organization was just getting its first computers, and there was no email, website, internet or cell phones. Financial reports were handwritten on paper ledgers. Technological advances have changed how many things have been done, he added.

"The goals of the organization have not changed," Sigler said. "INFB was started as a way for farmers to join together to accomplish things collectively that they could not do alone. Today's vision statement says – INFB will be a proactive organization providing opportunities for members to influence positive outcomes in agriculture and their communities. The need to work together for a better agriculture is still what guides us today."

Sigler grew up on a small family farm in Madison County where they raised corn, soybeans, hay, wheat and purebred Shorthorn cattle. Sigler, his brothers and sister still own the farm that raises corn and soybeans. Sigler and his wife DeeDee live on the home farm in the house he grew up in.

"Being on the farm and keeping the financial records has helped me in my work at farm bureau," he said. "It has also given our grandkids a great place for their 4-H pigs and



Megan Ritter

sheep over the years."

Sigler said he was excited for the organization to have new leadership with the experience and enthusiasm Ritter brings to the role. "I am being careful not to give too much advice, but I think working through the challenges that each day brings with patience and kindness always pays dividends."

Ritter has been with INFB nearly 15 years, serving in public policy, strategy and executive leadership. She is active on the AgriNovus Indiana board, Purdue's Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory advisory committee, and the Hancock County Community Foundation board, INFB said.

Weather

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forward this summer, (NOAA is) projecting hotter than normal weather in Illinois and really across the country for June-July-August. They are hopeful for normal summer rainfall."

The warming climate is having an impact on precipitation, with 36 inches or so usually falling in Illinois each year. However, fewer overall days of rain are being recorded, with longer dry stretches in between. The heaviest rainfall days of the year are now producing as much as 45 percent more precipitation per event than in previous years, a trend which Yeomans expects to continue to increase.

Farmers can expect to have to contend with tornadoes, derechos and even the occasional haboob (a thun-

derstorm-driven straight line wind burst that can produce dust storms such as the one that hit northern Illinois and Chicago on May 16) in increasing frequency, according to Yeomans. The forecast that Illinois and the Midwest may be in line for a greater frequency of tornado events is based on recent climate observations, he said.

"Tornado alley was always Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas, but there is data that tornado alley is shifting eastward. This is according not to an analysis of tornado occurrences, but the atmospheric variables that cause tornadoes. They're becoming less common in Texas, and those favorable days for tornadoes are going up sharply in the deep south and the upper Midwest," said Yeomans.

Yeomans' presentation was titled "Facing the Future: Tornado Alley Shifts & Their Impact on Illinois Farming."



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USDA's corn production estimate may need an adjustment

The U.S. planting season is well underway, and trade is now starting to re-evaluate what we may see for actual acres this year. The most interest remains in corn as years with quick planting paces tend to see elevated corn acres. The USDA is using a corn planting number of 95.3 million acres in balance sheets, a 4.7 percent increase from last year. Some analysts feel this could be even higher.

While possible, not all the U.S. is seeing favorable planting conditions, and we are already hearing that some early planted corn fields need to be re-seeded. There is also a trend for added corn plantings in years such as this to be lower yielding. The corn-soybean spread has narrowed recently and will also prevent acres from shifting to corn.

Brazilian corn and soybean production this year is going to be record sized and alter global trading patterns. Weather was not perfect in Brazil this year, but same as in the U.S., genetics are allowing crops to get by in less than ideal conditions. Brazilian analysts are now predicting higher gain trade with China, including agri-business giant Cargill.



MARKET ANALYSIS
By Karl Setzer

China has stated they do not need U.S. grain imports, and record crops in Brazil mean imports will likely increase from that source if needed. Brazil's record soybean crop is also likely to cause a further decline in U.S. market share for China needs. The U.S. currently has a 21 percent Chinese soybean market share, down from 40 percent in 2016.

Brazil's soybean harvest is winding down for the season, but basis values remain weak. Demand for Brazil's soybeans has slowed as China is now reporting adequate soybean reserves. Crush margins have dropped in China, further diminishing their soybean import interest. News that China will be trimming soy meal usage in feed rations is also causing uncertainty in the global soy market.

The uncertainty surrounding the 45Z biofuel blending credits is having more of an impact on the U.S. soybean crush industry. Agribusiness leader ADM has announced they will be closing a crush plant in South Carolina to streamline their operations. Soy crushers remain in the dark on future blending credits, making it difficult to predict demand.

This news follows the closure of several biodiesel plants in Iowa due to the same market unknowns. If this continues, the USDA will start to adjust their soybean demand figures.

An interesting development is taking place at Chinese ports. It is taking incoming soybean vessels 20 to 25 days to clear import customs. This compares to last year's wait of 10 to 15 days. It is not uncommon to see China stretch out import clearance when the country has ample commodity reserves, but China had seen its soybean inventory drop to minimal levels just a month ago. These delays are the result of big Brazil deliveries once their harvest got underway. Soybean processors in China are forced to absorb the high demurrage charges these delays generate and have dropped crush returns into negative territory.

China has also released its 2025 crop estimates. Corn production this year is forecast to be relatively unchanged from last year at 295.5 million metric tons. Soybean production is expected to increase 2.5 percent to 21.17 mmt. China's wheat crop is forecast at 141.36 mmt, a 1 percent increase from last year. These increases align with China's desire to become more self-sufficient on com-

modity needs.

China has announced more measures to lower its need for feed grain imports. For one, China is going to lower its soy meal content in feed ration to 10 percent. This is down from the 14 percent used just 3 years ago. China is also going to reduce feed grain usage in rations to 60 percent. Officials in the country claim this will help them avoid imports and become more self-reliant on commodity needs. While possible, the question is what impact this will have on livestock production in the country. While livestock feeders are using more modern methods of production, cutting rations may slow gains.

A positive outcome of the U.S. trade tariffs on China has been the halt in used cooking oil imports. China has been shipping the U.S. large volumes of UCO to be used in biofuel production. This has been hotly contested in the U.S. market as farm groups claim the UCO is being imported below its cost of production and is not used at all. They claim it is simply China dumping low-grade vegetable oil into the global market. In 2024 the U.S. imported \$1.1 billion of China's \$2.64 billion UCO exports.

One thing with the cattle market worth noting is the shift we are starting to see in weights. Dressed carcass weights over the past week averaged 911 pounds. This is up 20 pounds from last year, but this is much closer than the 50-pound difference from just a few months ago. Fewer cows are making their way into the supply line, allowing weights to rebound. Feeders are also getting more current on inventories, helping close the weight gap. Even with these heavier weights the U.S. beef supply is now only 1 percent above last year as consumer demand remains strong.

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USDA reports corn and soybean production

Ag in the Classroom helps kids learn about farming

OEFFA launches annual farm tours, workshops

By DOUG GRAVES
Ohio Correspondent

COLUMBUS, Ohio – Flower farming. Mushroom production. Pasture walks.

These are just three of many topics to be found during the Ohio Ecological Food and Farm Association (OEFFA) annual Farm Tour and Workshop Series.

The 2025 series of public tours and workshops includes a number of events showcasing organic and ecological farms in Ohio and one in West Virginia, plus educational and social opportunities. The programming opens the door for farmers, gardeners, educators, and conscious consumers to learn about local foods and farming firsthand.

“OEFFA is excited about this year’s farm tour series and grateful to our farmer members and partners who are sharing their experience and expertise with anyone interested in learning more about farming, where our food comes from, and why healthy soil is so important to healthy food and the environment,” said Khara Strum, executive director of OEFFA.

Participants will have the opportunity to walk through garden beds, vegetable farms, sheep farms and more during the tours.

The tour gets underway June 7 at Marshy Meadows Farm in Ashtabula County, Ohio. There, visitors will be treated to the Grassfed Beef and Avian Habitat Tour, where attendees will see a combination of environmental and agricultural success at work.

This 113-acre, woman-owned farm was certified organic by OEFFA in 1996. Their old, slow way of making hay has fostered habitat for threatened ground nesting birds, particularly eastern meadowlark and bobolink.

Marshy Meadows is a grass-fed beef operation run by Mardy Townsend with the help of her mother Marge. Marge Townsend has been farming since the early 1970s in Ashtabula County. Although Mardy spent part of her varied career in Central America, she came home for good in 2001 to turn Marshy Meadows into the peaceful collection of hills, wetlands and pastures that it is today.

“We’re Ohio Farmers Union members of more than 30 years and we’re devoted to making this farm work economically and ecologically,” Mardy said. “After getting my master’s degree in agronomy from Ohio State University, I set goals that included assessing the topography of the land and finding the best agricultural fit for the rambling collection of hills, wetlands and valleys.”

Funding from the Environmental Quality Incentives Program was used to fence cattle out of the creek, drill a water well, and bury water lines reaching all

pastures for the rotational grazed beef cattle.

Part of Marshy Meadows’ conserved acreage will soon be for sale, so attendees are invited to see a working farm, vibrant wildlife habitat and explore wetland access possibilities.

Townsend’s parents didn’t come from a farm background, and her father always had an off-farm job. But Mardy knew farming was what she wanted to do. She graduated from Wilmington College in 1978 with a degree in animal science and biology. She obtained her master’s degree from Ohio State in 1997, the same year her farm was certified organic.

“I started off with animals and then decided I should know something about what they ate,” Townsend said. “I’ve always liked growing things, animals or plants.”

On July 19, Chris and Leslie Burdette will welcome visitors to their Shady Oaks Farm in Putnam County, W.Va. The Burdettes will explain how they transitioned from a cattle farm to one rich with organic berries of all kinds.

“This farm was one run by Chris’ parents and they tended to cattle,” Leslie said, “but when we moved in, we decided to grow blueberries. Within five years, we noticed the soils didn’t really improve and so much was centered around petroleum-based fertilizers. We didn’t like that, so we planted up to 2,000 blueberry bushes and did things organically. It was a long process because we decided to diversify into other kinds of berries.”

Visitors at this tour stop will find the couple tends to blueberries, black berries, red raspberries, gooseberries, elderberries, Pink Lemonade blueberries and currants.

“The typical blueberry season lasts just three to four weeks and people want to move on from there,” Leslie said, “so we added an assortment of berries, some that would emerge at the beginning of June while others would take us throughout the summer. And for us it’s the start of a good business.”

The Burdettes found success growing turmeric and ginger. They also dabble with cherry trees on their farm.

Attendees interested in garden beds and livestock pastures will enjoy the following tours:

- June 14: Grass Based Sheep Farm and Forage ID Pasture Walk, The Tranquility Ranch, Perry County.
- June 21: Multi-Urban Farm Tour, NECIC Urban Farm and NECIC RiCi Urban Agricultural Site, Richland County.
- Sept. 27: Organic Grazing Pasture Walk, Finch Creek Farm, Greene County.
- Nov. 12: Ohio Soil Health Week Farm Tour, Brandt Family Farm, Fairfield County.

In addition, attendees can ask their



Above: Berry production is huge at Shady Oaks Farm in Putham County in West Virginia. During this stop, Chris and Leslie Burdette will explain how they transitioned from a cattle farm to one beaming with a variety of berries. (photo submitted)



Above: Mardy Townsend surveys her herd at Marshy Meadows Farm in Ashtabula County, Ohio. Townsend’s farm is one of many stops at this year’s OEFFA Farm Tour. (photo submitted)

farming questions and learn about food and farm policy during these OEFFA special events:

- Monthly: Farmers Help Shop (virtual)
- July 17, July 31 and Aug. 21, and Nov. 14: Policy and Pints, Athens County, Hancock County, Hamilton County, Cuyahoga County.
- Sept. 12-14: OEFFA at the Ohio Pawpaw Festival, Athens County.

OEFFA’s chapters are interest- and region-based groups interested in sustainable and organic agriculture. Many chapters coordinate events in their region:

- June 7: Southwest Ohio OEFFA Chapter: Urban Farm Tour, Hamilton County.
- June 27: Southwest Ohio OEFFA Chapter: Bowyer Farm Tour, Warren County.
- Aug. 1: Grain Growers Chapter: Meeting and Potluck, Henry County.
- Aug. 24: Southwest Ohio OEFFA Chapter: What’s Cooking at the Organic Farm at Bear Creek, Clermont County.

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AgriNovus searching for new CEO

AgriNovus Indiana has announced it is launching a search for a new chief executive officer following the resignation of its current CEO Mitch Frazier, who will depart from the organization June 6.

Frazier, who has served as president and CEO of AgriNovus since June 2020, will become president of IBJ Media Corporation June 16.

"It has been an honor to serve alongside the team at AgriNovus and work with partners across the state and around the world to build the next chapter of the agbioscience economy in Indiana," Frazier said. "Together we have built a powerful engine to accelerate growth in this economy, and I know the passion that fuels this team will continue to deliver results well into the future."

During Frazier's tenure at AgriNovus, the organization refined its focus to three distinct areas – business growth, startup acceleration and thought leadership. Under his leadership, AgriNovus worked with the Indiana Economic Development Corporation to secure commitments from agbioscience companies to create more than 3,000 new jobs and invest \$2 billion in their Indiana operations. Frazier pioneered startup innovation challenges in 2020 that have since grown into the organization's Velocity accelerator program focused on the creation of tech-enabled businesses to address the most critical issues facing food, hunger and agriculture.

The organization's podcast, Agbioscience, soared to new heights under his hosting and leadership, achieving a position among the top 5 percent of all podcasts worldwide. Recognized for his contributions to Indiana's economic growth, he was named to IBJ Media's Indiana 250 for the past three years, a list of the state's most influential leaders. He was awarded a Sagamore of the Wabash by then-Indiana Gov. Eric Holcomb.

"Mitch's leadership has been instrumental in advancing and growing the Indiana agbioscience economy," said Karen Plaut, executive vice president for research at Purdue University and chair of the AgriNovus board of directors. "His vision, dedication and strategic insight have positioned the organization to thrive. On behalf of the board, we look forward to working with this dedicated team focused on our shared vision of advancing agbiosciences while the search for a new leader is underway."

The Central Indiana Corporate Partnership (CICP) will immediately launch a search to fill the AgriNovus president and CEO position. The organization has secured Indianapolis-based Medallion Partners, a national organization development and executive search firm. Interested parties may submit resumes and inquiries directly to confidential@medallionpartnersinc.com.

"Mitch's leadership at AgriNovus has not only embraced current growth, but also largely focused on who we will need to become in the future," said Melina Kennedy, CEO of the CICP. "This blueprint spans across the agbioscience industry – from companies to government – and creates the necessary conditions for longstanding impact in a sector that is critical to our state's growth and success."

With the guidance of the AgriNovus Executive Committee and CICP's executive leadership team, the organization's vice president, Libby Fritz, will serve as the day-to-day lead for the organization to ensure strategic and operational continuity during the CEO transition.



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Soybean oil benefits consumers, farmers and local communities

INDIANAPOLIS – What could be more American than chicken tenders, hot dogs and Cracker Jack at a baseball game? How about cooking some of these foods in oil made from soybeans grown on Indiana farms?

From the fields of family farms to the fryers at your favorite stadium, Indiana-grown high oleic soybean oil is making its mark. The Indiana Soybean Alliance (ISA) – the state’s soybean checkoff program – is proud to partner with top sports venues across Indiana to showcase this heart-healthy oil to thousands of fans.

ISA’s growing list of partners includes Victory Field, home to the Indianapolis Indians; Gainbridge Fieldhouse, home to the NBA’s Indiana Pacers and the WNBA’s Indiana Fever; and the Fishers Event Center, which hosts teams like Indy Ignite (volleyball), Indy Fuel (hockey) and Fishers Freight (indoor football).

Joel Zawacki, vice president and chief commercial officer of the Indianapolis Indians, said his team’s partnership with ISA and Indiana’s farmers is a home run.

“By using high oleic soybean oil in our concession stands, we’re not just enhancing flavor but also offering a healthier option for our fans,” Zawacki explained. “Partnering with the Indiana Soybean Alliance allows us to showcase a locally sourced, heart-healthy oil while celebrating the best of Hoosier agriculture at Victory Field.”

Why high oleic soybean oil matters

Unlike conventional cooking oils, high oleic soybean oil has a fatty acid profile closer to olive oil, with more monounsaturated fat and less polyunsaturated fat. This makes it more stable for high-heat cooking, with a longer shelf life and a cleaner taste –

qualities that chefs and food vendors love. While both traditional and high oleic soybean oils are safe, healthy options backed by decades of nutritional science, high oleic soybean oil has a unique advantage that appeals to today’s chefs and consumers.

Although most don’t think of concessions at a baseball game as “health food,” high oleic soybean oil does make it better. The American Heart Association said seed oils contain unsaturated fatty acid and replacing saturated fats with unsaturated fats is a heart-healthy choice, and there is no reason to avoid them. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration also supports this, allowing a qualified health claim that replacing saturated fats with soybean oil may reduce the risk of heart disease.

