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Michigan State partners with CNH to access first methane tractor

By DOUG SCHMITZ
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EAST LANSING, Mich. – Through a new partnership with CNH, Michigan State University (MSU) College of Agriculture and Natural Resources researchers and students will have access to the 145-horsepower New Holland T6.180 Methane tractor, considered the world’s first 100 percent methane-powered production tractor.

According to officials, this state-of-the-art tractor – powered by refined gases produced by the MSU anaerobic digester (used as part of the process to treat biodegradable waste and sewage sludge) – will be utilized for educational and research purposes at locations throughout campus, including the MSU Agronomy Farm, Dairy Cattle Teaching & Research Center, and south campus farms.

“We are grateful for this new partnership with CNH (based in New Holland, Pa.) as we continue advance groundbreaking, sustainable farming practices that will benefit our environment and our economy,” said George Smith, MSU AgBioResearch director.

“Usage of the New Holland T6.180 Methane tractor will provide our students and researchers with invaluable hands-on experience and the opportunity to explore the benefits of methane-powered technology,” he added.

The New Holland T6.180 Methane tractor was unveiled at the MSU Innovating with Dairy Symposium, held May 7 at the Henry Center for Executive Development and the MSU Dairy Cattle Teaching & Research Center.

“Wei Liao, a professor and the director of MSU Anaerobic Digestion Research and Education Center, is a leader in agricultural renewable energy solutions. His stature in the field

and his connections mean that MSU’s commitment to providing a research test bed for this work is widely known in the industry.

“When CNH learned about MSU’s anaerobic digester and our plans to build a new dairy cattle teaching and research center to help the industry innovate for the future, they became interested in learning more about how their technologies could add value to this mission,” he said.

He added, “CNH already has an existing partnership with the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources and AgBioResearch, so the conversation about the New Holland T6.180 Methane tractor was a natural fit. CNH saw an opportunity for the tractor to be used in real-world situations beyond the dairy farm.

“MSU plans to use the tractor in a variety of settings, providing CNH with real-world usage data that can help inform dealers about how to communicate the tractor’s benefits to farmers,” he said. “Additionally, since the tractor is the first of its kind in Michigan, CNH and MSU collaborated to do safety and practice training with MSU farm managers and CNH dealers to help further the education of the new technology.”

Sean Dorosz, CNH’s New Holland North American Medium Tractor product marketing manager, told Farm World, “We had the first concept prototype in 2013; however, it took a lot of development, iterative improvements (repeated cycles of planning, implementation, and evaluation), and testing in real customer’s farms before we were fully-production ready. This intensive development for production took around five years.”

Officials said the key benefits of the New Holland T6.180 Methane Tractor are sustainability, energy self-sufficiency and cost efficiency.

“The tractor produces 98 percent less overall emissions, compared to European Union (EU) Stage V emission limits (for off-highway diesel engines, tightening restrictions on non-road engines and equipment, including those used in construction and agriculture) and also achieves a 10-15 percent reduction in CO2 emissions when using biomethane,” MSU officials said in a May 7 statement. “By using biomethane from biodigesters or compressed natural gas (CNG), farmers can become energy self-sufficient.

“The (New Holland) T6.180 Methane tractor offers the same power, torque

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Above: Since 1973, Hilgers Family Farm in Columbia City, Ind., has offered U-pick strawberries. Photo by Leondia Walchle

Illinois biodiesel blend rate set to increase as part of B20 bill

By TIM ALEXANDER
Illinois Correspondent

BLOOMINGTON, Ill. — Biodiesel blend requirements in Illinois will increase to B19 and higher by next summer, potentially doubling the amount of biodiesel motorists would purchase. This is thanks to the Illinois General Assembly’s “11th-hour” reauthorization of the biodiesel B20 bill, passed in 2022, which increases the biofuel blend levels necessary to receive a sales tax exemption every year until the blend reaches B20.

Under the law, on April 1, 2024 the required biodiesel blend level in order to receive tax credits increased from B11 to B14. On April 1, 2025, the level increased from B14 to B17, and on April 1, 2026, will increase from B17 to B20. In winter (Dec. 1 through March 31) the biodiesel blend required for the exemption will drop down to B10.

Facing budget constraints, the 104th Illinois General Assembly worked up until the May 31, 2025 midnight deadline to agree on a pared-down budget just before the end of the spring legislative session. In the end, the biodiesel B20 bill was spared the budget axe.

“This was a really important credit that we were able to work hard to save at the 11th hour in Springfield, and we want to make sure we continue to have a unified front to protect this hugely important credit for Illinois agriculture,” Andrew Larson, director of government relations and strategy for the Illinois Soybean Association (ISA), told Farm World. Larson added that Illinois is fortunate to be one of just a few states that incentivize biodiesel production via tax credits.

“We were able to successfully work with a number of legislators, particularly Senator (David) Koehler (D-Peoria), Senator (Patrick) Joyce

(D-Kankakee) as well as Representative Eva-Dina Delgado (D-Chicago) for this very valuable credit that helps us use over over 100 million bushels of our soybeans in Illinois every year as biodiesel,” he said. “We think over 90 percent of the diesel fuel being sold in Illinois complies with that sales tax exemption, meaning that almost 90 percent of the gallons sold at the pump now is being sold at 17 percent or higher biodiesel, which is fourth in the country in gallons.”

ISA Chairman and Illinois soybean farmer Ron Kindred said he is proud to see the continuation of efforts that support our state’s farmers. “Increasing biodiesel blend rates is a win for farmers, consumers and the environment,” said Kindred, in an ISA news release. “Every step forward strengthens our energy security, drives demand for homegrown feedstocks and supports rural economies.”

Steve Pittstick, ISA chairman, said in 2022 that the biodiesel B20 bill not only would significantly enhance the environmental benefits of biodiesel, but also lead to strengthened demand for Illinois-grown renewable fuel by up to 125 million gallons by 2026. Once the law is fully implemented it is expected to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by nearly 200,000 tons, according to Pittstick.

The American Lung Association also praised the bill’s passage, stating “The shift to higher blends will lower tailpipe pollutants and drastically reduce carbon emissions across the transportation sector, leading to better air quality and a healthier environment for all Illinoisans.”

Several municipal transit fleets in Illinois have already adopted blends of 20 percent biodiesel, including the

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and durability as its diesel counterpart, but with an estimated 30-percent reduction in running costs,” the statement added.

Dorosz said, “The (New Holland) T6.180 Methane tractor results from our pioneering work on the use of fuels through New Holland’s Clean Energy Leader strategy. We are excited for this partnership with MSU for students and researchers to gain first-hand experience with alternative fuels across their campus facilities.”

Under the terms of the partnership with CNH, MSU College of Agriculture and Natural Resources will have cost-free access to the New Holland T6.180 Methane tractor for one year, creating opportunities for students, researchers and the public to see the end-to-end methane tractor at work in the field.

“CNH is dedicated to advancing innovation in sustainable practices,” Dorosz said. “We believe that students are our future leaders of agriculture, and that it’s vital we provide them hands-on learning experiences.”

He said, “The New Holland Methane tractor is approximately \$15,000 to \$20,000 more than its diesel equivalent. The benefit to farmers is a full circle system on their dairy farm. Cows eat the crop; the cow waste produces fuel to power the tractor, and that in turn helps grow future crop for the

cows to eat.”

In addition, he said, “There some other benefits of this tractor for our non-agricultural customers, which may be an interesting point of view: landfill sites that produce and sell methane today can use this tractor to mow grass on the properties; county or cities with methane-powered vehicles (buses, etc.) already can use this tractor to maintain county and city parks, and playing fields (i.e., baseball, soccer, football, field hockey); and airports with methane-powered vehicles today (shuttle buses, etc.) can use this tractor to mow grass and clear snow from the runways.”

When asked how this tractor will benefit farmers in the long run, Smith said, “This tractor would allow a farmer to utilize a byproduct of agricultural waste as fuel and potentially operate more sustainably, using their resources.

“As the country’s first land-grant institution and a trusted partner in the agriculture community in Michigan and beyond, MSU’s College of Agriculture and Natural Resources, AgBioResearch, and MSU Extension are committed to testing solutions that can help farmers move into the next generation of agriculture, and enhance the efficiency and sustainability of their operations,” he added.

“The agriculture industries rely on us for unbiased, objective information, so we’re pleased to have the opportunity to utilize this new technology on our operations,” he said.

Illinois currently ranks fourth in biodiesel production and third in consumption, with an average annual consumption of 160 million gallons. More than half of U.S. biodiesel production capacity is located in the Midwest, primarily in Illinois, Iowa and Missouri, with the remainder mostly located on the Gulf and west coasts.



Above: Sean Dorosz, CNH’s New Holland North American Medium Tractor product marketing manager, told Farm World, “The (New Holland) T6.180 Methane tractor results from our pioneering work on the use of fuels through New Holland’s Clean Energy Leader strategy. We are excited for this partnership with MSU for students and researchers to gain first-hand experience with alternative fuels across their campus facilities.” (Photo courtesy of CNH)

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Indiana declared free of bird flu; producers urged to keep vigilant

By Michele F. Mihaljevich
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INDIANAPOLIS – Indiana has been declared free of highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI), but a representative of the Indiana State Board of Animal Health (BOAH) said that doesn't mean poultry producers should let their guard down.

The May 29 announcement from BOAH said the change in status was made according to standards set by the World Organization for Animal Health. Those standards say HPAI-free status can be declared for a state or region after the disease has been eliminated on all affected farms and no new infections are detected in a subsequent 28-day waiting period.

The last confirmed case of HPAI in the Hoosier state was in a non-commercial flock in Porter County in early May. The last case in a commercial flock was in Kosciusko County in late March.

"HPAI-free status does not mean the virus is eliminated completely," Denise Derrer Spears, BOAH public information director, told Farm World on May 30. "Other states have reported new HPAI cases in poultry just within the last week. We know that H5N1 is still circulating in the wild bird population."

"Free status just refers to domestic poultry. Therefore, all poultry owners – with small and large flocks – need to remain vigilant in biosecurity and preventing entry of the disease. Likewise, testing, surveillance and reporting efforts will continue."

If a flock manager sees signs of the disease, Spears said the flock veterinarian will submit samples to the di-

agnostic laboratory for testing, just as they usually do.

"If another case would arise, BOAH and the poultry growers will jump back into the established response process," she explained. "The disease can be devastating to chicken and turkey flocks, with a very high rapid death rate. So, everyone wants to continue to maintain free status."

The main impact of the state's HPAI-free status is on international trade, Spears said.

"Many countries will ban or limit imports of products (eggs, meat, etc.) from places where the virus has been diagnosed," she pointed out. "The restrictions vary by country – some may ban imports from an entire state, while others just the county where the virus has been identified. HPAI-free status should reopen access to international markets, which are very important to Indiana's top-ranked poultry sectors."

HPAI-free status also signifies all control areas are lifted, Spears said. Commercial farms within control areas must complete frequent testing to move birds and/or products on to and off farms to ensure the virus has not spread, she said. This presents a lot of work, logistics and effort for the farm owners to accomplish in a short time window to obtain a permit from BOAH before products or birds may be moved, Spears added.

The first nationwide case of HPAI in the current outbreak was in February 2022 in a Dubois County, Ind., turkey flock. Since the outbreak began, Indiana has had 34 commercial poultry flocks (chickens, ducks and turkeys)

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2025-26 soybean balance sheets tight; price rationing may be warranted

The May WASDE report placed a lot more attention to the U.S. soybean balance sheets. Soybean ending stocks this year are now forecast at 350 million bu, which is an 8 percent stocks-to-use ratio. This is at a point where price rationing would be warranted. The initial 2025/26 soybean balance sheets are even tighter at 295 mbu, a stocks-to-use ratio of just 6.7 percent. This comes as the U.S. soybean crop is still being planted and has the entire growing season ahead of it. These numbers may not be supporting soybean futures yet, but we are seeing more concern in the cash market with sizable basis incentives already being posted.

The corn complex is struggling with conflicting balance sheet data. U.S. corn carryout for the 2025/26 marketing year is estimated at 1.8 billion bu. This is up 385 million bu from the current old crop carryout estimate and the highest volume in recent history.

At the same time, the world corn carryout this coming year is predicted to be 277.8 million metric tons, the tightest level in the past 20 years. This is a result of world corn production falling short of demand for the past two years. Global corn demand continues to rise, mainly for ethanol manufacturing, and this is starting to shift how the market looks at large corn crops.

Outside markets continue to have an impact on commodity futures. The downgrade of the U.S. debt by Moody's was a bearish indicator for the U.S. economy, as was a drop in consumer confidence to the 2nd lowest level on record. This has

economists showing more doubt over future interest rate cuts.

The April inflation data contained mostly as expected numbers. The April Consumer Price Index showed a 0.2 percent increase in consumer prices from March. This was equal to street estimates but above the -0.1 percent we saw in March.

Core inflation, which excludes energy and food costs, was also up 0.2 percent in April. Energy costs in April were up 0.7 percent from March while food costs were down 0.1 percent. Year-to-year inflation is up 2.3 percent and core inflation is up 2.8 percent, both of which are above Federal Reserve inflation targets. These numbers do not support interest rate cuts, especially with economic uncertainty growing.

Economic issues are not just confined to the U.S. China is also reporting ongoing economic stress as consumer spending remains depressed. Russia has been added to the countries seeing economic stress, as farm equipment sales have halted due to a lack of money and credit.

In China, a deflationary market is more concerning right now. China's economy has shown deflation signals for the past three consecutive months as even with depressed commodity values,

consumers are showing little purchasing interest. The trade war with the United States has compounded deflationary market stress. Consumer spending is higher in the U.S. but showing signs of slowing as well.

There are hopes that lower tariffs on Chinese goods will benefit consumer spending, but the fact all costs remain elevated is a long-term negative factor.

Even though the Brazilian soybean harvest for the year has wrapped up, farmer selling of new crop soybeans remains slow. According to the Brazil firm Safras, farmers in the country have sold 51 percent of this year's soybean crop compared to sales of 65 percent a year ago. Forward contracting on next year's Brazil soybean crop is 8 percent compared to 10 percent a year ago. Depressed soybean values, improved storage facilities, and a lack of export demand have hampered Brazilian soybean selling.

This slow soybean selling pace is having an impact on available storage in Brazil. The safrinha corn crop is now being harvested and available storage is tight. This is forcing some farmers to sell soybeans to make room for the incoming safrinha crop. Reports of very good early yields on safrinha are creating an even greater need for storage space. Some

farmers in Brazil have opted to sell soybeans, putting pressure on the global market.

Storage is also expected to be short in Australia this year, mainly for wheat. This is from a loss of wheat demand into China. China has imported a large volume of Russian wheat, and when combined with a large domestic crop, it is limiting the need for imports from all other sources. This comes as Australia has harvested bumper wheat crops. Australia is now scrambling to find storage for its wheat inventory, and will likely be offering it into the global market at lower values than the current market.

After several weeks of delays, Chinese importers are seeing vessels clear customs in the usual 10 days, not the 20 days that were seen earlier this month. These delays are the primary reason April soybean imports dropped to their lowest level in ten years and strained crusher stocks. Crusher inventory has started to build now that times are improving. China crushers report an inventory of 6.5 million metric tons of soybeans, a 1.8 mmt increase from a week ago. China is forecast to see a more steady flow of incoming soybeans over the next several weeks, easing shortage concerns.

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Purdue survey: Farmer sentiment up in May to highest level in four years

By Michele F. Mihaljevich
Indiana Correspondent

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. – Farmer sentiment as measured by the Purdue University-CME Group Ag Economy Barometer rose in May to its highest level in four years, signaling more optimism

about the future, according to two university agricultural economists. The barometer reading of 158 – up 10 points from April – was the highest since May 2021, said James Mintert, emeritus professor of agricultural economics. “The biggest reason the barometer went up was because people became

more optimistic about the future, but they also became a little more optimistic about the current situation on their farms and in the U.S. ag economy. “I wasn’t surprised the barometer went up, but maybe the magnitude of the jump was a little bit surprising,” Mintert noted. Michael Langemeier, director of Purdue’s Center for Commercial Agriculture and a professor of agricultural economics, agreed. “I’m in the same camp,” he said. “I wasn’t surprised it went up. During the week we were asking this, there was some good news regarding tariffs with respect to China. I think that played into the optimism we saw in this month’s reading.” Mintert said the Trump administration continues to have some short-term delays in the implementation of tariffs, which “seems to give us this bounce in terms of expectations, not just in our index, but also in other indexes. You see it in the stock market, elsewhere.” The ag barometer gauges the health of the U.S. agricultural economy. A value greater than 100 shows positive sentiment toward the economy. Values lower than 100 indicate negative sentiment. The survey of 400 U.S. producers was conducted May 12-16. The results were released June 3.