“High oleic soybean oil is a win for everyone – it’s good for consumers, good for restaurants and good for farmers,” said ISA Chair Denise Scarborough, a farmer from LaCrosse, Ind. “These partnerships help show what we grow here matters, especially given the negativity surrounding seed oils these days. It’s rewarding to see the soybean checkoff dollars creating real opportunities and sharing the positive benefits of soybean oil.”

Michael Lake, senior sales director of corporate partnerships for Pacers Sports & Entertainment, agreed that working with ISA has been mutually beneficial. He said more than 600 jugs, or 21,000 pounds, of high oleic soybean oil will be used at Gainbridge Fieldhouse during a typical NBA season. Thanks to the Pacers’ extended playoff push, and Caitlin Clark packing the house for Indiana Fever games, even more high oleic soybean oil has been used in Gainbridge Fieldhouse concessions this year.

“To work with the Indiana soybean

farmers, and to have them in action in our building, is very fitting,” Lake said. “We at Pacers Sports & Entertainment pride ourselves on looking for partners that we can set up relationships that are win-win, and this is truly that in every sense. To work with and use an amazing product that is grown in Indiana and even parts of the county we call home is so great.”

ISA has informational signage near the arena’s concession stands touting the health benefits of high oleic soybean oil and the farmers who grow it. High oleic soybeans are sustainably grown in Indiana on family-owned soybean farms and transformed into soybean oil at three facilities located around the state.

More high oleic soybeans are grown in Indiana than anywhere else in the world. In 2024, Indiana farmers planted approximately 500,000 acres of high oleic soybeans resulting in more than \$50 million in premiums being paid back to farmers.

Victory Field, Gainbridge Fieldhouse and the Fishers Event Center aren’t

the only places where fans can enjoy food cooked in high oleic soybean oil. Purdue University athletics, Indiana University athletics, the Indianapolis Zoo, Lucas Oil Stadium, the Fair Oaks Farms restaurant and some Indiana State Fair vendors also are using this oil. As more consumers realize its benefits, demand for this product will grow.

Most Hoosier consumers are unaware of the state’s soybean checkoff, ISA, what it does and how it operates. All Indiana soybean growers pay one-half of 1 percent of the net market price for soybeans to ISA. By developing new markets, creating new products, promotion and education, ISA puts these farmers’ investments into programs and projects that essentially expand opportunities for Indiana soybean farmers. Led by a board of 24 farmers elected to direct these funds, ISA looks for partnerships that will help all Indiana soybean growers.

For more information on high oleic soybean oil, visit: www.incornandsoy.org/higholeic.

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Blue Grass Stockyards Lexington, KY

Livestock Weighted Average Report for 5/19/2025 - Final			
AUCTION			
	This Week	Last Reported 5/12/2025	Last Year
Total Receipts:	862	1,062	1,392
Feeder Cattle:	726(84.2%)	908(85.5%)	1,221(87.7%)
Slaughter Cattle:	118(13.7%)	140(13.2%)	158(11.4%)
Replacement Cattle:	18(2.1%)	14(1.3%)	13(0.9%)

Special Note: Certified Hereford Influence Feeder Calf Sale - 337 head.
https://www.ams.usda.gov/mnreports/ams_2130.pdf

Compared to last Monday feeder steers and heifers under 600 lbs sold 5.00 to 10.00 lower with moderate to good demand with more fleshy and average quality calves on offer this week compared to last week. Good demand for long-weaned calves in thin-flesh suitable for grass. Yearlings lightly tested. Slaughter cows sold 2.00 to 4.00 higher with some lean cows 5.00 to 10.00 higher with very good demand. Slaughter bulls sold 5.00 to 10.00 higher with very good demand. Supply included: 84% Feeder Cattle (30% Steers, 0% Dairy Steers, 47% Heifers, 23% Bulls); 14% Slaughter Cattle (2% Steers, 4% Heifers, 72% Cows, 21% Bulls, 2% Dairy Cows); 2% Replacement Cattle (50% Stock Cows, 32% Bred Cows, 14% Cow-Calf Pairs, 4% Bulls). Feeder cattle supply over 600 lbs was 30%.

FEEDER CATTLE

STEERS - Medium and Large 2-3 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)					
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
2	255-290	273	405.00-442.50	422.55	
2	340	340	425.00	425.00	
7	370-395	382	413.00-435.00	420.56	
6	400-421	418	391.00-406.00	403.60	
8	400-448	437	411.00-430.00	417.79 Value Added	
7	455-459	458	394.00-400.00	395.70	
3	450-452	451	410.00-411.00	410.67 Value Added	
18	505-545	532	364.00-373.00	371.06	
22	515-538	521	381.00-392.00	389.73 Value Added	
3	550-585	573	360.00-361.00	360.68	
40	560-585	578	376.00-386.00	381.41 Value Added	
1	610	610	321.00	321.00	
15	602-643	624	342.00-360.00	350.22 Value Added	
1	675	675	318.00	318.00	
26	652-692	684	324.00-339.00	332.31 Value Added	
3	702-740	715	286.00-299.00	294.51	
9	700-725	710	297.00-311.00	304.21 Value Added	
1	810	810	285.00	285.00 Fancy	
1	910	910	267.00	267.00	
17	934	934	267.00	267.00 Fancy	
1	1015	1015	197.00	197.00	
1	1055	1055	236.00	236.00	

STEERS - Medium and Large 2-3 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
3	460-467	465	352.50-364.00	360.21
1	560	560	335.00	335.00
2	670-680	675	283.00-297.00	289.95
STEERS - Large 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
3	500-525	515	355.00-367.00	360.70
2	722	722	281.00	281.00
1	1005	1005	233.00	233.00

STEERS - Small and Medium 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)					
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
1	560	560	301.00	301.00	

DAIRY STEERS - Large 3 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)					
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
1	395	395	207.50	207.50	

HEIFERS - Medium and Large 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)					
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
1	235	235	415.00	415.00 Fancy	
3	275-285	278	337.50-373.00	349.62	
1	325	325	370.00	370.00	
1	345	345	400.00	400.00 Fancy	
4	350-380	364	350.00-375.00	365.20	
24	350-390	369	389.00-417.50	402.78 Value Added	
6	410-445	429	340.00-355.00	346.10	
34	400-448	433	356.00-387.50	369.55 Value Added	
6	475-490	483	321.00-337.00	330.87	
39	450-488	470	337.00-373.00	359.91 Value Added	
10	500-535	522	295.00-320.00	308.83	
44	500-547	532	320.00-359.00	342.78 Value Added	
3	550-595	572	295.00-317.50	308.26	
35	550-590	569	322.50-382.00	344.09 Value Added	
5	602-635	620	281.00-303.00	298.39	
7	600-647	618	309.00-331.00	315.95 Value Added	
4	670-680	675	284.00-297.00	290.00	
2	5656-695	665	304.00-314.00	311.64 Value Added	
18	710-744	740	275.00-286.00	284.53 Value Added	
1	785	785	253.00	253.00	
5	808	808	276.00	276.00 Value Added	
2	860-880	870	247.00-263.00	254.91	
3	945	945	255.00	255.00 Value Added	
1	960	960	200.00	200.00	
1	1025	1025	180.00	180.00	

HEIFERS - Medium and Large 2-3 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)					
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
1	230	230	320.00	320.00	
1	260	260	250.00	250.00	
3	300-342	328	300.00-360.00	341.71	
3	350-375	363	232.50-300.00	262.60	
1	440	440	330.00	330.00	
6	455-495	482	293.00-345.00	311.13	
6	507-545	527	270.00-300.00	282.86	
4	550-585	570	240.00-265.00	257.20	
4	625-640	634	272.50-276.00	274.63	
2	680-695	688	251.00-256.00	253.53	
1	810	810	210.00	210.00	
1	865	865	180.00	180.00	
1	975	975	170.00	170.00	

HEIFERS - Large 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)					
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
1	465	465	345.00	345.00	
1	835	835	239.00	239.00	

HEIFERS - Small and Medium 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)					
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
1	555	555	245.00	245.00	

BULLS - Medium and Large 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)					
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
2	185-190	188	392.00-395.00	93.48	
1	230	230	417.50	417.50	
1	290	290	439.00	439.00 Fancy	
5	307-345	324	397.00-415.00	407.37	
2	325-345	335	423.00-439.00	431.24 Fancy	
2	350-395	373	410.00-412.50	411.17	

5	350-395	374	420.00-430.00	426.10 Value Added
7	410-440	424	365.00-407.50	392.74
7	400-440	416	410.00-427.50	419.10 Value Added
9	450-485	470	365.00-397.50	381.86
10	510-547	521	350.00-371.00	365.64 Value Added
6	575-580	578	321.00-343.00	336.69
12	550-588	573	350.00-364.00	355.49 Value Added
3	610-645	628	302.00-314.00	309.77
5	600-625	609	323.00-349.00	341.64 Value Added
8	655-695	677	275.00-313.00	297.21
4	650-695	669	318.00-336.00	325.08 Value Added
2	705-745	725	279.00-284.00	281.57
3	705-745	723	286.00-307.00	294.68 Value Added
4	770-775	773	269.00-270.00	269.75
3	820-842	835	244.00	244.00
3	831	831	253.00	253.00 Fancy
1	860	860	250.00	250.00
1	930	930	226.00	226.00
3	955-980	970	220.00-233.00	227.97
1	1050	1050	226.00	226.00
1	1210	1210	213.00	213.00

BULLS - Medium and Large 2-3 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)					
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
1	265	265	335.00	335.00	
1	335	335	385.00	385.00	
1	390	390	382.00	382.00	
4	405-435	416	337.50-365.00	350.77	
10	470-488	482	332.50-357.00	350.53	
5	515-535	521	320.00-344.00	328.78	
8	550-590	561	280.00-315.00	308.28	
1	610	610	257.50	257.50	
1	790	790	246.00	246.00	

BULLS - Large 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)					
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
1	430	430	357.50	357.50	
5	562-595	577	310.00-329.00	320.74	
1	665	665	290.00	290.00	
1	760	760	261.00	261.00	
1	800	800	237.00	237.00	

BULLS - Small and Medium 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)					
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
1	265	265	310.00	310.00	
1	465	465	281.00	281.00	
2	510-520	515	252.50-255.00	256.76	
2	600	600	252.00	252.00	

SLAUGHTER CATTLE

HEIFERS - Choice 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)					
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing
1	1280	1280	234.00	234.00	Average

STEERS - Select and Choice 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)					
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing
1	1225	1225	187.00	187.00	Average

HEIFERS - Choice 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)					
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing
3	1195-1300	1230	195.00-197.00	195.70	Average

HEIFERS - Select and Choice 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)					
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing
1	1070	1070	170.00	170.00	Average

COWS - Breaker 75-80% (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)					
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing
9	1290-1660	1487	152.00-158.00	155.47	Average
9	1240-1580	1387	163.00-171.00	166.91	High
8	1160-1500	1341	140.00-148.00	145.50	Low

MARKETS

Kentucky Daily Grain Bids

Grain Report for Thursday, May 22, 2025 - Final

FUTURE SETTLEMENTS		Closing Settlement Prices (¢/bu) as of 5/22/2025						
Exchange	Commodity							
CBOT	Corn	463.00 (Jul 25)	441.00 (Sep 25)	453.25 (Dec 25)	468.00 (Mar 26)	476.50 (May 26)	480.75 (Jul 26)	465.25 (Sep 26)
CBOT	Soybeans	1067.50 (Jul 25)	1062.50 (Aug 25)	1046.75 (Sep 25)	1055.25 (Nov 25)	1067.50 (Jan 26)	1074.25 (Mar 26)	1082.25 (May 26)
CBOT	Wheat	544.50 (Jul 25)	560.50 (Sep 25)	583.25 (Dec 25)	603.00 (Mar 26)	614.50 (May 26)	621.25 (Jul 26)	633.00 (Sep 26)
CBOT	White Oats	359.25 (Jul 25)	351.25 (Sep 25)	351.50 (Dec 25)	354.50 (Mar 26)	360.50 (May 26)	344.50 (Jul 26)	360.25 (Sep 26)
KCBT	Wheat	540.00 (Jul 25)	555.00 (Sep 25)	577.25 (Dec 25)	596.75 (Mar 26)	607.25 (May 26)	613.75 (Jul 26)	624.25 (Sep 26)
MGE	Wheat	600.25 (Jul 25)	614.00 (Sep 25)	633.50 (Dec 25)	651.25 (Mar 26)	660.75 (May 26)	669.25 (Jul 26)	673.50 (Sep 26)

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Country Elevators - Conventional					
Region/Location	Basic (¢/Bu)	Basis Change	Price (\$/Bu)	Price Change	Average
Pennyrile	25.00N to 95.00N	UNCH	4.8800-5.5800	UP 0.0200	5.2300
Pennyrile	40.00Z	UNCH	4.9325	DN 0.0225	4.9325

Barge Loading Elevators - Conventional

Region/Location	Basis (¢/Bu)	Basis Change	Price(\$/Bu)	Price Change	Average
Ohio River - Lower KY	30.00Z	UNCH	4.8325	DN 0.0225	4.8325
Purchase	85.00N	UNCH	5.4800	UP 0.0200	5.4800
Purchase	45.00Z	UNCH	4.9825	DN 0.0225	4.9825

US #2 YELLOW CORN (BULK)

Country Elevators - Conventional					
Region/Location	Basic (¢/Bu)	Basis Change	Price (\$/Bu)	Price Change	Average
Purchase	15.00N	UNCH	4.7800	UP 0.0200	4.7800
Purchase	-25.00Z	UNCH	4.2825	DN 0.0225	4.2825
Green River	15.00N	UNCH	4.7800	UP 0.0200	4.7800
Green River	-20.00Z	UNCH	4.3325	DN 0.0225	4.3325
Pennyrile	-20.00N to 18.00N	UNCH-UP 2.00	4.4300-4.8100	UP 0.0200-UP 0.0400	4.5517
Pennyrile	-30.00Z to -10.00Z	UNCH	4.2325-4.4325	DN 0.0225	4.3075
Louisville	5.00N	UNCH	4.6800	UP 0.0200	4.6800
Louisville	5.00N	UNCH	4.6800	UP 0.0200	4.6800
Bluegrass	12.00N	UNCH	4.7500	UP 0.0200	4.7500
Bluegrass	-40.00Z	UNCH	4.1325	DN 0.0225	4.1325

Barge Loading Elevators - Conventional

Region/Location	Basic (¢/Bu)	Basis Change	Price (\$/Bu)	Price Change	Average
Ohio River - Upper KY	10.00N to 11.00N	UNCH	4.7300-4.7400	UP 0.0200	4.7350
Ohio River - Upper KY	-29.00Z to -27.00Z	UNCH	4.2425-4.2625	DN 0.0225	4.2525
Ohio River - Lower KY	14.00N to 20.00N	UP 1.00-UNCH	4.7700-4.8300	UP 0.0300-UP 0.0200	4.8083
Ohio River - Lower KY	-30.00Z to -16.00Z	UNCH	4.2325-4.3725	DN 0.0225	4.3292
Purchase	14.00N to 15.00N	UP 1.00-UNCH	4.7700-4.7800	UP 0.0300-UP 0.0200	4.7767
Purchase	-30.00Z to -25.00Z		4.2325-4.2825	DN 0.0150-DN 0.0225	4.2538

US #2 SORGHUM (BULK)

Barge Loading Elevators - Conventional					
Region/Location	Basic (¢/Bu)	Basis Change	Price (\$/Bu)	Price Change	Average
Ohio River - Lower KY	-40.00Z	UNCH	4.1325	DN 0.0225	4.1325

US #1 SOYBEANS (BULK)

Country Elevators - Conventional					
Region/Location	Basic (¢/Bu)	Basis Change	Price (\$/Bu)	Price Change	Average
Purchase	0.00N	UNCH	10.6750	UP 0.0475	10.6750
Purchase	-30.00X	UNCH	10.2525	UP 0.0300	10.2525
Green River	-25.00N	UNCH	10.4250	UP 0.0475	10.4250
Green River	-50.00X	UNCH	10.0525	UP 0.0300	10.0525
Pennyrile	-45.00N to 10.00N	UNCH-DN 2.00	10.2250-10.7750	UP 0.0475-UP 0.0275	10.4036
Pennyrile	-60.00X to -24.00X	UNCH	9.9525-10.3125	UP 0.0300	10.0458
Louisville	-48.00N	UNCH	10.1950	UP 0.0475	10.1950
Louisville	-48.00N	UNCH	10.1950	UP 0.0475	10.1950
Bluegrass	-70.00N	UNCH	9.9750	UP 0.0475	9.9750
Bluegrass	-95.00X	UNCH	9.6025	UP 0.0300	9.6025