Mintert and Langemeier spoke during the Purdue Commercial AgCast on June 3. The Current Conditions Index rose five points to 146, while the Farm Financial Performance Index was up eight points to 109. The financial performance number was the highest index reading since December 2022, Mintert said. “Going back to last fall, you go back to September, that index was at 68 and now we’re at 109,” he explained. “So we’ve really seen this dramatic improvement in that Farm Financial Performance Index. Some of that relates to 2025 expectations versus 2024. Last fall, people were comparing 2024 to 2023, I think. But I don’t know, (it’s) a little optimistic, isn’t it?” Langemeier said he thought so. “But I do think 2025 is going to be as good as 2024. And so, when I look at budget projections, I think it’s fairly consistent with the budget projections. (This) doesn’t necessary mean this is going to be a good year, but what that tells me is they think it’s going to be similar to 2024.” The barometer’s Farm Capital Investment Index fell six points in May to 55. Mintert said despite the drop, the index is still pretty strong relative to the last three years. In May 2024, the index was 35, two years ago it was 37, and three years ago it was 35. The percentage of producers who said it was a good time to make large investments fell from 25 to 19 percent, Mintert said, while the percentage who said it was a bad time was unchanged at 64 percent. “That’s what caused the index to move,” he said. “You did see a little loss of optimism about this being a good time (to make large investments).” The survey found 52 percent of producers expect exports to increase over the next five years, a jump from 33 percent in April. Mintert said that’s the highest percentage expecting exports to increase since November 2020. “This was a truly amazing result,” Langemeier said. “I did not expect this. I expected (it) to be a little bit more positive, but not this much.” Respondents were asked if they thought the increased use of tariffs by the U.S. would strengthen or weaken the U.S. economy in the long run. In May, 69 percent said they expect the use of tariffs to strengthen the U.S. economy; in April, the number was 70 percent. “So a large majority of people think this will have a positive impact on the U.S. ag economy,” Mintert said. “I don’t know anybody in the ag economics profession that agrees with that. But that’s what producers are telling us.” Langemeier said, “I personally don’t agree with this, but I think that explains why we have the highest Index of Future Expectations since April 2021. If you really believe this, you’re pretty optimistic about the long run.”

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Indiana FFA student injured in bus crash showing slight improvement

By Stan Maddux
Indiana Correspondent

NEW CARLISLE, Ind. – A member of 4-H and FFA involved in a school bus crash in Indiana a month ago is making small steps toward for recovery.

While 16-year-old Lucas Bradshaw continued his fight with help from his farm family, badly injured New Prairie School Board member Rich Shail achieved his desire of being present for the high school graduation ceremony on June 1.

His wife, Nancy, said he was dropped off at the concession stand and navigated the few hundred feet to the stage on the football stadium in LaPorte County wearing a back brace and using a walker without assistance.

“He made that a goal once he got released from the hospital. I was definitely elated for him that he was able to be there,” she said.

Shail sat with other school board and staff members on the stage while Nancy Shail was in the audience with other family members there for the graduation of her great nephew, Samuel Newman.

Bradshaw, a player, and Shail, one of the coaches on the junior varsity baseball team heading to a game in Hobart, were on the same mini-bus in the May 8 crash involving another mini-bus and box truck at U.S. 20 and Fail Road north of LaPorte.

The driver of the box truck, Shawn Akison, 41, of Romeoville, Ill., was being held in the LaPorte County Jail on \$15,000 bond for Level 5 felony criminal recklessness in connection with the accident.

According to the Bradshaw family’s most recent update on Lucas’ condition posted on the CaringBridge site, his brain damage was extensive enough for them to restrict his visitors at Memorial Hospital in South Bend to members of his family.

Recently, Bradshaw was removed from intensive care to begin undergoing daily physical, occupational and speech therapy, according to the family’s posts.

He returned to intensive care to recover from a May 27 cranioplasty, a procedure to repair or reconstruct damage to the skull.

After the surgery, Bradshaw was expected to be removed from intensive care again to resume his daily

therapy sessions along with passive range of motion exercises a few times a day.

The family also reported Bradshaw moves his right arm, leg, toes along with his eyes and eyebrows and his left side extremities, which are a bit weaker from the trauma.

Among the other positive signs reported by his family is decreased swelling in his brain.

“If you know Lucas, you also know his strength and determination has always been one that cannot be reckoned with. The kid is tough as nails,” the family stated.

Bradshaw, who’s family crop farms and raises show pigs, is a member of 4-H in St. Joseph County and was secretary during this past school year for his school’s FFA chapter.

In addition, he was among the members of an FFA small engines team at the school that placed seventh out of 34 teams in a recent state competition.

Six other students and one other coach were injured in the crash. Except for Bradshaw, all the people admitted to hospitals have since been released.

Because of what everyone has had

to endure, Nancy Shail said there were some emotional moments for her and her husband particularly at the singing of the National Anthem and the traditional playing of the Pomp and Circumstance music during the graduation march.

Rich Shail is wearing a back brace to stabilize a fractured vertebrae so it can possibly heal without having surgery. He also suffered broken ribs and other injuries.

Nancy Shail said her husband’s neurosurgeon, following his last visit, increased the time he has to wear the brace from eight weeks to 12 weeks.

“Most importantly, now, is to keep positive for everyone to heal mentally and physically and continue to get help they might need, especially for the players,” she said.

Akison is also being held on a warrant out of St. Joseph County charging him with Level 6 felony resisting law enforcement.

Police said he failed to stop for an officer trying to pull him over for reckless driving near Indiana 2 and Timothy Road outside New Carlisle. The pursuit was terminated at the La Porte County line just minutes before the crash.

Bird flu

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and 11 small/hobby flocks test positive in 20 counties, according to BOAH. More than 8.5 million birds have been destroyed in the state during the current outbreak, the agency said.

Across the country, more than 1,700 premises in all 50 states and Puerto Rico have had confirmed HPAI

infections in poultry, BOAH said. Wild birds infected with HPAI have been found nationwide in such species as waterfowl (ducks, geese, swans), raptors (eagles, hawks, falcons, vultures), shorebirds and seabirds, the agency said.

Nationwide, Indiana ranks first in the production of ducks, third in turkey and eggs production, and is a significant producer of broilers, BOAH said.

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Above: The auction's highest bid went for a well-equipped 2021 Grand Design Solitude, hitting \$68,640.

Fifth Wheel RV rolled off for \$68,640 at Kentucky consignment auction

By William Flood
Ohio Correspondent

HARNED, Ky – On May 19, Butler Auctioneers held its May consignment auction with 570 lots available exclusively through online bidding. Equipment included farm machinery, tractors, construction attachments, trucks, tools, and more offering buyers a wide selection of quality, often new, items.

Topping the sale at \$68,640 was a 2021 Grand Design Solitude ST380FL-R fifth-wheel RV. This 41-foot unit featured five slide-outs, multiple awnings, and sleeping space for six. Inside, it included two bathrooms, a residential-style stainless steel kitchen with a fridge, stove/oven, and a center island with a sink. Added features included a Cummins Onan QG 5500 LP generator, dual LP tanks, power jacks, and solar panels.

In second place, a 2005 Ford F350 4WD with 160,250 miles brought \$12,650. It came equipped with a 6.0-liter engine, automatic transmission, and a Knapheide PHHF-90A 9-foot steel bed. The seller noted the mechanicals had been "bullet-proofed," with upgrades including a new turbo. Another pickup, a 2000 Dodge 3500 4WD quad cab with 235,283 miles, also hit a five-figure bid of \$10,505. This truck was powered by a 24-valve 5.9-liter Cummins engine and paired with a 6-speed manual transmission.

Fourteen trailers crossed the block. Leading that category was a 1984 East 34-foot aluminum dump trailer, which sold for \$8,855. This steel-framed model featured a liner, air gate, manual tarp, and 11R24.5 tires. A 2018 Load Trail 72-inch by 12-foot dump trailer brought \$6,875. It was fitted with 5,200-pound axles (GVWR 9,900 pounds), 24-inch sides, a 2-5/16-inch ball, swing gate, rock gate, and a manual tarp. Another was a 1995 Corn Pro 18-foot by 82-inch trailer (measured between fenders), which sold for \$3,025 and included 7,000-pound axles, 54-inch ramps, and a 2-5/16-inch ball hitch.

Heavy equipment made up a significant portion of the sale, much of it new. Among more than two dozen mini excavators, the highest bid of \$10,780 went for a new 2025 AGT QNT30 diesel mini excavator, equipped with a Kubota 25-hp engine, swinging boom, 18-inch bucket, hydraulic thumb, enclosed cab, pilot controls, and auxiliary hydraulics. An unused 2025 AGT QNT50R mini excavator brought \$9,570. It had a RATO 29-hp gas engine, off-road undercarriage expansion, and the same operator features. Another model, a 2025 AGT MH12RX - also unused - sold for \$3,355. It came with a 13.5-hp gas engine, manual thumb, and auxiliary hydraulics.

Skid steers were also popular, with about four dozen units offered. A new

(Fifth Wheel continued on page 17)

 <p>Massey Ferguson 1105 CAH, Loader, Dsl., 3 Pt., PTO, Runs & Drives Well... \$8,750</p>	 <p>1979 John Deere 4240 OROPS, Quad Range, 3 Pt. Dual PTO, Good Tires, New Roof Ordered... \$16,500</p>	 <p>Case IH 445 Square Baler, 540 PTO, Good Knotters & Pickup, All Orig... \$4,750</p>	 <p>2022 JD 324G CAH, Pilot Controls, Aux Hyd Quick Tach, 72" Bkt, 1300 Hrs. w/Warranty Till Sept... \$39,500</p>	 <p>2015 Snorkel TB60 Kubota Dsl., 4X4, Good Tires Work Ready ... \$17,500</p>	 <p>2001 JD 936 Moco 11'6" Cut, Impeller Conditioner, 1000 PTO, Good Condition \$6,450</p>
 <p>2023 Case IH 55C CAH, 4x4, Ldr, Hydro, 3pt., PTO, 67 Hrs... \$44,500</p>	 <p>Kamatsu PC150 EROPS, Long Stick, 24" Pads, 42" Bkt, 5800 Hrs., Nice... \$34,500</p>	 <p>2011 John Deere 75D EROP, Dsl., Hyd., Thumb, Steel Tracks, Backfill Blade, 3K Hrs... \$42,500</p>	 <p>Allis Chalmers 7580 CAH, Cummins, Repower Power Director Trans, 3 Pt., PTO, 24.5x32 Tires w/18.4x38 Duals, Nice... \$19,500</p>	 <p>New Holland 1499 Swather EROPS w/AC, Hydro 12' Cut, 3K Hrs., Nice, Original... \$12,500</p>	 <p>2011 Case IH 200 50' Field Cultivator, 5 Bar, Spike Drag, No Welds... \$24,500</p>
 <p>2007 New Holland SP560, 16/31 Bulk Fill, No Till Coulters... \$16,500</p>	 <p>2011 K John Deere 8345RT CAH, IVT, Front & Rear 3 Pt PTO, 44 GPM Pump, 25" Tracks, 3800 Hrs... \$89,500</p>	 <p>2011 JD 1770NT CCS 3 Pt, Pro Series XP Row Units, Elec Row Shut Offs, New Style Vac, no till, dbl disk openers, 2000 ac on complete rebuild, Just Serviced, Field Rdy... \$69,500</p>	 <p>2016 Hyundai HX300L Erops w/AC, 32" Pads, Long Stick, Hyd. Thumb, Aux. Hyds., Runs Good... \$44,500</p>	 <p>Allis Chalmers 7060 CAH, PS, 3 Pt. PTO, 2 Remotes, Nice Orig... \$9,450</p>	 <p>CAT 963B EROPS w/Heat, Hydro, Joystick Control, GP Bkt w/Teeth... \$42,500</p>
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 <p>NH ST250 50' Field Cultivator, 5 Bar Spike Drag, Tight Shanks, Good Hovels, Field Ready... \$12,500</p>	 <p>2013 John Deere 9560RT, CAH, PS, Drawbar, 4 Remotes, 30" Tracks, 5200 Hrs... \$99,500</p>	 <p>2014 CAT 287D CAH, Hi-Flow, 2 Spd. Hyd. Q Tach VG Tracks, 2760 Hrs... \$39,500</p>	 <p>2005 JD 956 Moco 14'6" Cut, Impeller Conditioner, Good Knives, Gone Through, Ready to Mow... \$9,750</p>	 <p>New Idea 4865 540PTO, VG Belts, Monitor, Always Shedded, Sharp... \$5,750</p>	 <p>Ford 139 Soil Saver Chisel, 15 Shank, Used Very Little, From a Collector, Like New... \$17,500</p>



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Blue Grass Stockyards Lexington, KY

Livestock Weighted Average Report for 6/2/2025 - Final AUCTION			
	This Week	Last Reported 5/19/2025	Last Year
Total Receipts:	1,304	862	1,119
Feeder Cattle:	1,134(87.0%)	726(84.2%)	983(87.8%)
Slaughter Cattle:	153(11.7%)	118(13.7%)	127(11.3%)
Replacement Cattle:	17(1.3%)	18(2.1%)	9(0.8%)

Special Note: Profit thru performance graded feeder calf sale 740 head: https://www.ams.usda.gov/mnreports/ams_2130.pdf

Baby Calves: 900.00-1200.00 per head.

No market comparison with last Monday due to stockyards closed for Memorial Day. Supply included: 87% Feeder Cattle (36% Steers, 52% Heifers, 12% Bulls, 0% Dairy/Beef Steers); 12% Slaughter Cattle (1% Steers, 84% Cows, 12% Bulls, 3% Dairy Cows); 1% Replacement Cattle (54% Stock Cows, 27% Bred Cows, 12% Cow-Calf Pairs, 8% Bulls). Feeder cattle supply over 600 lbs was 49%.

Groups of 20 head or more:

Steers

30 hd 476 lbs 379.00 Charx-Few Blk

23 hd 542 lbs 386.00 Blk Value-Added

23 hd 566 lbs 350.50 Charx-Few Blk

21 hd 651 lbs 324.00 Blk-Red

53 hd 1063 lbs 268.85 Bbwf Fancy

Heifers

35 hd 516 lbs 339.50 Charx

85 hd 629 lbs 330.00 Mixed Value-Added

77 hd 635 lbs 339.25 Blk-Bwf Fancy

25 hd 719 lbs 297.00 Blk Fancy

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
3	210-227	221	447.50-480.00	457.78
3	315-325	318	410.00-417.50	412.55
3	370-372	371	402.50-403.00	402.83
3	400-435	417	397.50-412.50	405.78
14	405-440	424	417.50-443.00	423.14 Value Added
33	467-480	476	379.00-385.00	379.46
21	457-487	474	409.00-425.00	417.84 Value Added
12	503-545	522	365.00-377.00	372.74
59	503-543	531	377.00-390.00	383.75 Value Added
24	566-595	567	350.50-362.50	351.02
17	565-595	585	377.00-399.00	383.48 Value Added
2	605-645	625	309.00-330.00	319.16
20	600-645	617	330.00-377.00	362.68 Value Added
25	651-680	653	324.00-334.00	325.14
27	655-686	676	337.50-348.00	344.26 Value Added
4	710-740	718	291.00-300.00	297.68
2	702	702	320.00	320.00 Fancy
8	753-787	764	295.00-303.00	300.97
9	805-833	824	290.00-300.00	297.16 Fancy
5	872	872	277.00	277.00
9	850-873	863	284.00-294.00	288.38 Fancy
2	937	937	267.00	267.00
13	1003	1003	247.00	247.00
53	1063	1063	268.85	268.85 Fancy