Barge Loading Elevators - Conventional

Region/Location	Basic (¢/Bu)	Basis Change	Price (\$/Bu)	Price Change	Average
Ohio River - Upper KY	1.00N	UNCH	10.6850	UP 0.0475	10.6850
Ohio River - Upper KY	-34.00X	UNCH	10.2125	UP 0.0300	10.2125
Ohio River - Lower KY	6.00N to 17.00N	UP 1.00-UNCH	10.7350-10.8450	UP 0.0575-UP 0.0475	10.7917
Ohio River - Lower KY	-30.00X to -15.00X	UNCH	10.2525-10.4025	UP 0.0300	10.3442
Purchase	0.00N to 6.00N	UNCH-UP 1.00	10.6750-10.7350	UP 0.0475-UP 0.0575	10.7117
Purchase	-30.00X to -15.00X	UNCH	10.2525-10.4025	UP 0.0300	10.3350

US #1 MILLING SOFT RED WINTER WHEAT (BULK)

Country Elevators - Conventional					
Region/Location	Basic (¢/Bu)	Basis Change	Price (\$/Bu)	Price Change	Average
Pennyrile	-15.00N	UNCH	5.2950	DN 0.0475	5.2950
Pennyrile	-5.00N	UNCH	5.3950	DN 0.0475	5.3950

US #2 SOFT RED WINTER WHEAT (BULK)

Country Elevators - Conventional					
Region/Location	Basic (¢/Bu)	Basis Change	Price (\$/Bu)	Price Change	Average
Purchase	-10.00N	UNCH	5.3450	DN 0.0475	5.3450
Green River	-90.00N	UNCH	4.5450	DN 0.0475	4.5450
Pennyrile	-100.00N to -55.00N	UNCH	4.4450-4.8950	DN 0.0475	4.5533
Pennyrile	-60.00N to 0.00N	UNCH	4.8450-5.4450	DN 0.0475	4.9950
Louisville	-67.00N to -10.00N	UNCH	4.7750-5.3450	DN 0.0475	5.0600
Bluegrass	-45.00N	UP 20.00	4.9950	UP 0.1525	4.9950

Barge Loading Elevators - Conventional

Region/Location	Basis (¢/Bu)	Basis Change	Price(\$/Bu)	Price Change	Average
Ohio River - Upper KY	-23.00N	UNCH	5.2150	DN 0.0475	5.2150
Ohio River - Upper KY	-10.00N	UP 10.00-UNCH	5.3450	UP 0.0525-DN 0.0475	5.3450
Ohio River - Lower KY	-10.00N to 0.00N	UNCH-UP 5.00	5.3450-5.4450	DN 0.0475-UP 0.0025	5.3890
Purchase	-80.00N	UNCH	4.6450	DN 0.0475	4.6450
Purchase	-7.00N to 2.00N	UNCH-UP 1.00	5.3750-5.4650	DN 0.0475-DN 0.0375	5.4225

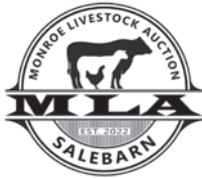
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Rabbits	\$4-\$17.50	Kids	\$65-\$130
	1023		99
Veal Calves		Feeder Cattle Dairy and Beef	
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			Feeder Pigs
			20-45#
			46-65#
			20
			11
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			33



Market Report

May 21th 2025 2st Auction

-This report is an average of the total head sold-

Hogs 1	\$.70 Lbs.	Sheep: 13	\$1.32 Avg	\$3.10 High
Dairy Calves: 51	\$746.00 Avg	Goats: 3	\$190.00 Avg	\$220.00 High
Beef X Calves: 10	\$880.00 Avg	Small Animals		
Feeder Cattle: 18	\$1.44 Avg	Chickens:	\$3.00 -	\$14.00
Cull Cows: 13	\$1.10 Avg	Rabbits:	\$2.00 -	\$6.50
Bulls: 1	\$2.40 Avg	Hay: Sm. Sq.	\$4.00 –	\$6.75
Fat Cattle:		Lg. Sq.	\$70.00	
Breed Cows & Springers		Total Hd. Livestock:	110	

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Weekly National Sheep Summary

For Week Ending Friday, May 16, 2025

Weekly Trends: Compared to last week slaughter lambs traded firm, Slaughter ewes mostly firm. Feeder lambs not well tested. Equity Cooperative Auction had no auction. All sheep sold per hundred weight (CWT) unless otherwise specified.	New Holland: Billings: Ft. Collins:	Good 4-5 lbs 200-250 lbs 115.00-124.00. Good 2-3 110-200 lbs 110.00-130.00. No test. Good 2-3 80.00-130.00; Good 4-5 80.00-130.00. Good 2-3 90.00-145.00; Utility 1-2 83.00.
All sheep sold per hundred weight (CWT) unless otherwise specified.	Kalona:	Good 2-3 95.00-130.00; Good 4-5 80.00-120.00; Utility 1-2 95.00-135.00.
Slaughter Lambs:Choice and Prime 1-3 San Angelo: Woolled and shorn 50 lbs 281; 60-70 lbs 285.00.00-310.00; 70-80 lbs 285.00; 120 lbs 310.00.	Sioux Falls:	Good 2-3 102.50; Good 1-3 135.00; Utility and Good 1-3 85.00-95.00.
New Holland: Woolled and shorn 40-50 lbs 280.00-330.00; 50-60 lbs 300.00-315.00; 60-70 lbs 310.00-360.00; 70-80 lbs 320.00-340.00; 80-90 lbs 310.00-332.00; 90-100 lbs 320.00-345.00;100-110 lbs 312.00-335.00; 110-120 lbs 305.00-360.00; 150-180 lbs 220.00-240.00.	Missouri: Arkansas: Feeder Lambs: San Angelo: Ft. Collins: Sioux Falls:	No test. Medium and Large 1: No test. No test. 40-50 lbs 315.00-375.00; 50-55 lbs 305.00-360.00. 95 lbs 223.00; 100-110 lbs 209.50-216.00; 110-120 lbs 205.00-205.50; 125 lbs 198.00.
Billings: Ft. Collins: No test.	Equity Coop:	20-30 lbs 300.00-330.00; 30-40 lbs 300.00.
Kalona: Woolled and shorn 40-50 lbs 270.00-305.00; 50-60 lbs 270.00-335.00; 60-70 lbs 270.00-290.00; 70-80 lbs 270.00-290.00; 80-90 lbs 270.00-290.00; 90-100 lbs 270.00-290.00.	Billings: Missouri: Arkansas: Replacement Ewes: San Angelo: Ft. Collins: South Dakota: Kalona: Billings: Missouri:	No test. No test. No test. Medium and Large 1-2: No test. No test. No test. No test. Middle age with lambs 230.00-2750.00/family; aged with lambs 160.00-210.00/family. No test.
Sioux Falls: 50-60 lbs 275.00-315.50; 60-70 lbs 270.00-305.00; 70-80 lbs 245.00-277.50; 80-90 lbs 255.00-290.00; 90-100 lbs 265.00-270.00; 100-110 lbs 267.50-270.00; 120-130 lbs 205.00-237.50; 130-140 lbs 218.00-222.00; 140-150 lbs 209.00-212.00; 150 lbs 205.00.	Arkansas: Sheep and lamb slaughter under federal inspection for the week to date totaled 36,000 compared to 35,000 last week and 36,000 last year.	
Missouri: Woolled and shorn 60-70 lbs 275.00-285.00; 70-80 lbs 255.00-280.00; 80-90 lbs 275.00-285.00.	Source: USDA Livestock, Poultry and Grain Market News General inquiries, please call: (202) 720-1990 email: mymarketnews@usda.gov	
Arkansas: Equity Coop: Slaughter Ewes: San Angelo:		
	Good 2-3 100-200 lbs 95.00-128.00;	

Door opens for Michigan farmers to hunt deer throughout growing season

By Stan Maddux
Indiana Correspondent

LANSING, Mich. – Farmers in Michigan can now shoot deer throughout the growing season to protect their crops and choose anyone they want to join them in hunts.

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources and the Michigan Natural Resources Commission have teamed up to loosen the state's crop protection restrictions because of growing widespread complaints about yield losses from an exploding deer population.

"The damage is just all season long," said John O'Hair, who raises mostly corn, soybeans and wheat on about 1,300 acres in Sanilac County in the thumb section of the state. "It's nothing to drive down the road and see 50 to 60 deer in a field," he said.

The leaves on soybean plants, because of their sugar content, seem to be what deer like most on a farm's menu. There are so many deer, O'Hair said the leaves are eaten at such a pace the plant cannot produce the beans.

O'Hair said he's now raising corn and hay instead of soybeans in some of his fields where damage was heaviest within 100 yards or so from the edge of a woods. He gave up several years ago after losing his entire soybean crop on those strips of ground from hungry deer stepping right out of the woods and into his fields.

"I just threw up my hands," he said.

Farmer Rob Steenbergh said he's lost 50 percent or more of his soybean crop to deer in some of his smaller fields beside some woods.

"In some areas, they just decimate the whole thing," he said.

Steenbergh, who farms about 800 acres in Sanilac County, also serves on the Michigan Hunt Collaborative, which formed last year to try to help with crop losses from the overpopulation of deer.

MHC hosts deer kills and is involved in things like encouraging youth to become interested in hunting deer because of a sharp decline in the number of hunters over the past 20 to 30 years.

Steenbergh welcomed the loosened restrictions as a first of what could take many steps to ease or solve the problem.

"There's a lot of work to be done. This isn't going to be a quick fix," he said.

According to the MDNR's Wildlife Division, crop protection permits to kill female deer are now valid during the entire growing season instead of just one- or two-week intervals. In addition, permits can be applied for in advance and activated once the crop is in the ground.

Crops eligible for protection permits were also expanded to include alfalfa, winter wheat and, in some cases, overwintered cover crops.

Farmers can also have family members, friends or anyone else who wants to take part join them in hunts to protect their crops.

Previously, farmers were restricted to choosing from a state designated list of shooters on who they could invite to take part in hunts.

"It was a big hassle," Steenbergh said.

For several years now, deer in Michigan, especially in the southern parts, have been considered the costliest pest for farmers whose losses, depending on the size and location of each farm, can reach into the tens of thousands of dollars.

O'Hair said the loosened restrictions might help a little but a lot more should be done.

He suggested allowing bucks to be

killed with crop protection permits and other things such as making the \$100 permits available at no cost to encourage higher participation.

O'Hair said he understands DNR must strike a balance in terms of public perception but, in this case, the problem deserves extreme action.

"Maybe my personal ideas are a little more radical but I'm the guy that's seeing my paycheck chewed up," he said.

O'Hair also expressed concern about the number of farmers willing to hunt deer in the heat and dense brush of summer and how many small processors busy with beef cattle and hogs will accept deer.

He also said the recovery and delivery of the animals once they're killed will have to be much quicker because of the higher temperatures.

"It's not like in November when you shoot a deer and you can hang it in your garage for the weekend and then take it somewhere to get it processed. When it's 85 degrees out there, the flies are on it," he said.

Steenburgh said the key to the loosened restrictions is participation from farmers.

"If farmers take advantage of the program, it should help but it's not going to be a cure all," he said.



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ALL ABOUT TRACTORS

BY PAUL WALLEM



the world of agriculture has become the source of many attractive career opportunities thanks to this kind of training.

Collector or not?

Ron Jones owns over 500 tractors. Unless you visit his farm, you might call him a collector. But he's not.

Since 1984 he has accumulated tractors of all brands. Most of them are in need of repairs, and the turnover is constant. As an experienced mechanic he may repair and sell them, dismantle them for parts or park them for a source of future parts.

The majority are now Internationals, but many colors show up on his huge yard. A large two-story building nearby is full of parts, particularly the popular ones from disassemblies. Ron receives calls from throughout the country for parts that are scarce.

His years as a mechanic have served him well, and he sometimes restores models that are popular on the market.

One tractor caught my attention. It was an International 424. Back in 1965 while with IH, I had shepherded this model through engineering



Above: New Slant in Compact Power - The 424

and manufacturing to the market as we gathered all U.S. dealers together in Mobile for an annual new product announcement. It sparkled under the stage lights. Today as I look at this one, I see it has spent its life pulling a golf ball retriever and has a driver protection cage. Here's the "before" and "after" of one tractor, 60 years later.

Ron Jones is at Rock City, Ill. His email is ronjonestractor@outlook.com if you are searching for a scarce tractor part.

Major tractor advancements pre-1960

Farm Equipment Manufacturing News published a 2009 opinion report regarding significant tractor advancements before and up through the first half-century. Here's a summary of the major ones they included:

About 1850 - "Real horsepower" started giving way to "mechanical horsepower" when the portable steam tractor engine followed the development of the stationery steam engine.

1869 - J.I. Case Co. produced the first steam-powered traction engine used to replace draft horses.

1892 - John Froelich invented the first gas-powered engine that could be driven backward and forward.

1923 - Deere & Co. launched the Model D, which remained in their line for 30 years. That same year IH introduced the

Farmall tractor, and the name continues to the present at Case IH.

1926 - Harry Ferguson patented the first three-point hitch.

1930 - Massey Harris designed the first 4-wheel drive tractor.

1937 - Allis Chalmers joined Firestone Rubber to develop air-filled rubber tractor tires.

1959 - Wagner TR developed the first articulated tractor, with 4-wheel drive and 4-wheel power steering.

When things aren't going well, remember this quote from Henry Ford:

"When everything seems to be going against you, remember that airplanes must take off against the wind, not with it."

Burma Shave sign for this week:

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

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Tree shaker hauls in \$58,000 bid at Michigan orchard auction

By William Flood
Ohio Correspondent

LAKE LEELANAU, Mich. – On May 13, Sykora Auction Service hosted an online retirement auction for Frammi Enterprises, a cherry orchard and fruit farm operation. Many of the 51 lots offered were orchard-specific, including sprayers, tree shakers, and cherry tanks, along with general agricultural machinery, trucks, trailers, and shop tools.

The top-selling item was a Coe C7 tree shaker with removable wings for 12-foot spacing, sold with a Coe L2 receiver – both refurbished in 2014. The pair brought in \$58,000. A Curtec 3000 air curtain sprayer, used for just 3½ seasons, sold for \$31,000. It came with a 400-gallon stainless tank, Mid-Tech TASA-611 rate controller, main cab electric controls, and a walking tandem axle. Another sprayer, a BEI Curtec 2000 with 4,216 hours, reached a final bid of \$7,750. It featured a 540 PTO, hydraulic pump, 350-gallon capacity, cab controls, and walking tandem axle.

Bidding hit \$13,250 for a Gillison GVF1029R double 12-foot sickle bar topper hedger, outfitted with a 540 PTO and self-contained hydraulic pump. Later, a self-propelled Frammi pruning tower, with a Wisconsin 2-cylinder gas engine, 7-foot lift, and a pallet of miscellaneous parts/supplies, went for just \$950. And various collections of stackable cherry tanks sold from \$315 for a set of nine Purvis 2nd-generations tanks, to \$2,600 for a set of 20 Wheelock Universal

stackables. Five tractors were on the block. Two topped out at \$28,500: a 2015 John Deere 6125 2WD diesel with 2,290 hours, and a 2015 Deere 6115M 2WD diesel with 2,004 hours. Both were cab models with 16/16 transmissions, reversers, dual hydraulic ports, A/C, heat, and 11L15 front tires and 18.4R26W/8 rears with various wheel weights. At the lower end, a 2004 John Deere 5320 2WD with 1,678 hours went for \$13,250. It came with a ROPS, 9/3 sync-shuttle transmission, two SVCs, 11L15 front tires, and 16.9-28 rears with 4 rear wheel weights.

Other agricultural equipment drew solid interest as well. A John Deere 111 hydraulic 11-foot wheel disc, equipped with 20-inch front and 19-inch rear discs, brought in a final price of \$1,800. Selling for less than half that amount was a Calhoun 4-ton stainless steel fertilizer spreader, featuring an 8-inch stainless chain, 11Lx15-inch flotation tires, and a 540 PTO – it changed hands for \$850. Close behind, a Brillion 9-foot Cultipacker with a hydraulic transport carrier was taken home for just \$800.

Among the heavy equipment available, a 2016 Komatsu WA320 wheel loader brought the second-highest bid of the day at \$46,000. The reconditioned unit came with a hydrostatic transmission, GP bucket, JRB quick coupler, and 20.5R25 tires front and rear. Another offering was a Manitou MSI 30T diesel forklift with 2,269 hours, which commanded a final price of \$21,000. Features includ-

ed a ROPS cab, 15-foot-lift height, 6,000-pound lift capacity, hydrostatic transmission, side shift, and pneumatic 14-17.5 NHS tires. Two trucks also crossed the block. A 2005 Ford F750 Super Duty flatbed with just 26,941 miles rolled away for \$13,750. It featured a 12-foot by 96-inch bed capable of carrying six cherry tanks, plus air brakes and a gooseneck ball hitch. Meanwhile, an older model – a 1969 Chevrolet C-50 flatbed with 81,004 miles and a V8 350ci engine – was let go for \$1,300. Its 14-foot by 96-inch bed could accommodate eight cherry tanks.