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	225	225	395.00	395.00
2	480-485	483	357.50-372.50	364.96
8	525-546	541	350.00-360.00	355.90
4	562-585	572	331.00-347.50	335.60
2	715-720	718	252.50-270.00	261.28
1	810	810	266.00	266.00
1	880	880	268.00	268.00
2	920	920	220.00-222.00	221.00
1	965	965	219.00	219.00

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	585	585	360.00	360.00
1	775	775	280.00	280.00
4	878	878	276.00	276.00

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	400	400	340.00	340.00
1	525	525	307.50	307.50

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
3	681	681	266.00	266.00

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	170	170	480.00	480.00
6	210-242	223	380.00-410.00	397.09
1	205	205	425.00 Fancy	
4	250-290	270	377.50-435.00	395.95
4	285	285	392.50-412.50	407.50 Value Added
3	320-347	338	375.00-385.00	378.16
8	305-326	323	382.50-422.00	417.34 Value Added
5	350-390	369	330.00-390.00	369.04
5	375-391	387	385.00-410.00	391.92 Value Added
6	420-447	442	347.50-368.00	354.71
36	405-445	416	370.00-382.50	379.63 Value Added
7	460-495	466	337.50-352.50	347.01
25	460-490	474	355.00-382.50	368.59 Value Added
6	500-540	520	320.00-330.00	323.25
91	500-542	522	335.00-363.00	344.80 Value Added
2	585	585	307.00-307.50	307.25
39	550-596	571	329.00-350.00	339.89 Value Added
20	600-647	630	272.50-315.00	301.64
77	635	635	339.25	339.25 Fancy
109	607-648	627	317.00-349.00	329.00 Value Added
15	655-691	675	265.00-300.00	286.03
19	660	660	322.50	322.50 Value Added
5	705-735	712	252.00-259.00	254.58
25	719	719	297.00	297.00 Fancy
2	755-790	773	262.00-265.00	263.47
9	757-775	760	277.00-285.00	278.68 Value Added
1	825	825	240.00	240.00
10	800-847	818	264.00-283.00	274.24 Value Added
2	855-865	860	225.00-240.00	232.46
2	910-930	920	219.00-220.00	219.51

1	965	965	219.00	219.00
2	982	982	250.00	250.00 Fancy
1	1095	1095	210.00	210.00

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	280	280	357.50	357.50
4	435-445	440	290.00-345.00	326.26
4	475-495	485	325.00-333.00	329.52
3	572-580	575	300.00	300.00
2	617	617	232.50	232.50
1	775	775	244.00	244.00
1	820	820	217.00	217.00

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	495	495	342.50	342.50

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	145	145	460.00	460.00
1	265	265	455.00	455.00
4	305-332	322	402.50-405.00	403.12
8	305	305	458.00	458.00 Value Added
7	360-395	384	392.50-422.50	410.56
2	410-420	415	397.50-432.50	415.21
11	450-485	466	370.00-395.00	384.28
11	500-540	522	350.00-377.50	365.65
3	520	520	385.00	385.00 Value Added
11	555-590	574	350.00-372.00	364.33
3	610-625	617	299.00-327.50	313.72
10	620-645	631	330.00-357.50	343.45 Value Added
9	650-675	659	310.00-335.00	321.50
2	700-740	720	282.50-297.00	289.55
2	750-780	765	265.00	265.00
3	800-825	815	220.00-237.50	229.18
4	870-890	884	226.00-231.00	229.49
1	1055	1055	217.00	217.00
1	1165	1165	205.00	205.00
1	1215	1215	224.00	224.00

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
2	350-395	373	370.00-375.00	372.65
2	440-445	443	370.00	370.00
6	455-485	464	361.00-372.50	368.92
7	505-540	524	325.00-350.00	342.63
7	560-590	569	291.00-329.00	315.55
2	610-645	628	255.00-299.00	277.61
1	655	655	291.00	291.00
2	705-745	725	267.00-270.00	268.54
1	765	765	237.50	237.50

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
4	520-540	535	312.50-317.50	316.29

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing
1	1365	1365	197.00	197.00	Average

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing
13	1095-1915	1463	154.00-165.00	159.51	Average
12	1300-1850	1582	165.00-181.00	170.48	High

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing
13	1135-1420	1261	154.00-169.00	161.10	Average
22	1005-1500	1265	169.00-190.00	175.68	High
1	1300	1300	149.00	149.00	Low

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing
6	990-1195	1094	139.00-154.00	150.21	Average
13	910-1190	995	155.00-170.00	162.45	High
4	865-975	941	127.00-135.00	132.94	Low

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing
3	920-1115	1030	144.00-160.00	149.79	Average

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing
4	1150-1915	1558	188.00-205.00	198.11	Average
6	1655-2165	1819	211.00-227.00	218.37	High
2	1070-1225	1148	175.00-183.00	179.27	Low

REPLACEMENT CATTLE				
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STOCK COWS - Medium and Large 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

Age	Stage	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
2-8	O	10	840-1280	1077	170.00-191.00	177.54

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

Age	Stage	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
2-8	O	4	770-1010	885	139.00-162.50	152.13

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

Age	Stage	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
2-8	T2	3	1005-1490	1275	2375.00-2750.00	2525.10
2-8	T3	4	1270-1455	1373	2175.00-2725.00	2309.34

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

Age	Stage	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
2-8	O	2	1005-1045	1025	2600.00-2875.00	2734.82

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

Age	Stage	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
2-8	O	1	1340	1340	3150.00	3150.00

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

Age	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
2-4	2	1440-1495	1468	2900.00-3150.00	3027.34

Please Note: The above USDA LPGMN price report is reflective of the majority of classes and grades of livestock offered for sale. There may be instances where some sales do not fit within reporting guidelines and therefore will not be included in the report. Prices are reported on an FOB basis, unless otherwise noted.

Explanatory Notes:

Stage (Cattle) - Represents pregnancy stage (O = open; T1 = 1st Trimester, 1 to 3 months; T1-2 = 1st/2nd trimester, 1 to 6 months; T2 = 2nd Trimester, 4 to 6 months; T2-3 = 2nd/3rd Trimester, 4 to 9 months; T3 = 3rd Tr

Markets

Kentucky Daily Grain Bids

Grain Report for Thursday, June 5, 2025 - Final

Exchange		Commodity	FUTURE SETTLEMENTS Closing Settlement Prices (¢/bu) as of 6/5/2025						
CBOT	Corn	439.50 (Jul 25)	431.50 (Sep 25)	448.25 (Dec 25)	464.00 (Mar 26)	472.75 (May 26)	478.00 (Jul 26)	468.75 (Sep 26)	
CBOT	Soybeans	1051.75 (Jul 25)	1046.50 (Sep 25)	1025.75 (Dec 25)	1033.25 (Nov 25)	1047.00 (Jan 26)	1056.25 (Mar 26)	1066.50 (May 26)	
CBOT	Wheat	545.50 (Jul 25)	559.75 (Sep 25)	581.00 (Dec 25)	600.50 (Mar 26)	611.25 (May 26)	617.00 (Jul 26)	629.75 (Sep 26)	
CBOT	White Oats	378.25 (Jul 25)	377.50 (Sep 25)	366.25 (Dec 25)	369.25 (Mar 26)	375.25 (May 26)	359.25 (Jul 26)	375.00 (Sep 26)	
KCBT	Wheat	542.50 (Jul 25)	555.50 (Sep 25)	576.75 (Dec 25)	596.25 (Mar 26)	607.25 (May 26)	614.75 (Jul 26)	626.50 (Sep 26)	
MGE	Wheat	625.25 (Jul 25)	636.00 (Sep 25)	653.00 (Dec 25)	669.00 (Mar 26)	677.50 (May 26)	683.00 (Jul 26)	676.00 (Sep 26)	