To go with those trucks were seven trailers. The top seller among them was an assembled 3-axle tag trailer, equipped with a pintle hitch and a 13-foot by 96-inch bed designed to haul six cherry tanks. It brought in \$1,200. The remaining six trailers were shop-built, 18-foot models, each capable of holding three standard cherry boxes. These sold from \$375 to \$600.

Other items from the operation also drew interest. A 6-foot by 30-inch Frammi welding table with a ½-inch steel plate top, vise, 120-volt auxiliary outlets, and wheel kit scored a \$600 bid. A Delta 57-gallon steel portable auxiliary fuel tank, built for pickup use, complete with a hand pump, sold for \$200. Bidders also picked up mixed sets of wooden picking ladders, which went for prices ranging from \$6.50 to \$9.50 apiece.

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Above: The auction's top bid was for a Coe C7 tree shaker and a Coe L2 receiver. The pair sold for \$58,000.



Above: A total of 90 cherry stackable cherry tanks fetched from \$30 to \$140 each.



Above: Two curtain sprayers were offered. A Curtec 3000 air curtain sprayer used only 3 seasons sold for \$31,000.

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Iowa Grain Indemnity Fund Board ends assessments, participation fees

By DOUG SCHMITZ
Iowa Correspondent

DES MOINES, Iowa – The Iowa Grain Indemnity Fund Board recently voted to end assessments and participation fees tied to the fund, starting Sept. 1, after the fund reached a balance of over \$10.17 million, surpassing the required \$8 million threshold.

“The Grain Indemnity Fund serves as a low-cost insurance policy for Iowa farmers,” said Iowa Agriculture Secretary Mike Naig. “We will continue to work diligently to ensure the financial soundness of the grain industry so that we can prevent failures and protect farmers’ investments.”

Established in 1986 during the Farm Crisis, the fund provides financial protection to Iowa farmers in case of dealer or warehouse failure. It covers 90 percent of losses up to \$300,000 for grain held in Iowa-licensed warehouses or sold on a cash basis to Iowa-licensed grain dealers.

The assessment was reinstated on Sept. 1, 2023, after the fund fell below the statutory threshold of \$3 million due to grain facility (financial) failures in 2021 and 2022, the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship said. Under existing law, the assessment must remain in effect for at least a full year and must also remain active until the board votes to suspend the collection of fees, or the fund reaches a balance of \$8 million.

The department said second-year collections started on Sept. 1, 2024, and will continue through Aug. 31, 2025. The balance of the fund, as of April 16, was \$10,173,347.80. This total exceeds the \$8 million dollar threshold and does not include the final two quarters of collections, which will cover cash sales of grain made in March, April and May, and June, July and August.

The department’s Grain Warehouse Bureau regulates and examines the fi-

nancial solvency of grain dealers and grain warehouse operators to protect Iowa farmers. Members of the fund are appointed by the Iowa governor and are subject to confirmation by the Iowa Senate, the department said.

Brent Johnson, Iowa Farm Bureau Federation president and Manson, Iowa, farmer, told Farm World, “Farm bureau members appreciate that the Grain Indemnity Fund provides protection for farmers from elevator (financial) failures, which are out of farmers’ control.

“Farm bureau members also appreciate the legislature modernizing the fund (updating it with modern technologies, processes, and practices to enhance its efficiency, performance, and overall value for investors or stakeholders) to increase the floor to \$8 million and the ceiling to \$16 million, along with expanding the fund to cover price-later contracts, which will enhance protections for farmers who are harmed by an elevator (financial) failure,” he added.

When asked how the fund has benefited Iowa farmers, and if it is saving them money, he said, “The Grain Indemnity Fund has benefited farmers by providing financial protection from elevator failures. With the passage of Senate File 608, farmers now have protection for price-later contracts, along with protection for cash sales.”

Senate File 608, a bill which passed April 7 in the Iowa legislature, will regulate the marketing of grain, specifically by updating the Iowa Grain Indemnity Fund, according to Iowa Capital Dispatch.

The bill increases the fund’s minimum to \$5 million and maximum to \$12 million, up from the current minimum of \$3 million and maximum of \$8 million. The bill also includes grain purchased under credit-sale contract, meaning grain bought on credit would also be eligible for indemnity protections.

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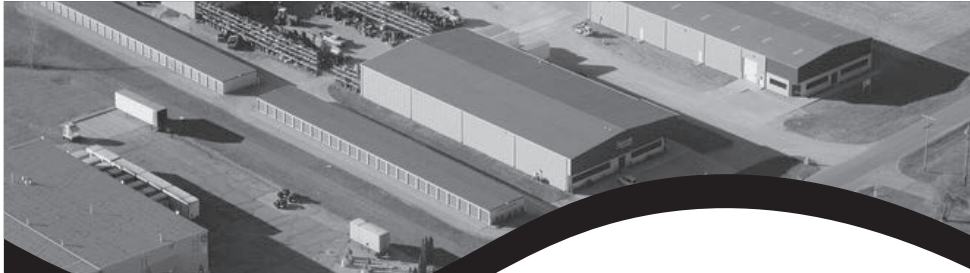
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Swampbuster Part II - Getting out of the USDA Swamp

In our last article, we examined and gave a general overview of the USDA's "Swampbuster" Act, which sets out conservation practice requirements for farmers who participate in USDA programs. Particularly, we discussed different situations where farmers may run afoul of the Act and the penalties that can be imposed for violations. In this article, we will discuss options that exist for farmers who find themselves facing a violation under the Act.

To begin, and as stated in the prior article, I cannot stress enough the importance of getting professional help to assist with a violation under the Act. The penalties for violations consist of losing eligibility for USDA program benefits AND repayment of past program benefits. I have seen farmers faced with paying back millions in benefits due to a violation not being detected for years, if not decades, by NRCS. Not only will you be faced with paying back money you received, but you will be faced with paying back money you never directly received, in the form of crop insurance premium subsidies. So, the stakes are high and it is no time for a farmer to start do-it-yourself lawyering. The number one reason for not getting help, according to surveys, is the farmer could not find someone versed in this area. My response: the internet. While it is true it appears this area the law is short on attorneys, search out someone, even if they are states away, that can help you. Because the USDA programs are federal programs, in the vast majority of states an attorney does not have to be licensed in the state you are in to help you. And, in the post-CV19 era, FSA accommodates distance with phone and video hearings on wetland violations. Thus, do not let the distance from legal counsel be a turn off to you.

There are generally two types of wetland violations. First, is a wetland conversion where lands not currently farmed are cleared and/or tiled to allow for crop production. The second is a planting violation, which is the planting of an agricultural commodity on a converted wetland. In most cases, the farmer incurs both violations because the farmer converts the wetland (1st violation) and then plants an agricultural commodity on the wetland (2nd violation). For a wetland conversion, the farmer is ineligible for each and every year the wetland was capable of crop production, both past, present, and future, no matter if an agricultural commodity is planted on it or not. For planting violations, the farmer is ineligible for each year an agricultural commodity is planted on the wetland.



Ag Law
By John Schwarz

Fortunately, the Act provides for various exemptions that can give reprieve to a farmer facing violations. Like in the game of Monopoly, an exemption is a farmer's "get out of jail free" card. In the wetlands game, I call it the "get out of the USDA's swamp free" card.

Once NRCS believes a wetland violation occurs, it sends notice over to the Farm Service Agency (FSA).

From there, the FSA sends notice of the violation to the farmer and informs the farmer that he/she is ineligible for program benefits. However, a farmer can ask for a Minimal Effect Exemption (MEE) from NRCS. With an MEE, the farmer asks the NRCS to determine that the conversion has no meaningful or measurable effect on the overall wetlands in the adjoining areas. Take, for example, a quarter acre grove of trees in the middle of a field. Even if it is a wetland, the NRCS could determine the conversion of the wetland does not have an effect on the surrounding wetlands. In this case, an MEE could be granted by the NRCS.

There are two different types of minimal effect determinations, those made prior to a conversion and those made after. A person seeking to convert a wetland can ask NRCS to make a minimal effect determination and NRCS is required to make a determination if a minimal effect designation is warranted. This is referred to as a pre-conversion determination. The rules also permit farmers to seek minimal effect determinations after a wetland has already been converted, so as to receive an MEE. However, the burden will be on the person who requested the determination to demonstrate that the effect is minimal to the satisfaction of the NRCS. Unfortunately, the criteria for a minimal effect designation varies among the states, so there is no uniformity. For example, a farmer could be granted an MEE in Indiana, but not in, say Arkansas, for the exact same wetland. However, if an MEE is granted, it is a golden ticket out of the swamp and alleviates the violation. Generally, if not almost always, it pays for a farmer to at least ask for a minimal effect determination to ensure that a violation is, in fact, a violation. Even better, if an MEE is granted the converted area can thereafter be farmed.

Probably the most common exemption is a Good Faith Exemption (GFE). With a GFE, it is as if the USDA is saying "yes, you violated Swampbuster, but you really did not mean to, so we're going to give you a pass." As with an MEE, a GFE is also a golden ticket out of the USDA swamp. However, there are several criteria the Agency must examine be-

fore good faith is granted.

First is whether "the characteristics of the site were such that the person should have been aware that a wetland existed on the subject land." If you convert a pristine wetland with cattails, ducks, etc., it's doubtful you'll meet this criterion. However, most wetland conversions I have been involved with involve land that the common person would not view as a wetland. Farmers are (generally) not versed in what makes a wetland a wetland under the NRCS's criteria. So, if the converted area is something that does not have obvious characteristics of a wetland, the farmer will likely pass this criterion.

Second is whether "NRCS had informed the person about the existence of a wetland on the subject land." This gets a little murky and turns on whether the farmer was told something generic from the NRCS like "there are some wetlands on that farm" versus "that area right there is a wetland." In any event, in the vast majority of the cases I have been in, the farmer had no indication from NRCS of the existence of any wetlands on the farm. Thus, in these instances, the farmer passes this criterion.

Third is whether "the person did not convert the wetland, but planted an agricultural commodity on converted wetland when the person should have known that a wetland previously existed on the subject land." This criterion deals with planting violations and mostly comes in to play when the farmer knows he converted a wetland prior, or someone else did prior, and the farmer goes ahead and plants.

Fourth, "the person has a record of violating the wetland provisions of this part or other Federal, State, or local wetland provisions." Over the years, this seems to be the heaviest of the five criteria. If it is your first violation, you stand a decent chance of getting good faith, even if one of the other five criteria go against you. If you have had prior violations, in my opinion, this will really drag on your case. I am not saying someone with a prior violation cannot get a GFE. However, I believe the other four criteria need to really weigh in favor of the farmer to overcome the prior violation(s).

Fifth, and lastly, "There exists other information that demonstrates that the person acted with the intent to violate the wetland provisions of this part." I've only seen this count against the farmer when the farmer had good reason to believe the converted area was a wetland or did something to try and hide the conversion.

With an MEE, the farmer will not get to farm the converted area. In fact, one of the conditions in being granted

an MEE is that the farmer must enter into a restoration plan with NRCS. Meaning, the farmer either has to restore the wetland or mitigate via the purchase of wetland credits, creating new wetlands, or other measures.

Another exemption is a Third Party Exemption (TPE). This is where a third party does something that causes the conversion. One case I saw was where a neighbor replaced a large amount of tile. The tile caused a wetland area on my client's land to drain and enabled it to be farmed, so he planted it. My client was cited for a violation, but we were able to show it was the neighbor's tiling activities that caused the wetland to go dry. So, he qualified for a TPE for the conversion violation. A more common scenario is when a landlord decides to convert a wetland. Under FSA rules, the farmer is presumed to be in control of the farm. Well, try telling that to the landlord that wants to take out 20 acres of woods so he can get more yearly rent. If a farmer can't talk sense into the landlord to not convert a wetland area, and the conversion occurs, a TPE may offer relief for the farmer who is held responsible for the conversion.

The above is not an exhaustive discussion on exemptions but represents what I would consider to be the most common. Regardless, receiving an exemption can avoid the payback of large sums of past program benefits and keep a farmer eligible.

In closing, it is important to remember that the provisions of Swampbuster do offer lifelines out of the USDA swamp for a farmer. It will generally come down to getting the correct professional help, seeking out the most applicable exemption, and showing that you pass the necessary criteria for the exemption. Next month, we will talk about the appeal procedure that exists for farmers to try and obtain relief from violations.

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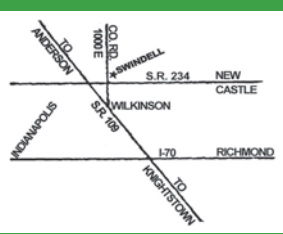
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Ohio farm family making a business out of solar grazing

By Celeste Baumgartner
Ohio Correspondent

LEBANON, Ohio – Amanda and Brady Kirwan moved back to Amanda's family farm in 2015. Except for the occasional job, they have been farming full-time ever since. They finally found their niche with their Ohio Solar Grazing business. Currently, they have 60



Above: Amanda and Brady Kirwan liked raising sheep. When solar farms started going in around them, they knew that those solar farms would need some vegetation management. Solar grazing as a form of vegetation management is more common in the Northeast but is catching on in Ohio.

Katahdin sheep grazing at the Lebanon City Municipal site and plans for more to go to Mason, Ohio.

"We started with growing hops and that got us into sheep a little bit," Amanda Kirwan said. "We have had laying hens and broiler chickens. We did a lot of direct marketing, farmers markets, home delivery, and all of that sort of thing. Once this (Ohio Solar Grazing) started, we realized we needed to put all of our energy into it."

The couple, whose farm is near Hill-sboro, Ohio, liked raising sheep. They knew that Ohio grows grass extremely well. Then solar farms started going in around them. They were aware that those solar farms would need vegetation management. They knew that in other places, people were doing solar grazing as a form of vegetation management.

"We joined a group called the American Solar Grazing Association," Kirwan said. "They educated us. They do webinars. A lot of people in the Northeast are ahead of the curve (with solar grazing). We realized it was probably a pretty reliable business model especially since within a half-hour of our house there's probably 10 to 15 thousand acres going into solar panels."

The owner of an almost 150-acre site in Mason contacted them about three years ago wanting to rent their service. They signed a contract thinking that was a good way to get their foot in the door. They have had a lot of delays but are finally ready for sheep on the site.

"Our main flock is lambing right



Above: In the City of Lebanon, the 60 Katahdin sheep are grazing around solar panels on 38 acres of land subdivided into three large parcels, that are in the floodplain. There's a total of 17,856 solar panels which generate 8 MW of energy on a normal sunny day.

now, so we don't want to be moving them around but once they're finished lambing then we'll be moving them to that site," Kirwan said. "We have about 220 ewes; we have been growing as much as we can to be able to serve this market. We are expecting about 200 lambs in the next couple of weeks and we have about 100 already on the ground."

They use mainly Katahdin sheep because they don't need to be sheared, Kirwan said. They are good mothers and supposedly have less foot trouble.

This is the first year for the 60 sheep at the Lebanon site. That number will fluctuate; the right number in the spring is different from the right number in winter. To encourage the sheep to eat all the species of vegetation, the couple divided the area into sections. That way they can do controlled grazing, moving them about every three days.

"If you have a 10-acre piece of

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New strain of bacteria that causes spotted fever found in ticks

By Hayley Lalchand
Ohio Correspondent

AMHERST, Mass. – Stephen Rich, microbiologist and professor at University of Massachusetts, Amherst, and his team were sampling ticks in a backyard in Maine when they came across something unusual: rabbit ticks.

Rabbit ticks, so named because the adult ticks primarily feed on rabbits, are not uncommon to Maine, but they're typically not found in backyards, Rich explained. This is because rabbit ticks are more likely to be found in rabbit habitats, whereas black legged ticks or dog ticks are more likely to be found in backyards. Black legged ticks and dog ticks are just as happy to feed on humans as they are dogs or deer.

Rich and his team were sampling backyards for Project Is Tick Control Helping (ITCH), a five-year program that began in 2023 with the goals of identifying landscape features that predict tick density, evaluating the effectiveness of pesticides for tick control, investigating how people perceive the

risk of tick-borne diseases, and property characteristics of tick habitats. As part of the project, ticks collected in backyards were sent to laboratories to determine what bacteria the ticks were infected with.

When the rabbit ticks were tested, a unique strain of Rickettsia was discovered. Rich said the strain was a novel find for the region.