Country Elevators - Conventional		US #2 WHITE CORN (BULK)				
Region/Location	Basic (¢/Bu)	Basis Change	Price (\$/Bu)	Price Change	Average	
Pennyrile	75.00N to 115.00N	UNCH	5.1450-5.5450	UP 0.0075	5.3450	
Pennyrile	50.00Z	UNCH	4.9825	UP 0.0450	4.9825	

Barge Loading Elevators - Conventional		US #2 WHITE CORN (BULK)				
Region/Location	Basic (¢/Bu)	Basis Change	Price (\$/Bu)	Price Change	Average	
Ohio River - Lower KY	30.00Z	UNCH	4.7825	UP 0.0450	4.7825	
Purchase	100.00N	UP 5.00	5.3950	UP 0.0575	5.3950	
Purchase	45.00Z	UNCH	4.9325	UP 0.0450	4.9325	

Country Elevators - Conventional		US #2 YELLOW CORN (BULK)				
Region/Location	Basic (¢/Bu)	Basis Change	Price (\$/Bu)	Price Change	Average	
Purchase	20.00N	UNCH	4.5950	UP 0.0075	4.5950	
Purchase	-25.00Z	UNCH	4.2325	UP 0.0450	4.2325	
Green River	15.00N	UNCH	4.5450	UP 0.0075	4.5450	
Green River	-20.00Z	UNCH	4.2825	UP 0.0450	4.2825	
Pennyrile	5.00N to 20.00N	UNCH	4.4450-4.5950	UP 0.0075	4.5150	
Pennyrile	-30.00Z to -10.00Z	UNCH	4.1825-4.3825	UP 0.0450	4.2575	
Louisville	4.00N to 5.00N	UNCH	4.4350-4.4450	UP 0.0075	4.4400	
Louisville	5.00N	UNCH	4.4450	UP 0.0075	4.4450	
Bluegrass	8.00N	UNCH	4.4750	UP 0.0075	4.4750	
Bluegrass	-40.00Z	UNCH	4.0825	UP 0.0450	4.0825	

Barge Loading Elevators - Conventional		US #2 YELLOW CORN (BULK)				
Region/Location	Basic (¢/Bu)	Basis Change	Price (\$/Bu)	Price Change	Average	
Ohio River - Upper KY	7.00N to 10.00N	UNCH-DN 1.00	4.4650-4.4950	UP 0.0075-DN 0.0025	4.4800	
Ohio River - Upper KY	-29.00Z to -27.00Z	UNCH	4.1925-4.2125	UP 0.0450	4.2025	
Ohio River - Lower KY	10.00N to 21.00N	DN 1.00-UNCH	4.4950-4.6050	DN 0.0025-UP 0.0075	4.5617	
Ohio River - Lower KY	-26.00Z to -17.00Z	UNCH	4.2225-4.3125	UP 0.0450	4.2858	
Purchase	10.00N to 20.00N	DN 1.00-UNCH	4.4950-4.5950	DN 0.0025-UP 0.0075	4.5450	
Purchase	-15.00U to -25.00Z	UP 1.00-UNCH	4.1650-4.2325	UP 0.0450	4.2013	

Country Elevators - Conventional		US #2 SORGHUM (BULK)				
Region/Location	Basic (¢/Bu)	Basis Change	Price (\$/Bu)	Price Change	Average	
Pennyrile	5.00N	UNCH	10.5675	UP 0.0675	10.5675	
Pennyrile	-30.00Z	UNCH	10.0325	UP 0.0825	10.0325	
Green River	-20.00N	UP 5.00	10.3175	UP 0.1175	10.3175	
Green River	-50.00X	UNCH	9.8325	UP 0.0825	9.8325	
Pennyrile	-35.00N to 13.00N	UNCH	10.1675-10.6475	UP 0.0675	10.2718	
Pennyrile	-60.00X to -25.00X	UNCH	9.7325-10.0825	UP 0.0825	9.8996	
Louisville	-48.00N	UNCH	10.0375	UP 0.0675	10.0375	
Louisville	-48.00N	UNCH	10.0375	UP 0.0675	10.0375	
Bluegrass	-45.00N	UNCH	10.0675	UP 0.0675	10.0675	
Bluegrass	-95.00X	UNCH	9.3825	UP 0.0825	9.3825	

Barge Loading Elevators - Conventional		US #1 SOYBEANS (BULK)				
Region/Location	Basic (¢/Bu)	Basis Change	Price (\$/Bu)	Price Change	Average	
Ohio River - Lower KY	-40.00Z	UNCH	4.0825	UP 0.0450	4.0825	
Country Elevators - Conventional		US #1 SOYBEANS (BULK)				
Region/Location	Basic (¢/Bu)	Basis Change	Price (\$/Bu)	Price Change	Average	
Purchase	5.00N	UNCH	10.5675	UP 0.0675	10.5675	
Purchase	-30.00X	UNCH	10.0325	UP 0.0825	10.0325	
Green River	-20.00N	UP 5.00	10.3175	UP 0.1175	10.3175	
Green River	-50.00X	UNCH	9.8325	UP 0.0825	9.8325	
Pennyrile	-35.00N to 13.00N	UNCH	10.1675-10.6475	UP 0.0675	10.2718	
Pennyrile	-60.00X to -25.00X	UNCH	9.7325-10.0825	UP 0.0825	9.8996	
Louisville	-48.00N	UNCH	10.0375	UP 0.0675	10.0375	
Louisville	-48.00N	UNCH	10.0375	UP 0.0675	10.0375	
Bluegrass	-45.00N	UNCH	10.0675	UP 0.0675	10.0675	
Bluegrass	-95.00X	UNCH	9.3825	UP 0.0825	9.3825	

Barge Loading Elevators - Conventional		US #1 SOYBEANS (BULK)				
Region/Location	Basic (¢/Bu)	Basis Change	Price (\$/Bu)	Price Change	Average	
Ohio River - Upper KY	11.00N	UP 4.00-UNCH	10.6275	UP 0.1075-UP 0.0675	10.6275	
Ohio River - Upper KY	-34.00X to -32.00X	UNCH	9.9925-10.0125	UP 0.0825	10.0025	
Ohio River - Lower KY	13.00N to 27.00N	UP 1.00-UP 2.00	10.6475-10.7875	UP 0.0775-UP 0.0875	10.7075	
Ohio River - Lower KY	-30.00X to -11.00X	UNCH-UP 1.00	10.0325-10.2225	UP 0.0825-UP 0.0925	10.1292	
Purchase	7.00N to 13.00N	UNCH-UP 1.00	10.5875-10.6475	UP 0.0675-UP 0.0775	10.6108	
Purchase	-30.00X to -15.00X	UNCH	10.0325-10.1825	UP 0.0825	10.1125	

Country Elevators - Conventional		US #1 MILLING SOFT RED WINTER WHEAT (BULK)				
Region/Location	Basic (¢/Bu)	Basis Change	Price (\$/Bu)	Price Change	Average	
Pennyrile	0.00N	UNCH	5.4550	UP 0.0225	5.4550	
Pennyrile	0.00N	UNCH	5.4550	UP 0.0225	5.4550	

Country Elevators - Conventional		US #2 SOFT RED WINTER WHEAT (BULK)				
Region/Location	Basic (¢/Bu)	Basis Change	Price (\$/Bu)	Price Change	Average	
Purchase	-10.00N	UNCH	5.2400	UP 0.0375	5.2400	
Purchase	-5.00N	UNCH	5.4050	UP 0.0225	5.4050	
Purchase	-5.00N	UNCH	5.4050	UP 0.0225	5.4050	
Green River	-90.00N	UNCH	4.5550	UP 0.0225	4.5550	
Green River	-90.00N	UNCH	4.5550	UP 0.0225	4.5550	
Pennyrile	-60.00N to 10.00N	UNCH-DN 10.00	4.8550-5.5550	UP 0.0225-DN 0.0775	5.0750	
Pennyrile	-60.00N to 4.00N	UNCH-UP 2.00	4.8550-5.4950	UP 0.0225-UP 0.0425	5.0464	
Louisville	-67.00N to -10.00N	UNCH	4.7850-5.3550	UP 0.0225	5.0700	
Bluegrass	-45.00N	UNCH	5.0050	UP 0.0225	5.0050	
Bluegrass	-45.00N	UNCH	5.0050	UP 0.0225	5.0050	