Rickettsia is a genus or group of bacteria found in ticks as well as other insects such as lice, fleas and mites. The species of Rickettsia, Rickettsia sp. ME2023, that Rich and other Project ITCH researchers discovered is related to the group of pathogens that can cause severe illness in humans and other animals.

For example, Rickettsia rickettsii causes Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever, the most common and deadly spotted fever rickettsiosis in the U.S. Symptoms include rash, severe headache, and fever, and the illness can be treated with antibiotics. Spotted fevers, and other tickborne diseases, can affect humans and animals.

Although Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever is the most common spotted fever rickettsiosis, there are only about 6,000 cases of the illness in the U.S. each year, according to the Cleveland Clinic. In contrast, over 89,000 cases of Lyme Disease were reported in 2023 according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Rich cautioned against becoming overly concerned about the new discovery.

"The headline is that this is not a big alarm bell. It's an interesting discovery, but at this point it's probably a relatively low risk thing," he said. "There's a potential that this (new strain of bacteria) could cause one of these terrible diseases in people, but a lot of things would have to happen first. First of all, we'd have to know if it's more widespread than just this one pocket in Maine. Secondly, you'd have to have an interesting circumstance for the bacteria to pass on, because rabbit ticks don't really feed on people. We'd have to have a rabbit get infected by a rabbit tick, then have a deer tick or a black legged tick feed on that rabbit and then feed on a person."

While that series of events is not impossible, Rich emphasized that they are all relatively low frequency events. Still, he added that it's possible this newly discovered strain could be responsible for reported cases of spotted fever around the country, although it's not possible to go back in time and identify the strain that caused illness in humans. Moving forward, the team hopes to develop a survey with rabbit hunters to collect and sample rabbits for Rickettsia sp. ME2023.

Even if the newly identified strain of Rickettsia isn't a huge concern for transferring illness, there are plenty of other tickborne pathogens and diseases

to be aware of this spring and summer season. Rich said people should be aware of Alpha-gal Syndrome.

"Alpha-gal is a sugar that comes from the tick bite, gets into the human patient, and actually leads to an allergy, an allergic response, to alpha-gal sugar, which is present in all red meat. What ends up happening is people get bitten by a tick and they develop a food allergy against red meat," he said. "The symptoms can range from having an upset stomach from eating meat to very extreme cases where people use a shampoo that has an animal byproduct and having anaphylactic shock. It can sometimes last for months and months, and sometimes years and years, and other times it can be self-resolving."

There are over two dozen pathogens associated with ticks that can infect livestock, companion animals and people. The best prevention is being vigilant in protecting yourself from tick bites. Rich said the best thing people can do is wear permethrin-treated clothing. Permethrin is an insecticide that is toxic to ticks and has very low toxicity for people. Several companies sell sprays, and clothing that has been pre-treated. Repellents containing DEET or picaridin are also useful, although they need to be reapplied very often to be effective.

Rich added that one of the main causes related to the increase of ticks in more places is the proliferation of white-tailed deer. Many of the ticks that transmit pathogens feed and breed on white-tailed deer. Because it's unlikely that hunter pressure will rebound to the levels needed to drastically reduce the deer population, some researchers are investigating oral vaccines to be delivered to deer that would kill ticks.

Solar grazing

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ground, depending on the time of year, you might divide that up into 30 sections," Kirwan said. "We use temporary electric fence, sometimes netting. We also use poly wire. Moving them about every three days helps keep their parasite load down as well. It takes three days for the eggs to hatch."

They deliver water with a pull-behind trailer and use automatic waterers. On a hot day, the sheep might drink a gallon of water each. As the Kirwans live about an hour away from the site, they keep a check on the critters with a trail camera. They also do supplemental mowing and weed control at the site.

City of Lebanon officials are pleased with the job the sheep are doing. They have also planted pollinator-friendly plant species around the solar panels.

"The sheep are doing an excellent job of controlling grass around the solar panels," said Scott Brunka, city manager.

Guy Augustin, deputy director of electric engineering, said the solar panels are on 38 acres of land subdivided into three large parcels, that are in the floodplain. There's a total of 17,856 solar panels which generate 8 MW of energy on a normal sunny day.

Public reaction has been generally positive, Brunka said. Some people have expressed concerns about the safety of the sheep. Their concern is primarily with coyotes attacking them. The solar array is completely fenced in,



Above: The Kirwans joined the American Solar Grazing Association. They learned about the business through their webinars. They decided it was a good business model, especially since within a half-hour of their house (near Hillsboro) there's probably 10 to 15 thousand acres going into solar panels.

offering protection for the sheep. "There is a lot of misinformation (about grazing sheep under solar panels)," Kirwan said. "They have concerns about leeching from the panels (there is none). People say it is going to be really hot, but it is not – it is cool under the panels. Our sheep have never seen a barn. I know people have concerns about them having shelter, but they are going to have more shelter under solar panels than they do in a pasture. We probably should have a public information question and answer session."

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Automated equipment company seeks to get heavy machinery off field

By DOUG SCHMITZ
Iowa Correspondent

BOONE, Iowa – With a desire to provide more space to house and build their automated farm equipment company, officials at Salin 247, Inc., recently moved their operations to Iowa State University’s BioCentury Research Farm, just west of Ames in Boone.

Dave Krog, CEO and co-founder with his son, Ben, established the company in 2021. Dave said, “Our initial motivation and continuing motivation is to get big, heavy, expensive farm machinery off the field. We have a sustainability focus that includes taking better care of our soils.

“Part of this involves trying to help reduce soil compaction. Another side of it is helping growers reduce tillage. We also believe smaller, autonomous (automated) machines will bring down the cost of crop production, including lowering the cost of machinery.”

Formerly based near Ames, Salin 247 focuses on developing planters, cultivators and applicators that operate independently without needing a tractor to pull them through a field, he said.

“Our machines are electric, and our original plan was to use a renewable energy source – wind energy – to charge our batteries,” he said. “So, Sa-

lin is a play on sailing (i.e., wind power). We have since moved away from using wind power and are moving to using biodiesel fuel to power a diesel engine, which runs a generator that powers the many electric motors on our machines. The ‘247’ part is that the machines will run 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

“We started out by self-funding the effort and have since raised some funds using a Simplified Agreement for Future Equity (SAFE) agreement (a legal contract between a startup and an investor that allows the investor to purchase equity in the company at a future date),” he added.

Krog holds a bachelor’s in agronomy, and a master’s and doctoral degree in economics from Iowa State University. Ben is a mechanical engineer who holds a bachelor’s and master’s degree in biomedical engineering from the University of Iowa. Saeed Arabi is the company’s software lead who holds a doctoral degree in intelligent infrastructure from Iowa State University.

When asked about choosing Iowa State University’s research farm for the company’s new location, Krog said, “We had an office and shop space in a facility on the west edge of Ames that worked out well for us for about three years. However, we were running out of room, so we contacted Matt Darr at Iowa State University (a professor of agricultural and biosystems engineering and the BioCentury Research Farm’s director) to see if he knew of some options for us.

“(Darr’s) Digital Ag group at Iowa State was ready to move from the BioCentury Research Farm to their new location at the Iowa State University Research Park, which freed up space at the BioCentury Research Farm for

Salin 247,” he added. “Matt and Rob Hartmann (researcher administrator) at the BioCentury Research Farm have treated us great, and our new location is working out well for us.”

Darr said the work Salin 247 is doing fits right in with the research farm’s emphasis on innovative and sustainable research and the development of cutting-edge technologies.

“The BioCentury Research Farm has been a hub for public and private partnerships for over 15 years,” he said. “We are thrilled to welcome Salin 247 into our community, and know their work perfectly aligns with our spirit of discovery and innovation.”

Krog said the company’s automated machines are compact, compared to traditional farm equipment, especially given that a tractor is not needed for them to operate. “It’s amazing how different and unique each field is. We have to calibrate and fine-tune the equipment for each field.”

He said that includes mapping out fields ahead of time and noting any drainage intakes, terraces or other obstacles the equipment may encounter. The information is uploaded to the machine’s GPS before it is put in the field to begin work.

He said the next step will be installing cameras on the equipment that are connected remotely to a computer tablet, allowing farmers to see if parts of the machine have become dirty and need to be cleaned before resuming field work. Artificial intelligence could also monitor the camera feed and identify problems, he added.

He said more testing and fine-tuning must be done before the automated equipment becomes available for purchase. He added that the company will use their new space at the research farm to design and build dock-



Above: Salin 247’s four-row automated planter makes its way through a field earlier this spring. The company said a benefit of the machines is they help reduce soil compaction in fields, weighing significantly less than the traditional tractor and planter combination. (photo courtesy of Salin 247)

ing stations for the equipment to be refilled with seed or spray, eliminating the need for a farmer to refill the machines.

When asked if any farmers have used Salin 247 on their fields and how they can most benefit from it, he said, “Over the past three years, we have been on about 50 farms in six states: Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Missouri and Tennessee. We have also done demos in New England and Indiana. Most of what we have done so far on these farms has been on-farm trial work.

“We have had projects with the Iowa Soybean Association, Iowa State University, and a group in Memphis, Tenn., called AgLaunch,” he said.

He added, “The benefit to U.S. growers so far has been to get a glimpse of the future of crop production. We believe in a few years, nearly all crop production will be using autonomous machines for some, if not all, field operations.”

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Farm history at De Immigrant

FULTON, III. – Grinding grain has long been the process for farm crops, although milling from windmills is rare in the states. However, in Fulton, a town along the Mississippi River, visitors can tour an authentic Dutch windmill that operates and mills grain.

The Historical Landmark Database shares that the first Dutch arrival came in 1856. First, they came from Chicago and Michigan, followed by arrivals directly from the Netherlands.

The idea for the windmill began after the flood of 1965. The devastating flood prompted the city to build a protection dike. Considering the Dutch heritage of the community, a Dutch-style levee – or flood control dike – was built in the 1980s.

Keeping this unique history in mind, Fulton residents decided a Dutch windmill on top of the dike would represent their cultural history. Plans went into works, and De Immigrant windmill became a reality in 2000. The book, *The Building of De Immigrant*, states how the windmill got its name. "Rachael Ottens, 5th grade Fulton student, submitted the winning name, De Immigrant. The Vereniging De Hollandsche Molen (Dutch Windmill Society) group from the Netherlands selected the name."

The Dutch windmill was constructed on the flood control dike at 10th and First streets. At the time the windmill opened, the grinding stones were not yet installed. Monies from Friends of the Windmill, the fundraising organization, had to be raised to purchase them. After receiving sufficient funds of around \$90,000, they selected blue basalt millstone. The stones were installed and used, and the first grain was ground in 2001.

What is wonderful for those that love old iron and to see how things work is that the windmill, and the Windmill Cultural Center, which houses several scale model windmills, is open to tour. Prior to COVID, 10,000 visitors came each

year. Today both the windmill and cultural center are open during weekend hours May-October.



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De Immigrant is an eight-sided windmill that cost \$1 million to build. The windmill was purchased by the town of Fulton, along with a grant from the State of Illinois. The Dutch windmill was engineered and prefabricated in the Netherlands specifically for Fulton, then it was disassembled and shipped. The windmill traveled by ship, rail and truck before arriving to be put back together in Fulton. Overseen by millwrights and Dutch masons, they used 150-year-old bricks around the 35-foot-tall base. The windmill is over 90 feet tall and as the wind moves the sails, the gears move and grinding stones grind wheat, rye, buckwheat and corn to create some flour they sell in the cultural center. The stones inside the windmill rise three stories high. According to information from Enjoy Illinois, "...millers can grind approximately one bushel of grain every 10 minutes, wind permitting."

Across the street from De Immigrant is The Windmill Cultural Center and gift shop. They offer a wonderful array of windmill examples. There are 20 scale model examples. Windmill sizes range from 10 inches to six feet in height. First employed in Europe, Henk Heileman and his wife, June, traveled extensively photographing windmills, then they returned home and built the models. Henk Heileman used blueprints from the real mills and formed them, his wife June did much of the painting and fine details. Eventually the couple retired in Demotte, Ind.

As they grew older, they began looking for a home for their windmills. After checking out several places, they found Fulton. The Heilemans, though, had specific requirements for the donation of their models. They required an environmentally controlled environment, and a

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Above: Henk and June Heilman built the windmill models found inside the Windmill Cultural Center.

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South Korean grain buyers tour Illinois farm and biofuels plant

By **TIM ALEXANDER**
Illinois Correspondent

PEORIA, Ill. — A recent article in Farm World highlighted a visit by a Korean delegation of grain buyers to the Peoria Lock and Dam, where the group learned first-hand about how America's inland waterway navigation system can reliably move millions of tons of products via barge for export. The dozen international buyers, who represented food companies and government entities, also visited a major biofuels production plant located on the Illinois River, along with the farm of soybean producer and U.S. Soybean Export Council (USSEC) global advisory committee chair, Mark Read, of Putnam County.

In addition, the Korean contingent were feted with a nice meal at a restaurant after hearing a presentation from Read and Eileen Pabst, international markets director for the Illinois Soybean Association (ISA), in the downtown Peoria office of Corn Belt Ports. They were hosted by Robert Sinkler, executive director of Corn Belt Ports, and Anshu Singh, who is director of sustainability and conservation for Corn Belt Ports.

"We're excited that our international presence is growing with Corn Belt Ports. We're trying to get the word out, internationally, about the value of central and north-central Illinois to the global supply chain, and how important the Corn Belt Ports are to supporting some of the U.S.' economic objectives," said Sinkler. "We are looking to open up more global market opportunities to benefit the ports of Illinois."

Also present at the Corn Belt Ports meeting were Guy Allen, an agricultural professor at Kansas State University and organizer of the trip; Mark Wilson, Illinois corn farmer and board member of the U.S. Grains Council; Brent



Above: A group of young Korean grain buyers, representing international food companies and the government, are pictured visiting the crowded office of Corn Belt Ports in Peoria, Illinois in late April. The group heard a presentation on how soybeans from the Midwest reliably reach global markets, and the crucial role the inland waterway infrastructure system plays in moving ag commodities overseas. (Corn Belt Ports photo)

Hoerr, executive director of Missouri Corn; Rodney Knittel, associate director of transportation and infrastructure for the Illinois Farm Bureau; Dan Silverthorn, chair, Heart of Illinois Regional Ports District; Martha Vaughan, a research leader for the USDA-Agriculture Research Service in Peoria and Hye-Seon Kim, a biologist for USDA-ARS in Peoria.

"These buyers were young professionals who are generally making long-and-short goal decisions in the commodity futures market in Korea," said Singh, who spoke to Farm World shortly after the group's multi-day tour of the Midwest had concluded. "We spoke to the group about how Corn Belt Ports advocates to bring more infrastructure to our region so that we can provide safe and reliable transportation for agricultural commodities to the global market. Korea is an importing country in terms of soy, and is the number two importer of U.S. food-grade soybeans. They are number ten for U.S. whole soybean exports and number six for soybean oil exports, so they are an important importer of U.S. soybeans."

Overall, the trip was designed to give the Korean buyers a complete primer on how Illinois soybeans and other crops are planted, grown, maintained, harvested and transported to buyers and end users in global markets. They were also interested in seed genetics, according to Singh. "The purpose of the tour was to give them confidence in our products and our infrastructure," she said.

The buyers were also interested in how Midwest producers ensure the quality of the grains and oilseeds they sell to the export market remains intact during shipping. "It can take months for our grain to travel from here to Korea, so the quality must remain intact," explained Singh, adding that the group had several questions about seed genetics for the USDA-ARS scientists. "They were very interested in visiting the (Peoria USDA Ag) lab, but time was not sufficient," she added.

Read, who in addition to his work with USSEC is also District 5 Director for the ISA and a member of its Market Development Committee, raises corn and soybeans in both Putnam and Bureau County. Immediately after

touring Marquis Energy, the group, led by Allen, arrived at his farm for a tour and a lesson on sustainable Midwestern agriculture.

"These were all young soybean buyers on their first trip from South Korea, a very interesting group that is still learning. Some were buying for their own country, but one was actually stationed in Russia," said Read. "They saw a soybean field with beans starting to come up, and we explained the process of running a sustainable family farm, and why we are sustainable. We talked about cover crops, which for us is cereal rye after the corn harvest knowing (the land) will go into soybeans the next year. We talked about how we put fertilizers on in strips under the ground, so that it is not spread-broadcast. We then plant right into that strip the next year."

Read also delved into new planter innovations with the group, including row shut-offs that spare excess nutrient usage. He discussed how precise and efficient nutrient and other input applications are accomplished via GPS, and how convenient it is for Illinois and Midwest farmers to bring their crops to market via the river and rail systems. He also touched on current carbon sequestration efforts by private industry and the government.

"Europe wants their (grain and oilseed) sources to be sustainable, and that's our advantage in the United States-- our sustainable product. I've been to a lot of countries, and it's kind of surprising how countries like Nigeria are also getting on the bandwagon. Hopefully, Europe and other markets will pay a little more for our soy meal and that sort of thing. Climate is definitely changing, whether we admit it or not," Read said.

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Above: Investigators were unable to pinpoint the cause of a barn fire that claimed the lives of five pigs and four goats at a northern Indiana farm.

Sheriff's deputy saves sheep from La Porte County barn fire

By Stan Maddux
Indiana Correspondent

MILL CREEK, Ind. – Nine farm animals a family kept for use in 4-H perished in a La Porte County barn fire but more could have died if not for police helping with the evacuation.

Larry Tuholski, one of the owners of the family farm along County Road 100 South in Mill Creek, said five pigs and four goats were lost in the May 4 blaze.

Three sheep in a pen beside the burning barns would have perished if not for the efforts of Deputy Dylan Hisick with the La Porte County Sheriff's Office.

Hisick ventured in and carried them a safe enough distance from the flames.

"He just picked them up and lifted them up over the fence," Tuholski said.

Tuholski said the sheep are recovering from smoke inhalation and their wool being scorched from the heat.

Hisick has been a member of the sheriff's office for nearly 18 months.

"We are proud of the immediate action by Deputy Hisick and his commitment to serving others, especially in this case for the Tuholski family," said La Porte County Police Capt. Derek Allen.

More than 10 cats also perished in the fire.

Tuholski said one of the barns now used for storage was a milking parlor until the family decided to get out of the dairy business in 2000. The family now raises strictly corn, soybeans and popcorn on more than 5,000 acres while a neighbor keeps about 350 head of steer on the spread in another building not impacted by the fire.

Tuholski said the steers were never in danger because they are kept in another facility roughly 150 feet away from the fire. The other destroyed barn that once contained young dairy cows was like a workshop area used also for storage.

Tuholski said his son, Joe, put some parts back up for storage and left for his nearby home, then a short time later noticed smoke rising in the air.

He and other family members started getting as many things out of the barns as they could, including a few pick-up trucks and tractors.

A number of sheep were also spared from the flames, including several placed over a fence for safe keeping by Hisick.

A lot of equipment, including a small tractor attached to a tiller and sprayers, were not able to be saved from the rapidly spreading flames.

"When the fire got in that ceiling area, it took off like gangbusters," Tuholski said.

His niece, Rebecca Tuholski, was planning to show at least some of the deceased animals during the La Porte County Fair in July in what is her 10th and final year in the 4-H program.

Pleasant Township Fire Chief Kevin Bluhm said flames were shooting from the roof in one of the buildings and spreading to the other structure when firefighters first pulled up.

They attacked the fire by first successfully driving the flames away from an area containing herbicides and other farm related chemicals.

Farm chemicals, when coming into contact with fire, can produce a toxic vapor and create a potential breathing hazard for firefighters and surrounding residents.

Bluhm said an aerial truck from the La Porte Fire Department was brought in to get more water onto the flames from up above once crews started ripping the metal roof from one of the structures with block walls.

The siding of the other structure was made of tin, which was torn away to get water inside from ground level.

Bluhm said the Indiana State Fire Marshal's Office was called in to assist with the investigation but the cause was ruled undetermined.

He said there was too much destruction, though, to find any clues that would point to what started the blaze.

Tuholski said he was also puzzled to explain the source of ignition.

"I've been picking my brain since the fire trying to figure out what could have happened," he said.

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New cattle feed could help dairy cows release less methane

By Hayley Lalchand
Ohio correspondent

GAINESVILLE, Fla. – New research demonstrates that a dairy cattle supplementary feed made of flaxseed and pea protein could reduce methane emissions.

The supplementary feed is a mixture of lipids and proteins. Antonio Faciola, associate professor of ruminant nutrition at the University of Florida, said that feeding lipids, such as flaxseed, to ruminants helps to suppress methane production. Methane is produced in the rumen when partially digested food is fermented, creating gas. Adding lipids to a ruminant's diet leads to a lower amount of fermentable organic matter because fats are not fermented in the rumen.

Additionally, fats lead to a higher production of propionic acid, a volatile fatty acid that consumes hydrogen gas, lowering the amount of hydrogen available for the formation of methane. Microorganisms in the rumen are also inhibited by dietary fats, affecting the amount of hydrogen released into the rumen.

However, just the addition of lipids or flaxseed is not enough. Previous studies have shown that supplementary flaxseed can reduce nutrient intake and digestibility, particularly fiber digestion. The addition of a blend of fats and pea protein can help protect the rumen and improve nutrient digestion.

In a laboratory experiment, Faciola and his group observed that the flaxseed and pea protein supplementary feed reduced methane production and improved fiber digestion. The experiment was conducted using a dual-flow continuous culture system, a fermentation system that simulates the rumen. With eight fermenters, the lab can simulate eight cows.

Researchers can add grinded feed and artificial saliva to the fermenters and observe the digestion process of different ingredients. By measuring how fermentation changes with the addition of new ingredients, researchers can identify if methane production has decreased. This process helps save money and time; testing new feeds in live animals requires many cattle, and if researchers aren't sure the feed is going to produce the effect they're studying, they could waste time and money studying an entire herd.

Faciola said the results are a "win-win" for the environment and for cows.

"We are reducing methane, which is good for the environment. Also, when

cows produce methane, it's a loss of energy for them," he said. "It's good for the cows and the producers because instead of losing that energy, cows are retaining it, which could then be used for the production of milk for the animal, for example."

Next, the research group will test the feed in a farm setting.

"We have a research farm at the University of Florida that hosts about 500 cows, and we want to do more of a fine-tuned experiment with the cows actually consuming this feed additive and see if we can replicate the results (of the recent study)," Faciola said. "Also, we want to see if there is any effect on milk production and composition."

Reducing methane has been an important goal in cattle research for years because it is one of the most potent greenhouse gasses and contributes to rising temperatures across the globe. Faciola said that reducing methane production with little impact on the animal is important, and it's even better if a solution for reducing methane could improve nutrient utilization or provide the animal with other nutrients, such as digestible fiber.

"It's important to say that there's no magic bullet (for reducing methane emissions)," he said. "If we as a society want to reduce methane, there are multiple things we need to be working on. It's not going to be just one supplement, but maybe a combination of feed additives or supplements, and maybe even selecting cows that produce less methane or creating different farm management practices."

Faciola added that his lab is investigating other feed supplements, such as algae, to reduce methane. Further, the lab is interested in improving nutrient utilization in ruminants.

"For example, one nutrient we spend a lot of time working on is nitrogen. We want to make sure we feed the least amount of nitrogen needed for cows to produce the most amount of milk, and we don't want to waste any nitrogen," he said. "If nitrogen is not used by the animal, it is excreted and that has environmental problems, too, such as algae blooms."

Brazil confirms country's first bird flu outbreak in commercial poultry farm

SAO PAULO (AP) – Brazil, one of the world's largest producers and exporters of poultry, confirmed May 16 the country's first bird flu outbreak on a commercial farm.

The virus was found at a facility in the southern state of Rio Grande do Sul, the country's agriculture ministry said in a statement. It said a contingency plan has been implemented "not only to eliminate the disease but also to maintain the sector's productive capacity, ensuring supply and, consequently, food security for the population."

The ministry said it has notified the World Organization for Animal Health, the Ministries of Health and the Environment and Brazil's trade partners.

The agency said in a subsequent statement that China and the European Union have halted poultry imports from Brazil, following trade agreements.

Restriction on poultry exports follows rules agreed on with each importing country, based on international health certificate requirements, the Agriculture and Livestock ministry added. Depending on the type of the disease, some deals apply to the whole country while others involve limits on where products can come from – for example, a specific state, city or just the area of the outbreak.

"Countries like Japan, Saudi Arabia, the UAE and the Philippines have already accepted this regional

approach," the ministry said.

Brazil is one of the world's leading producers and exporters of poultry, accounting for 14 percent of global chicken meat production, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

An egg shortage in the United States following the bird flu outbreak boosted Brazilian egg exports to the U.S., rising by more than 1,000 percent between January and April 2025 compared to the same period the previous year, according to trade data from the Brazilian government.

Brazil's agriculture ministry also said the disease is not transmitted through the consumption of poultry meat or eggs.

"The risk of human infection by the avian flu virus is low and occurs mostly among handlers or professionals who have close contact with infected birds (alive or dead)," the ministry said.

Brazilian chicken exports have previously faced resistance over sanitary concerns. In 2018, the European Union temporarily banned imports of chicken from 20 Brazilian plants due to concerns about salmonella. Brazil brought the case to the World Trade Organization.

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Milk output surpassing year ago levels for fourth month in a row

U.S. milk tanks are filling up and output surpassed year ago levels for the fourth month in a row in April. The USDA's preliminary data in its latest Milk Production report shows output at 19.37 billion pounds, up 1.5 percent from April 2024, biggest increase since August 2022. The 24-state production, at 18.6 billion, was up 1.6 percent. The March totals were both revised up 26 million pounds.

StoneX points out that fat and protein content in the milk were up from last year, which put component adjusted production up 3.0 percent.

April cow numbers totaled 9.425 million, up 5,000 head from March and 89,000 or 1.0 percent more than a year ago. The March count was revised up 16,000 head. The 24-state count, at 8.983 million, was up 7,000 from March and 93,000 or 1.0 percent above a year ago. The March count was revised up by 12,000 head.

April output per cow in the 50 states averaged 2,055 pounds, up 11 pounds or 0.5 percent from a year ago, and up 12 pounds or 0.6 percent in the 24-state data.

StoneX broker Dave Kurzawski said in the May 26 Dairy Radio Now broadcast "Tis the time of year for milk output to increase. It's the spring flush and we're probably at the peak right now."

When asked if this size of an increase, considering the new cheese capacity that has come online, wasn't a concern for the market, he answered, "I think we overestimated how quickly those cheese plants would be up and running. That slower start makes sense because it takes time to put a cheese plant together."

He said we can make milk. When you get into the summer months, you don't know what the weather is going to do and how that will impact production, but he suspects that milk is "in balance."

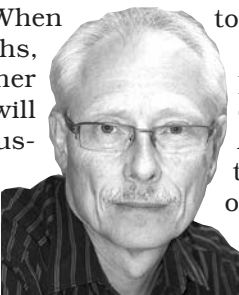
"We're not awash in milk anywhere, we're not dumping milk, we're more or less in balance even with a 1.5 percent increase." Added to that are the strong U.S. exports. He believes they will continue until prices narrow between the U.S. and the rest of the world.

China's April dairy imports looked stronger, according to the latest China Customs Statistics. Cheese imports totaled 37.6 million pounds, up 6.2 percent from April 2024.

HighGround Dairy points out, "They moved counter-seasonally higher from March and stretched to a record high for the month of April. New Zealand's market share jumped to an impressive 66.5 percent as imports from the country increased 36 percent from prior year. Australia was the second largest supplier at 16 percent." The U.S. share was down, as was that of Italy, France, the Netherlands and Denmark.

Skim milk powder (SMP) imports totaled 60.5 million pounds, up 27.4 percent, as volumes continued to recover versus 2024, says HighGround, most notably from New Zealand. HGD adds that North Asia was a dominant buyer of SMP in Tuesdays GDT, "reinforcing that demand remains solid in the region."

Whey product imports, at 122.3 million pounds, were up 13.9 percent, and were up 31.3 percent year



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By Lee Mielke

to date.

The May 20 Daily Dairy Report says, "China's imports of whey remained strong in April, as merchants rushed to receive shipments ahead of "liberation day" tariffs. Any product that left a U.S. port by April 9 and arrived in China by May 13 did not face the sharply higher border tax. The US accounted for 45 percent of China's whey product imports last month, and the country's total whey imports were 13.9 percent greater than in April 2024."

Butter imports amounted to just 16 million pounds, down 21.9 percent from a year ago, although YTD imports were up 25.1 percent from 2024.

China's infant formula imports continued to recover, according to HGD, up 18.4 percent, "Showing solid improvement from a weak 2024. While the Netherlands maintained the largest market share, it ceded some ground to both New Zealand and Germany, though imports from all three countries rose year over year. This rebound aligns with evolving parenting behaviors: children's health products were the second-fastest growing consumer health category in China over the five years leading up to 2023, and that trend is expected to continue," says HGD.

Dave Kurzawski said, "China has been buying underwhelming amounts the past few years and they've built up their industry significantly but they're still going to be a buyer."

The USDA announced the June Federal order Class I base milk price at \$17.26 per hundredweight, down \$1.11 from May, and \$2.82 below June 2024. It equates to \$1.48 per gallon, down from \$1.73 a year ago. The six-month Class I average stands at \$19.65, down from \$18.83 a year ago and compares to \$19.77 in 2023.

Cash Cheddar block cheese was trading Thursday morning at \$1.9475 per pound, highest since Oct. 7, 2024, following its Friday close at \$1.93. The barrels hit \$1.87 Thursday, 7.75 cents below the blocks, after finishing Friday at \$1.88.

Central region retail cheese sales are steady to stronger, according to Dairy Market News. Food service demand is steady. Milk output is steady in the upper Midwest but declining in the southern part. Cheesemakers are running busy schedules as some

prepared for down time this weekend. Milk at mid-week was moving as low as \$7-under. Cheesemakers with scheduled down time for the upcoming holiday were either not buying additional loads this week or selling milk ahead of the long weekend.

Some Western cheese manufacturers reported milk availability was looser with Class I demand generally lightening due to spring recesses beginning or fast approaching at educational institutions.

Cheese production was mixed as was availability. In some cases, inventories were tight regardless of variety. Domestic retail and food service demand is stronger but food service is less robust. Demand from international buyers is stronger, says DMN.

CME butter was unchanged the first three days this week but added 2 cents Thursday, hitting \$2.3625 per pound, highest since March 27, with 24 loads exchanging hands on the day. The butter closed Friday at \$2.3425.

Central milk output is steady to lighter and upper Midwest cool temperatures are keeping milk components high, leaving plenty of cream available. Ice cream makers are drawing more on available cream, though plenty is available for churning. Some plants scheduled down time during the upcoming holiday weekend, reducing cream demand. Churns are active, as processors work to build inventory for use later in the year. Some plants are increasing 82 percent fat butter production amid increasing export demand. Domestic demand is steady.

Milk production continues to provide plenty of cream for Western manufacturers however cream prices increased in May as milk output decreased week-over-week for some parts of the region. Churning varies from strong to lighter as the holiday weekend neared. Manufacturer inventories are generally increasing. Domestic demand is steady or somewhat stronger and it's anticipated that the holiday weekend will positively contribute to food service demand, which is less robust than retail demand. International demand is strong, says DMN.

Grade A nonfat dry milk was trading Thursday at \$1.23 per pound, following a close Friday at \$1.2250. Dry whey slipped to 52.50 cents per pound Tuesday but rallied and climbed back to 54.25 cents per pound Thursday morning.

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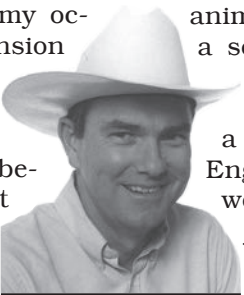
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Polishing up the resume, just in case

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It's THE PITTS
By Lee Pitts

animal science in three years at a school you've never heard of and another year studying in Australia where I learned a third language. Now I speak English, Australian and a few words in Spanish, although judging by the response, I think they're dirty words.

Work experience: I've picked lemons and avocados and been a roustabout in the oilfields. I've also been a cowboy, rancher, writer, ad pimp and a ring man at auctions. I was a professor at a junior college for one year and dusted furniture in my grandpa's furniture store.

Special skills: Thyping and I'm a very good speller too. I'm also very good at shoveling ••••. I can sheer sheep and I know how to castrate a ram lamb using my teeth. I'm skilled in the leather arts, can engrave silver, I was first chair alto saxophone in my high school marching band, I know how to do some great card tricks, can juggle and I make a great peanut butter and jelly sandwich.

Communication skills: You won't have to worry about me standing around smoking while staring at my phone because I don't smoke and don't own a cell phone. I also hate talking on the phone so I don't think my skills would be best put to use in a call center in India to irritate people every day for eight hours. Besides, I don't think my wife wants to relocate to a third world outpost.

Notable achievements: I was self-employed employee of the year for 40 years and I'm an organ donor.

Reason for leaving last job: I got in a fist fight with a fellow employee. I lost my job but the fight ended in a draw.

References: Fortunately, all the people I worked for are now dead. But I give you my permission to talk to them about me.

Availability: Like Billy the Kid, there is only one known photo of me and I'm not available to be interviewed on a Zoom call, whatever that is. I am willing to pee in a jar for a drug test.

I certify that almost all the above is mostly true.