Barge Loading Elevators - Conventional		US #2 SOFT RED WINTER WHEAT (BULK)				
Region/Location	Basic (¢/Bu)	Basis Change	Price (\$/Bu)	Price Change	Average	
Ohio River - Upper KY	-10.00N to -7.00N	UNCH-UP 3.00	5.3550-5.3850	UP 0.0225-UP 0.0525	5.3700	
Ohio River - Lower KY	-10.00N to 0.00N	UNCH	5.3550-5.4550	UP 0.0225	5.4150	
Ohio River - Lower KY	-10.00N to 0.00N	UNCH	5.3550-5.4550	UP 0.0225	5.4130	
Purchase	-5.00N to 3.00N	DN 1.00-UNCH	5.4050-5.4850	UP 0.0125-UP 0.0225	5.4475	
Purchase	-7.00N to 3.00N	UNCH	5.3850-5.4850	UP 0.0225	5.4250	

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

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Daily Livestock and Poultry Slaughter

Report for Thursday, June 5, 2025 - Final

Current Day Slaughter								
Thu., June 5, 2025	Week Ago	Year Ago	WTD	Prev Week	Last Year	2025	2024	YTD
				WTD	WTD	YTD	YTD	% Change
Calves	1,000	1,000	4,000	3,000	3,181	59,289	96,296	-38.4%
Cattle	120,000	120,261	477,000	355,000	484,727	12,783,119	13,609,723	-6.1%
Hogs	480,000	475,000	1,903,000	1,434,000	1,907,000	54,912,803	56,044,057	-2.0%
Sheep	8,000	9,000	33,000	26,000	31,577	841,260	837,921	0.4%
Chicken (Young)	34,960,000	35,182,000	34,596,000	140,317,000	118,502,000	3,997,531,000	4,069,094,000	-1.8%

Previous Daily Slaughter								
Wed, June 4, 2025	Week Ago	Year Ago	WTD	Prev Week	Last Year	2025	2024	YTD
				WTD	WTD	YTD	YTD	% Change
Calves	1,000	943	3,000	2,000	2,773	58,289	95,888	-39.2%
Cattle	121,000	119,000	357,000	235,000	364,466	12,663,119	13,489,462	-6.1%
Hogs	483,000	479,000	1,423,000	959,000	1,437,019	54,432,803	55,574,076	-2.1%
Sheep	7,000	7,138	25,000	17,000	23,840	833,260	830,184	0.4%
Chicken (Young)	35,248,000	35,369,000	34,628,000	105,357,000	83,320,000	3,962,571,000	4,034,498,000	-1.8%

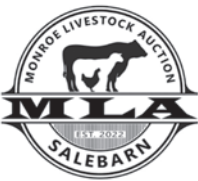
Previous Day Breakdown

Wed., June 4, 2025

CattleSteers/Heifers ...100,000Cows/Bulls ...21,000

Explanatory Notes: Livestock Species listed consists of young and mature animals.
Poultry references young only. Year to Date calculation is based on week 1 of calendar year
R = Revision WTD = Week to Date YTD = Year to Date

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Starting 7/1 we will begin our livestock sales at 11am
We Will not have our monthly feeder calf auction in July, due to it falling on 7/4.

Small Animals	6/3/2025	Sheep	Cows
Chickens	\$2-\$20	Ewes	Cull Cows
Bantys	\$2-\$15	40-60# Lambs	Bulls
Ducks	\$4-\$17	61-80# Lambs	28
Pigeons	\$3-\$6	81-100# Lambs	Fat Cattle
Eggs	\$1-\$4.50		Holstein/cross
Rooster	\$2-\$17		Colored
Turkey	\$20	Goats	Pigs
Peacock		Billys	Fat Hogs
Rabbits	\$4-\$20	Nannies	Sows
	933	Kids	Boars
Veal Calves			18
Holstein	\$800-\$1050	Feeder Cattle Dairy and Beef	Feeder Pigs
Beef Cross	\$1000-\$1400	200-500#	20-45#
	346	501-800#	46-65#
			76



Market Report

June 4th 2025 4th Auction

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

Feeder Pigs: 13	0.33 Avg.	0.75 High	Sheep: 16	\$0.97 Avg	\$1.10 High
Hogs: 1			Lambs: 31	\$2.15 Avg	\$2.47 High
Dairy Calves: 41	\$813.41 Avg	\$1050.00 High	Goats: 8	\$193.75 Avg	\$410.00 High
Beef Cattle: 5	\$1105.00 Avg	\$1325.00 High	Small Animals		
Feeder Calves: 4	\$2.93 Avg.	\$3.50 High	Chickens:	\$10.00	
Cull Cows: 8	\$1.13 Avg	\$1.38	Roosters:	\$13.00	
High Bulls:			Rabbits:	\$6.42 Avg	\$12.00 High
Fat Cattle:			Hay: Sm. Sq.		
Breed Cows & Springers:			Lg. Sq. 20	\$60.00 High	
			Total Hd. Livestock:	127	

2025-26 group of FFA National Teacher Ambassadors announced

By Michele F. Mihaljevich
Indiana Correspondent

INDIANAPOLIS – Jeremy Ryan was uncertain about applying to the FFA’s National Teacher Ambassadors program until talking to a colleague. Upon her recommendation, he applied and was accepted, adding the program has done more for him than he had hoped.

Cameron Frazier had several reasons for wanting to join the program, including the ability to share National FFA Organization resources with Indiana agriculture educators and FFA advisers.

Ryan and Frazier are two of 65 National Teacher Ambassadors named in May for the 2025-26 school year. The ambassadors are from 28 states, including Indiana, Iowa, Ohio and Tennessee.

The ambassadors serve as positive and professional examples to more than 13,000 FFA advisers in the U.S., Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands during their year of service, according to FFA. They serve as a resource for teachers nationwide by leading, mentoring and training them through formal and informal programs such as webinars and workshops, the organization said. They also provide feedback to National FFA leadership about the evolving educational landscape based on their experiences, FFA said.

Ryan is an agricultural education teacher at West Muskingum High School near Zanesville, Ohio. He’s been with the school 14 years and has taught such courses as environmental science, animal health and agricultural business.

In 2022, Ryan said he was in a rocky patch in his career mentally and was looking for a professional development opportunity to hopefully bring a positive change. He wondered if applying to the ambassador program would be worth the commitment.

“(With the program) I felt that I might be able to learn from other ag teachers around the country and gain new insights that could help bring the positives back to my career,” he recalled. “It has done more than that. Not only have I found that positive direction I was hoping for, I have made countless friends along the way all over the country.”

Growing up, Ryan didn’t participate in FFA because his county didn’t have agricultural education programs in any of the school districts. As an ambassador, he said he hopes to be a guide for teachers early on in their careers.

“Having not been in FFA, I was very fortunate to have some great mentors when I began in the classroom and who to this day are still willing to answer questions, listen to ideas and provide valuable insight,” Ryan explained. “I hope to be able to help others in the same capacity. The program has also brought me closer with my fellow ambassadors from Ohio. Together we have become a collaborative resource for teachers in our state, providing updates from National FFA, resources and guidance along the way.

“Entering my fourth year as an ambassador, I truly look forward to the connections I have been able to make and develop with other ambassadors, National FFA staff and other teachers around Ohio.”

Frazier has been with South Putnam Middle/High School in Greencastle, Ind., for 3 ½ years, and has taught for seven years. He currently teaches such classes as 8th grade intro to agriculture, landscape management and senior agriculture research capstone.

In addition to wanting to share FFA resources with others, Frazier said he applied to the program because “National FFA has a team that builds resources for agriculture teachers and I wanted to become more aware of those. Expanding my ag teacher network is always exciting. Learning from



Jeremy Ryan

others from around the country with a commonality makes this profession that much more special.”

Frazier was in FFA for five years in the Riverton Parke FFA chapter, later becoming chapter president and Indiana FFA state treasurer in 2013.

“I’m looking forward to meeting the new ambassadors and reconnecting with past friends,” he said. “I get the opportunity to work with Leslie Fairchild, from Delphi, Ind., in her first year as an ambassador. I’m exciting to learn more about new resources created by the National FFA and the opportunities that come with being an ambassador.”