Sheep producers from across the US to gather in Springfield, Ill., in June

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. — Sheep producers from more than 20 states will gather at the Illinois State Fairgrounds sheep barn in Springfield, June 6-8, to take part in a popular national sheep extravaganza that's the largest of its kind. Called "The Event," the family-oriented weekend is hosted by the non-profit United Suffolk Sheep Association (USSA), the nation's largest Suffolk sheep registry and membership association, headquartered in Holland, Iowa.

The Event kicks off with a myriad of educational sessions for adults and for youth June 6 at Lincoln Land Community College, 5250 Shepherd Road, in Springfield. Sessions cover topics like how to select and manage ewe flocks, introducing sheep into the flock, managing and assisting with difficult births, understanding immune system responses in sheep, parasite management, plus the outlook for the U.S. lamb market, marketing lamb from farm to table, balancing raising sheep with a career and others.

Youth sessions for participants 8 years old or up will include similar topics on June 6, plus a fun team-oriented Suffolk Olympics and judging clinic set for June 7 near the sheep barn.

Registration fees for The Event include educational sessions and meals, including a Saturday evening banquet honoring Hall of Famers. Register online at: <https://suffolks.org/wp/2025/the-suffolk-event-2025/>

Anyone may attend the National Suffolk Sale at no charge, set for June 7, starting at about noon Central, in the sheep barn on the Illinois State Fairgrounds. Watch a preview of the 55 high-quality registered Suffolk rams, ewes and wethers consigned by leading sheep breeders from across the U.S. for use as purebred and terminal sires, replacement ewes and show prospects on June 6 at 7 p.m., live streamed on the USSA's Facebook page. Can't make it to the sale in-person. Watch the sale and bid online on BreedersWorld.com.

United Junior Suffolk Sheep Association members ages 21 and under will exhibit their Suffolks June 8, starting at 9 a.m., in the sheep barn. USSA will livestream the show on Facebook.com/unitedsuffolk.

For complete details on how to take part in The Event, The National Suffolk Sale bidding and viewing, and all festivities, visit <https://suffolks.org/wp/2025/the-suffolk-event-2025/>.



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A hot dog stick and a broom helped convince snake to relocate

On our way for groceries, we were walking through the garage when I noticed a piece of brown colored rope near the garage door. As I got closer I saw the “piece of rope” was crawling across the garage floor and towards the clutter under the shelves!

I said to my wife, “Chris... we have a visitor... a snake! Open the garage door and grab the broom.”

As the garage door was opening I looked for anything I could use to help aid in a quick eviction of our reptilian visitor. My heavy gloves were on the



Above: Indiana’s Common Watersnake is not poisonous but it has a nasty disposition when cornered or approached, and it will bite. Photo courtesy of IDNR.

other end of the garage and by the time I retrieved them, our slithering visitor would have hidden itself in the clutter under the garage shelves.

I had to act quickly! Leaning against the wall was a commercial hotdog roasting stick I use to hoist the bird sunflower feeder up and down from a shepherds hook. I grabbed the wiener stick knowing it would make a usable substitute for a professional snake hook.

Wielding the wiener stick as my makeshift snake hook, and with my wife backing me up with the broom, I approached the snake to begin serving an eviction notice.

As I eased the tines of the wiener stick under the snake, it apparently mistook me for a reptilian dentist as it quickly coiled and opened its mouth wide to show me its teeth. Undaunted, I flipped the snake in the general direction of the open garage door. Unfortunately, the flipping of the snake was also in the general direction of my wife brandishing the broom.

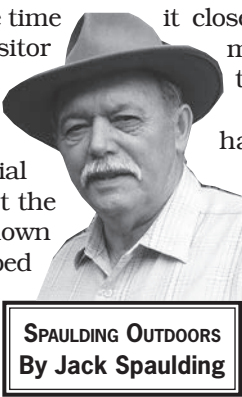
My wife Chris for the most part is unafraid of snakes. However, having one flipped by a wiener stick in her general direction made her squeal and then threaten ME with the broom! With several more careful passes of the wiener stick tines under the snake and moving

it closer to the door, it suddenly made a dash to hide under the garbage bin.

Come on snake... we have to get groceries!

With another quick slide of the wiener stick tines and a strong, deft flip, the snake was propelled to the edge of the garage door. Now my wife came in with the heavy guns... well actually the big garage broom, and swept our slithering visitor out of the doorway and a couple feet into the driveway.

Once it realized it had been evicted, the snake took quick refuge in the rocks in our landscaping!



SPAULDING OUTDOORS
By Jack Spaulding

Water Safety Tips

With summer officially here, Indiana Conservation Officers would like to remind Hoosiers to make water safety a priority throughout the coming months.

“We urge everyone to recognize the danger water poses,” said Capt. Jet Guillen.

Here are some basic water safety tips:

Discuss the dangers of water with your family and loved ones before going out.

Tell someone where you are going and when you will return.

Go with a buddy.

Stay away from flooded or fast-moving waterways.

Wear a life jacket.

Keep a watchful eye on children.

Avoid alcohol.

When you go boating, boat safely by assessing water levels before going out and monitor your speed. Reduce speed in unfamiliar areas and be aware of unusual water conditions, especially compared to the size and type of your boat. The guidelines can also help prevent beach erosion.

Designate a sober boat operator. Alcohol consumption causes impaired balance, blurred vision, poor coordination, impaired judgment, and slower reaction time. Wave action, sun exposure, and wind can magnify the effects. It is illegal to operate a motorboat or personal watercraft in Indiana while intoxicated due to alcohol or drugs. Indiana law defines intoxication as having a blood alcohol level of 0.08% or greater.

Each life jacket should be United States Coast Guard approved, in good working condition, and an appropriate size for the wearer. Today’s inflatable life jackets allow mobility and flexibility for activities like boating, fishing or paddling, and may be much cooler in warmer weather than older-style life jackets.

To learn more about boating education and safety, see on.IN.gov/boatered.

State Park Centennial Challenges

Visit five 100-year-old Indiana State Parks to enjoy their new challenges to help celebrate the history of Indiana State Parks. Parks with centennial challenges include McCormick’s Creek State Park (est. 1916), Turkey Run State Park (est. 1916), Clifty Falls State Park (est. 1920), Pokagon State Park (est. 1925), and Indiana Dunes State Park (est. 1925).

The challenges kick off the celebration of this year’s 100th anniversaries of Indiana Dunes State Park and Pokagon State Park. For a hundred years, the parks have provided northern Indiana with natural playgrounds and conservation of unique natural resources.

“We have challenges at many parks that provide opportunities for physical activity through hiking, kayaking, or canoeing,” said Ginger Murphy, deputy director for stewardship for Indiana State Parks. “We are happy to add these opportunities for Hoosiers to open a window into some of the people and places who helped to shape our state’s history.”

Each challenge explores the history of the respective park’s natural resources, pre-park establishment, and important historical structures and stories. Guests who complete a challenge earn a unique sticker for the park. The instructions for each challenge can be found at dnr.IN.gov/healthy.

The Indiana State Parks system was established in 1916 as a centennial gift to Hoosiers. Explore the history of Indiana State Parks as it relates to the history of our state at on.IN.gov/INStateParkHistory.

Guests who enjoy history may also want to check out the CCC Challenge which explores the Civilian Conservation Corps at Ouabache State Park, also found at dnr.IN.gov/healthy.

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JD 5055E, 2WD

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JD 4430

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FORD 575E BACKHOE (AS IS- BURNT)

2014 JD 700K LGP DOZER w/6-WAY BLADE, 5866 HRS

JCB 3CX BACKHOE w/CAB, TURBO, EXT-A-HOE, 4X4

CASE 850G DOZER w/6-WAY BLADE, LONG TRACK, 3574 HRS

CASE 450 DOZER

2018 CAT TH255C TELEHANDLER

1997 SKYTRAK 10054 TELEHANDLER

INGERSOLL RAND VR-518 TELEHANDLER

JLG 40H MANLIFT

DIRT PAN

DITCH WITCH 5110 (SALVAGE)

DITCH WITCH 2310, DSL (AS IS - STARTER)

JD 595 BACKHOE ATTACHMENT OFF

5085E TRACTOR, NEW

3 PT BACKHOE

BOBCAT 68A BROW

EXCAVATOR COMPACTOR

GEHL AL730 POWER RAKE

SS MT QUICK HITCH

HYD BLADE FOR SKIDSTEER

3 PT FORKLIFT

BRUSH CRUSHER 4200 GRAPPLE

KUBOTA EXCAVATOR TOOTH BUCKET, 36"

SKIDSTEER BUCKET, 72"

(2) JD 300 FRONT BH BUCKET, 7"

(12 SETS) Q/A PALLET FORKS, 4000 LB CAPACITY, NEW

COMBINES

2013 JD S680, 3377/2121, 2WD, PRO DRIVE, PREMIUM CAB

JD 9870 w/CHOPPER & DUALS, 3610/2579 HRS, S/N H09870S731443

JD 9760, 4500/3200 HRS

JD 9500 COMBINE, 5173/3486 HRS

JD 4400, DSL, FLAT SCREEN, 3596 HRS

CASE AFX7010 COMBINE w/DUALS, FWD, 3228/2453

CASE 2166 w/AFS MONITOR, CHOPPER, 5143/3601 HRS, S/N 180728

CHALLENGER 670B, 4WD, 1414/834 HRS, S/N HUC7230

2005 GLEANER R65, SINGLES, 2400/2003 HRS

HEADS

AGCO 9250 DRAPER HEAD, DYNA FLEX, 35'

NH 880CF DRAPER HEAD, 30'

JD 925 GRAIN HEAD

JD 920F GRAIN HEAD

JD 635F GRAIN HEAD

(2) JD 630F GRAIN HEAD

JD 620F GRAIN HEAD

C/IH 1020 GRAIN HEAD, 25'

C/IH 1020 GRAIN HEAD, FLEX, 20'

(2) JD 608C CORN HEAD

JD 893 CORN HEAD (AS IS)

(2) JD 693 CORN HEAD

JD 643 CORN HEAD

JD 443 CORN HEAD

C/IH 3406 CORN HEAD

AGCO 830 CORN HEAD, S/N A0AHCH1264

IH 983 CORN HEAD, POLY

PLANTERS & DRILLS

KINZE 3600 16/32 SPLITTER PLANTER, BULK-FILL, S/N 200409

KINZE 2600 PLANTER, 16-ROW, NO FERT

JD 7240 6/11 SPLITTER PLANTER w/MON-ITOR

JD 7000 PLANTER, 8 ROW

JD 8300 DRILL

JD 8250 DRILL w/GRASS SEED

JD 750 DRILL w/GRASS SEED & DOLLY

JD VAN BRUNDT DRILL w/GRASS SEED

GREAT PLAINS EWD13 DRILL, DOUBLE DISC, 4" PRESS WHEELS

(2) GREAT PLAINS NO-TILL DRILL, 20'

IH 5100 GRAIN DRILL

TYE SERIES V NO-TILL DRILL, 10'

BRILLION OVERSEEDER

TILLAGE

KRAUSE LANDSMAN 3100, 24'

C/IH P/T CRUMBLER, 15'

DMI CRUMBLER, 37'

JD 726 MULCH FINISHER w/4-BAR SPIKE

TOOTH HARROW & ROLLING BASKET, 34'

BRILLION CULTMULCHER, 10'

BRILLION X-FOLD PACKER, 32'

JD 512 DISK RIPPER, 5-SHANK

BRENT CPC DISK RIPPER, 5-SHANK, PULL-TYPE

LANDOLL DISK RIPPER, 7-SHANK

GLENCOE SOIL SAVER, 7-SHANK

C/IH 6000 DISK CHISEL, 13-SHANK

JD 714 ARS DISK CHISEL, 9-SHANK

BRILLION DISK CHISEL, 5-SHANK

ROLLING BASKET

JD 400 ROTARY HOE, 21.5'

C/IH 4800 FIELD CULTIVATOR, 5-BAR

SPIKE TOOTH HARROW, 30"

JD 235 DISK w/2 WINGS, ROCK FLEX, 22.5'

KEWANEE 1020 DISK

IH 475 DISK, 22'

IH 37 DISK, 8'

3 PT DISK, 5'

GRAIN CARTS & WAGONS

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J&M 525 GRAIN CART

KILLBROS 1400 GRAIN CART w/ROLL TARP, 1000 PTO

EZ FLOW 510 GRAIN CART

FICKLIN 9500 GRAIN CART

PARKER 450 GRAIN CART

(2) UNVERFERTH 530 GRAVITY WAGON

(2) BRENT 444 GRAVITY WAGON

(2) BRENT 440 GRAVITY WAGON

KILLBROS 550 GRAVITY WAGON

(3) EZ FLOW GRAVITY WAGON

PARKER WAGON w/JD GEAR

GRAVITY WAGON w/AUGER

GRAVITY WAGON w/JD GEAR

GRAVITY WAGON w/RED GEAR

FLAT WAGON w/HOIST

HAY EQUIPMENT

JD 568 ROUND BALER w/MONITOR

JD 535 ROUND BALER, NET WRAP

KUBOTA BV4160 SILAGE SPECIAL ROUND BALER, TWINE & NET

2008 AGCO 5556 ROUND BALER w/ NET WRAP

NH ROLL BELT 450 UTILITY ROUND BALER

VERMEER 505M ROUND BALER

VERMEER 505 ROUND BALER

NH 320 SQUARE BALER

NH 283 HAYLINER SQUARE BALER

2021 KUHN AE18 BALE ACCUMULATOR

18-BALE GRABBER

KUHN KN618 EDGE TIE GRABBER, 18-BALE

18-BALE GRABBER

JD 925 MOCO

NH 488 MOCO

TITAN DISC MOWER, 3 PT, 4', UNUSED

NH 489 HAYBINE

NH 5209 HAYBINE

KUHN SR112 WHEEL RAKE

KUHN SR110G GEN II WHEEL RAKE

VERMEER R2300 TWIN BASKET RAKE

AGCO 4240 HAY RAKE

FRONTIER RAKE

NH RAKE

BALE FORKS

FLAT HAY WAGON, 20'

FLAT HAY WAGON

FRONTIER SB3106 SICKLE BAR MOWER

ROTARY MOWERS

JD CX15 BATWING

WOODS BW180 BATWING

RHINO 3150 BATWING, 15'

JD 1408 ROTARY MOWER

JD 709 ROTARY MOWER

JD ROTARY MOWER, 6'

JD ROTARY MOWER

2016 LAND PRIDE RC4015 ROTARY MOW-ER, 15'

LAND PRIDE RCF2060 ROTARY MOWER, 5'

BUSH HOG 2010 ROTARY MOWER w/NEW BLADES, PULL TYPE

BUSH HOG HDTH6 ROTARY MOWER

WOODS 208 ROTARY MOWER, 3 PT

KING KUTTER ROTARY MOWER, 6', 3 PT

KING KUTTER ROTARY MOWER, 4'

FARMSTAR ROTARY MOWER, 3 PT, 6'

FORD ROTARY MOWER, 5'

RHINO DB150 DITCH BANK MOWER, 3 PT

WOODS 9204 BATWING FINISH MOWER

WOODS 306 FINISH MOWER

WOODS FINISH MOWER

LAND PRIDE FDR1672 FINISH MOWER, 72'

MF 3PT FINISH MOWER

RHINO AGCO FM100 FINISH MOWER

COUNTRYLINE FINISH MOWER

WOODS RM48 FINISH MOWER, 3 PT

FINISH MOWER, 3 PT

JD 390 FLAIL MOWER, 3 PT

OTHER EQUIPMENT

2005 HAGIE DST10 SELF-PROPELLED SPRAYER, 1000-GAL, 80' BOOMS, 15" SPACING, CUMMINS ENGINE, AG LEADER INTEGRA DISPLAY, SWATH CONTROL, AG LEADER 2500 RECEIV-ER, 2363 HRS

SPRA-COUPÉ 4450, 80' BOOMS, PERKINS DSL ENGINE, 1752 HRS

HARDI SPRAYER

DMI APPLICATOR w/MONITOR, 11-KNIFE

PROGRESSOR APPLICATOR, 12-KNIFE

SILVER WHEEL CENTER-RIDE FERTILIZER SPREADER

STOLTZFUS 8016 LIME SPREADER

JD 250 FERTILIZER BUGGY

FERTILIZER SPREADER

TRAVIS SEED TENDER w/TALC, 2 BOX, TRAILER HITCH

YETTER SEED TENDER w/DOLLY WHEEL, BRIGGS & STRATON 11HP GAS ENGINE

REM 2700 GRAIN VAC

NI 324 PICKER, 2-ROW

NH 790 CHOPPER w/2 HEADS, PULL-TYPE

FARMHAND 817 FEED GRINDER w/SCALE

JAYLOR 4850 FEED/MIXER

NH 353 GRINDER/MIXER

JD 68 FEED WAGON

BETTER BILT 3400 MANURE TANK

JD 34 MANURE SPREADER

NH 175 MANURE SPREADER

MEYER 7200 MANURE SPREADER

(2) DRIVE-THRU GATES

FOR-MOST CATTLE CHUTE

BRANDT EZ-TRACK BELT CONVEYOR

FETERL 10x36 GRAIN AUGER w/HOPPER

(3) UNVERFERTH HT36 HEAD CART, 36'

(3) UNVERFERTH HT30 HEAD CART, 30'

(2) UNVERFERTH HT25 HEAD CART, 25'

EZ-TRAIL HEAD CART, 25'

HEAD CART, 20'

JD 200CX LDR

NH 270TL FRONT LDR w/5' BUCKET

WESTERDORF TA48 LDR, OFF JD 4630

KUBOTA LA1153 LDR FRAME

TAR RIVER TILLER, 72"

LANDPRIDE RTR1258 TILLER

(2) FRONTIER RT3049 TILLER

HOWARD 3PT ROTOVATOR

KING KUTTER LANDSCAPE RAKE, 4'

BUSH HOG PULVERIZER, 6'

DANUSER PHD

FUERST HYD POST POUNDER, 3 PT

HUSKEY WOOD SPLITTER, GAS

LAND PRIDE BB1272 BOX SCRAPER, NEW

LAND PRIDE BB1248 BOX SCRAPER, NEW

KEWANEE 209 HYD TILT & ANGLE BLADE, 3 PT, 9'

GRADER BLADE, 3 PT

BOX BLADE, 3 PT

BOSS V-BLADE OFF OF KUBOTA RTV1100

(3) WOODS RB84.60 BLADE, 84", UNUSED

WOODS BLADE, 7'

WOODS BLADE, 6', 3 PT

JD BLADE, 42"

KUBOTA SALT BOX

(10) SNOWBLOWERS

1000-GAL TANK ON RUNNING GEAR

PT TOTE 5TH WHEEL 3 PT RECEIVER

HESCO POWER UNIT w/AIR, GENERATOR, HYD.

AC 2900 ENGINE

(2) WATER PUMPS

JD CYLINDERS

JD RUNNING GEAR

JD BALLAST BOX

(11) IH SUITCASE WEIGHTS

FENDERS, FITS IH 350 OR 450

FUEL TANK

18-4-38 CLAMP ON RIMS

(2) 18-4x34 DUALS

(2) 50" TRACTOR TIRES

SET OF 18-4x38 CLAMP ON DUALS

(3) 22.5 ALUMINUM SUPER SINGLE WHEELS

(5) ALUMINUM SUPER SINGLE WHEELS

VEHICLES

1964 FORD GALAXIE 500, 2-DOOR, HARD TOP, 41785 ACTUAL MILES

1999 KAWASAKI VULCAN DRIFTER 1500, 20900 MILES

2015 CHEVROLET 1500 TRUCK, WHITE, 4-DOOR, 160,000 MILES

2018 FORD ECONOLINE SUPER E450 TRUCK

FORD F250, 2WD

2007 IH 9400 SEMI, ALUM WHEELS, AIR RIDE, CUMMINGS ENGINE, 10 SPD

1979 CHEVY C70 TRUCK, TANDEM, GAS, 18 BED

1972 CHEVY CS5 TRUCK

2024 EBY GENERATION 40x96"x66" HOP-PER BOTTOM TRAILER, TANDEM AXLE, AIR RIDE, AG HOPPER, MANUAL TARP, NEW

2003 TEMPTE HOPPER BOTTOM TRAILER w/AG HOPPERS, AIR RIDE, ELEC TARP

1997 WILSON COMMANDER HOPPER BOT-TOM TRAILER, ALUM WHEELS

2024 TRAILERMAN GOOSENECK, HYD TAIL, 30', UNUSED

2013 ROUGHNECK 130 BBL OIL TANK TRAILER, 5460 GALLONS

1998 CORN PRO GOOSENECK LIVESTOCK TRAILER, 24'

1999 HORSE TRAILER, 3 SLANT

GOLF CARTS, ATVs, AND UTVs

2022 CLUB CAR TEMPO, GAS, BEIGE

(26) 2020 YAMAHA DRIVE 2, EMERALD GREEN w/STONE SEATS, 48V

(10) 2016 CLUB CAR PRECEDENT, BLUE, GAS

(60) 2016 YAMAHA, GLACIER WHITE, GAS

(31) 2015 CLUB CAR PRECEDENT, GLA-CIER WHITE, GAS

(12) 2014 YAMAHA DRIVE, TANZANITE BLUE w/ STONE SEATS, GAS

(44) 2012-2014 YAMAHA DRIVE, EMERALD w/ STONE SEATS, GAS

(60) 2012-2014 YAMAHA DRIVE, GLACIER WHITE w/ STONE SEATS, GAS

2024 KODIAK APEX GOLF CART, LITHIUM, 59 MILES

(2) 2024 AMERICAN LANDMASTER L7 XL, NEW

(2) 2024 AMERICAN LANDMASTER L5 RVR, 4x2, 1 HR

2023 POLARIS RANGER 1000, CREW

2023 KAWASAKI TERYX 4, RED & BLACK

2022 POLARIS RANGER 1000XP, C/A/H

2021 JD 835R GATOR w/C/H/A, 546 HRS

2019 POLARIS RZR 1000XP, 280 HRS

2019 JD 825M GATOR

2018 POLARIS RANGER 1000

2015 POLARIS RANGER XP900 EPS w/CAB

2015 JD 625I GATOR, 190 HRS

2014 JD 825I GATOR, POWER DUMP BED, 1550 HRS

2013 POLARIS SPORTSMAN 400, 481 HRS

2013 KAWASAKI KRT750B

2012 POLARIS RANGER 800 XP, CREW CAB

2012 POLARIS RANGER 800

2011 POLARIS RANGER 500

2011 JD 825I GATOR

2010 POLARIS RANGER 800 XP, CREW CAB

JD RSX860I GATOR

JD 825M GATOR, 4-SEATER

(4) JD XUV825I GATOR

JD XUV625I GATOR

JD 590M GATOR

(2) JD GATOR

KAWASAKI TERYX 4S, 4WD, 128 HRS

KAWASAKI MULE 4010

KUBOTA RTV-X1140

KUBOTA RTV1140

KUBOTA RTV1100, C/A/H, POWER DUMP BED, 1100 HRS

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KUBOTA 850 SIDEKICK

POLARIS RANGER XP1000, 97 HRS

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POLARIS RANGER 1000

POLARIS RANGER 900XP w/CAB

(2) POLARIS RANGER 800

POLARIS 800 EFI

POLARIS RANGER 700

LAWN AND GARDEN

JD Z997R, 478 HRS

JD Z960M, 368 HRS

JD Z950R, 60", 620 HRS

(2) JD Z950M

JD Z950R,

2022 JD Z930R, 60", SUSPENSION SEAT, 47 HRS

JD Z930M, 970HRS

JD Z930R, 60", 1245 HRS

JD Z930R, 2773 HRS

JD Z930R w/TWEEELS

JD Z930A

JD Z920M, 200 HRS

JD Z920A PRO, 60"

JD Z915B, 300 HRS

JD Z810A

JD Z727A, 60"

JD Z700, 916 HRS

JD Z525E, 433 HRS

(3) JD Z445

JD Z425 (AS IS)

JD Z425

JD Z375R

(2) JD Z225

JD Z130

JD Z738, 54", 519 HRS

JD Z734, 60", 362 HRS

JD Z730, 54", 1008 HRS

JD Z724, 60"

JD Z724 w/KAWASAKI ENGINE, 62"

JD X584, 600 HRS

JD X570

JD X540, 48"

JD X530, 54"

JD X485

JD X475

JD X380, 54", 108 HRS

JD X350, 42", 198 HRS

JD X350, 42", 203 HRS

JD X350R w/BAGGER, 18HRS

(2) JD X324

JD X320, 48", 621 HRS

JD X320, 668 HRS

JD X300, 42"

JD X300

(3) JD LX188

(2) JD LX178 w/BLADE, NO DECK

JD LX176 w/DECK (AS IS)

(6) JD LX176 w/BLADE, NO DECK

JD LT1155

JD LA125

JD LA115

JD LA100

JD L100

JD GX345, 1298 HRS

JD GX325

JD F915 (AS IS)

JD F725

JD F680 ZTRAK MOWER

JD E100

JD D170

JD D140

JD D110

JD 1435, 60"

JD 757,

Iowa farm marking 30th anniversary gets Small Business of the Week nod

By DOUG SCHMITZ
Iowa Correspondent

ATKINS, Iowa – Dave and Karen Petersen’s 2,000-acre Bloomsbury Farm in Atkins has traditionally been a corn and soybean farm. It was founded in 1856.

But in 1995, the Petersens started a new venue when they added Bloomsbury Greenhouse to their Benton County farm operation, complete with a floral shop, small greenhouse, and landscaping business.

After a devastating tornado in May 2004, the Petersens pivoted and renovated the farm to become a family-centered destination dedicated to “agriculture, fun, and education.” Subsequent windstorms and the 2020 derecho aftermath pushed them even further to take agritourism to the next level.

Bloomsbury Farm will celebrate its 30th anniversary this year. The family welcomes over 75,000 people annually to experience the farm’s seasonal events.

“In the early years, Karen had the idea to plant a few pumpkins and invite the community out to enjoy the fall season,” the Petersens told Farm World in a joint family statement. “The business has grown into a destination for thousands to enjoy the rural beauty of their home.”

On April 28, U.S. Sen. Joni Ernst (R-Iowa), who chairs the U.S. Senate Small Business Committee, announced Bloomsbury Farm as the Small Business of the Week.



Above: The Petersen family, left to right, Jess, Karen, Dave and Sammy. (photo courtesy of Bloomsbury Farm)

“From its Bunny Bash to the inaugural Iowa Tulip Festival, Bloomsbury Farm plants memories and captures smiles with their family-centered seasonal events,” Ernst said. “Welcoming over 75,000 visitors annually, the Petersen family continues to grow Bloomsbury Farm into a premier agritourism destination.”

Dave grew up in a small town called Alexis, Ill. Although he grew up in Illinois, he spent a lot of time at Bloomsbury Farm in Iowa with his grandfather, and always knew he wanted to be a farmer and dreamed of running the heritage farm some-

day.

When the opportunity came to go back and take over the farm, he jumped at it and has continued to build the legacy. He and Karen are the fifth generation to farm, and their daughters, Jess and Sammy, are the sixth generation.

Karen grew up in Maplewood, Minn., which is near St. Paul. Although she considered herself “a city gal,” she fell in love with the farm the first time she visited. After she moved to Iowa, she started to work toward getting her floriculture and horticulture degrees at Kirkwood Communi-

ty College in Cedar Rapids. She also started a small fall festival event on the farm that has grown each year since.

In the early 1990s, Dave and Karen decided to plant a small pumpkin patch and invite the community. The success of the first Fall Festival sparked a passion for the agritourism industry.

The Petersens eventually joined industry groups like NAFDMA (North American Farmers’ Direct Marketing Association) and the Maize Group, which are groups of agritourism farms that gather to share ideas and travel each year to different areas of the United States to network and learn.

Sammy and Jess, both Iowa State University graduates, are heavily involved with managing the farm. They decided to join full-time and make Bloomsbury Farm their career and passion. When both girls were home, the family started to expand into the spring and summer seasons. This year, the Iowa Tulip Festival and the Fields of Flight Kite Festival are the farm’s new events.

The Petersens said they are honored that Ernst recognized them as the Small Business of the Week: “We work hard to create a space for the community to come to enjoy our family farm, feel connected to agriculture, and build memories together. We know that Sen. Ernst is a strong supporter of agriculture and farmers in Iowa, so to be recognized by her is a real honor.”

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Above: This is the rear view of De Immigrant Windmill in Fulton, IL.

Wrenching

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building where the models would not be moved. Once all this was in place, the windmill models arrived.

Models include a Dutch-style mill from Long Island, N.Y., a mill from Iran and one from Russia complete with 25 scale model windmills (including 20 European ones). The European countries represented include Belgium, Denmark, England, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Portugal, and the Netherlands.

The story of Henk Heilman is fascinating. According to the Fulton Illinois Visitor Guide, “Henk Heilman grew up in the Netherlands and had an early interest in windmills. Following World War II and a stint in the Dutch Marines, he immigrated to the U.S. in the late 1960’s. Henk accepted a work assignment in Europe and his wife June lived there for 15 years. In 1977, Henk took June to Germany to see the forced labor camp he had been in during World War II, they visited a German windmill museum, prompting Henk to spend about 800 hours build-



Above: De Immigrant is a working windmill. Here is an inside view.

ing his first windmill model.”

He built 21 models within six years. Ensuring that the collection went to a safe place in Fulton, Henk and June’s work lives on at the Cultural Center. Henk died in 2016, and June lives still in Demotte.

This is a wonderful stop along the Great River Road, and a chance to see farmer ingenuity at work. For those that have the time, a stop at the Heritage Canyon, a recreation of an 1800s village, is a fun site. Heritage Canyon is on 12 acres on an abandoned quarry. Harold and Thelma Wiernga bought the quarry in 1967. They converted the machine shop into a workshop. Then they built their home on top of the former rock crusher.

The Wierenga’s had two goals, they wanted to create a village preserving Midwestern history. And they wanted to disturb nature as little as possible as each building was added. They created their canyon masterpiece between 1967-1999.

For more information about things to do in Fulton, contact Fulton Tourism at 815-589-2616, or email them at fulton.tourism@cityoffulton.us. The website for the city is www.cityoffulton.us.

Look for additional streams of revenue to help when things get tough

The next few months are going to test the will of every one of us involved with farming. Our families are going to question why we continue to do without, counting on next year to make the difference.

I remember when lenders believed “risk management” on every segment of our industry was the answer. I wonder now how they suggest we deal with losing money on every acre we plant due to crop prices well below breakeven. Anticipating that some non-agricultural readers may read this article, I’ll add that in my opinion, I hope “fair trade” is the result of the current economic efforts. To that same audience, when you hear that we’re receiving government subsidies you’ll need to understand that when you’re losing \$120-\$160 per acre, the \$30-\$40 contained in the December Farm Bill hardly does more than simply mitigate a small part of the anticipated loss.

Add to this the increases in input and equipment costs, and we’re going to have to tighten our belts more than we have had to do in the past couple of decades. Recently, I’ve been talking about how providers of equipment and inputs have been taking advantage of our vulnerability. As I’ve continued to research these issues, I have discovered that these corporations are looking further down the road than we are. I am sure that they are aware of the hard feelings escalating among our farms as we pay inflated prices for inputs and equipment costs. Frankly, they are counting on short term memory to ease these tensions when the market begins to provide adequate income again. Historically they are right.

Just today I was talking with an Illinois farmer who recently had to have a service call on two of his tractors. When he received his bill, he found that he

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BY BILL WHITMAN

was charged travel time for two trips rather than the one trip that was actually made. When questioning the charge, he was told that he had two different tractors worked on, therefore, two trip charges. Once again, I’m going to encourage us to look for or get behind the establishment of a non-manufacture repair facility to serve your agriculture community. I’ve mentioned a man in our area who is an engineer, farmer and mechanic, focusing on equipment over 2 decades old. I recently had a tractor repaired at a cost far less than a dealer had quoted. That’s the money we must find and save so we can apply it to other areas of our businesses.

I want to suggest that we begin to look for ways to manage our businesses that defines a return on investment that includes creating a reserve for times like this. Again, I also think we must look for additional revenue that will help narrow the margin of loss we’re experiencing. I also encourage that we reserve some capital to invest in something that is profitable. I’ve noted that some are returning to raising some cattle on neglected pasture ground. (Someone also mentioned that sheep have a promising profit margin as well however I really don’t have much experience with them). Finding a niche is key. I have a neighbor who has put his three kids through college by raising and selling 10 bred heifers a year. A couple of others raise 4-H livestock. There’s always something extra available if we look for the opportunities around us. Sometimes, often even, it’s the money earned from these enterprises that let us continue in this great industry of agriculture that we’re privileged to be part of.

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LIFTS * SKID STEER * MOWER: Gradall Model 534C9 42' Telescoping Boom Fork Lift, 9K w/4 New Tires showing 1229 hrs.-Meter Changed at 3988 hrs. SN#0344059; JLG 2646 E2 Platform Lift(Battery Weak); Grasshopper 721D w/61" Cut-Fully Serviced; New Holland LS160 Skid Steer w/Cab & Heat; John Deere BA84 Work Site Pro Skid Steer Road Sweeper; 3 Way Skid Steer Bucket.

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OTHER: Home Comfort Wood Cook Stove; (1)Steel Jail Cell-Milford Center;

OWNER: BUD'S MASONRY

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