While in FFA in high school, Frazier competed in activities such as soils judging, parliamentary procedures



Cameron Frazier

(Teachers continued on page 14)

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Master Farmers honored for commitment to conservation, farm management and more

By DOUG GRAVES
Ohio Correspondent

ADA, Ohio – At this year’s Ohio Tillage and Technology Conference, two Ohio farmers were commended for their exceptional farm management, innovation, conservation and leadership. The honorees demonstrated how to farm more effectively, efficiently, environmentally and economically.

This year’s winners were Myron Wehr, of New Waterford, and Dan Corcoran, of Piketon.

The award acknowledges a lifetime of achievement and not a single year. Ohio Master Farmers are nominated by their peers and chosen by a committee of agriculture industry leaders.

Wehr has farmed Columbiana and Mahoning counties in eastern Ohio for 60 years, tending to corn, wheat, oats and hay during those decades. But long before that, he performed custom combining for farmers in five counties in two states.

After graduating from Ohio State University, Wehr’s father asked if he would join him in raising 25 Guernseys on the farm. Knowing that wouldn’t support two families, Wehr took to farming the rolling hills and slopes instead, starting with corn.

“I had one field that was so steep that in order to plant I had to go around where it wasn’t so steep and come back down the hill with the brakes on,” he recalled. “I had to do



Above: Myron Wehr, 82, has been heralded for his adapting to new crop technologies and his concern for the health of the soil beneath his feet. (photo submitted)

the same with the combine. It was a challenge. We had some excellent crops in this area. Things are different when I started 60 years ago.”

Throughout his farming career, it’s been Wehr’s mission to prevent soil erosion and protect water, while improving soil composition and organic matter through a variety of conservation practices. He had a good working relationship with Extension and university researchers, collaborating on research projects, hosting demon-

strations, and sharing knowledge to advance agricultural practices on his farm and others.

In 2016, Wehr utilized the Farm Business Analysis program, a tool that analyzes a farm’s financial records, field data, inputs and returns, all while creating individualized reports for the farmer who benchmark their operation against similar enterprises across the state.

“Myron is dedicated to utilizing and adapting to new crop technologies,”

said Haley Shoemaker, OSU Extension agriculture and natural resources educator in Columbiana County. “He is an asset to the no-till community, and to those who’ve been able to learn from his practices and trials. He spent decades caring for the health of the ground and mindfully selecting practices that promoted conservation that will benefit others for many years.”

During his last year of farming his land produced 225 bushels per acre of corn.

“When you produce that many bushels per acre of corn and we pay \$50 per acre rent and others are paying \$200 per acre that’s a perfect picture one needs to look at,” he said. “I also could plant an acre of corn with two quarts of fuel through the tractor, and that’s getting pretty economical. Also, I tell people if you take care of the land and give the crop what it needs, when it needs it, it’ll take care of you.”

At age 82, after battling Parkinson’s disease for 20 years, Wehr quit farming in 2022 and sold his equipment a year later, but he’s still involved in the industry.

“I still want to learn what’s going on in agriculture,” he said. “Just because I’m retired doesn’t mean I’m walking away from it and slamming the door. I still find plenty of things to do in the office and working with others.”

Dan Corcoran has been farming for
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Illinois estate transition tax legislation stalls as legislative session ends

By **TIM ALEXANDER**
Illinois Correspondent

BLOOMINGTON, Ill. – The 104th Illinois General Assembly failed to advance any new legislation regarding the Illinois state’s estate transition tax by the May 31 end of the spring legislative session, much to the disappointment of many in the farming community who have been lobbying for reform for years.

The Family Farm Preservation Act (SB 2921 and HB 4600), introduced in the state Senate by David Koehler (D-Peoria) and in the House by Rep. Sharon Chung (D-Bloomington) in 2024, addressed the discrepancy between escalating farm estate evaluations and annual farm income by raising the state’s estate tax exemption from \$4 million to \$6 million, with adjustments for inflation. It was among a myriad of bills that sought to adjust the state’s estate tax exemption, ranging from efforts to lower the amount to \$2 million to a hike of more than \$10 million, according to Andrew Larson, director of government relations and strategy for the Illinois Soybean Association (ISA). The organization has been supporting estate transition tax and property tax reform for around two decades.

“It was a crazy, crazy period in Springfield at the end of the (spring session), which, as many statehouse insiders have said, felt like five months crammed into five days,” said Larson, describing a near-chaotic wrap up to the spring legislative session in which the Illinois General Assembly reached an 11th-hour agreement on a balanced state budget.

As for estate tax reform, “There were several progressive legislators who wanted to decrease the overall estate tax exclusion from the \$4 million threshold down to a \$2 million threshold. There were prominent voices in the majority who were advocating for more revenue from estate taxes, while Republicans had bills that would transfer from an exemption to an exclusion and raise that to \$10 million or \$12 million a year,” Larson reported.

The ISA and its political arm, Illinois Soybean Growers, are advocating for a paring down of the state’s complicated 20-bracket Illinois tax code system to just four brackets, along with a progressive-flat tax structure to simplify estate planning and tax compliance. ISA’s proposed new tax brackets are:

- 5 percent for estates between \$4 million and \$10 million
- 10 percent for estates between

- \$10 million and \$20 million
- 16 percent for estates between \$20 million and \$25 million
- 22 percent for estates over \$25 million

“The Family Farm Preservation Act applied only to agricultural land, and has some regulatory mechanisms in it that attempt to certify that the land remains in farming for a certain amount of time. There are a lot of questions and concerns from a number of farmers about how that bill would actually work if it were to be enacted into law. It’s a very complex piece of legislation,” Larson said.

“Our organization, based on conversations with farmer-leaders, has worked to find ways to address the estate tax issue in a more across-the-board way that would apply to all Illinois estates. We are doing so in a way that is hopefully revenue-neutral, because with the budget situation it is incredibly unlikely the legislature would approve a plan to reduce the amount of revenue the estate tax brings into the state.”

Analysts who conducted a study for the Illinois Farm Bureau (IFB) estimate that a transition to a \$6 million exemption could cost the state around \$20 million per year in lost tax revenue. Still, the IFB shares ISA’s sup-

port for estate tax reform for Illinois farmers.

“We have been advocating for changing the state estate tax for many years,” said Kevin Semlow, IFB director of state legislative affairs, in a news release. “No matter the size of a family farm, farmers are faced with a tough decision of having to sell off their land and equipment to make the tax payment which makes it very difficult for the family farm to survive.”

Larson said there has been positive “momentum” gathering for estate tax reform based on recent conversations with agricultural stakeholders and the Illinois Attorney General’s Office. “We hope to continue to promote these discussions over the coming year to find ways we can pass state estate tax relief, particularly to those estates that are transferring small businesses between generations, by reducing those tax burdens they face passing an estate from generation to generation,” he said. “I know there will be a lot more conversations coming over the next few months and the next year, but we feel that any plan has to make fiscal sense for the state and has to simplify the estate tax code. We are overdue for conversations about making the estate tax clearer in Illinois.”

Teachers

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and forestry.

“I did not come directly from a farm but my grandpa was a dairy farmer, but selling when I was young,” he said. “Parke County, Ind., where I grew up, was/is a rural county, so I was always surrounded by agriculture. I was also a 10-year 4-H member

not showing livestock but my border collie Oreo.”

He said his path to becoming an ag teacher and FFA adviser started when he had the opportunity during his senior year of high school to be a cadet teacher for the horticulture class with a brand new ag teacher. At the time, he wanted to be a conservation officer in Parke County. He applied to Purdue University for agricultural education and Ball State University for wildlife biology and criminology. He

eventually decided on Purdue.

Ryan’s parents have a small hay operation as well as several large gardens. “(That’s) where I began my love of agriculture at a young age raising and selling pumpkins,” he said. “Family friends of ours had a dairy cattle operation down the road that we helped with all aspects of their farm from helping with maple syrup production, making hay, the apple orchard, and the cattle. With their guidance, while I was in high school, I joined 4-H with

the Auburn Dairyman 4-H Club for four years at our county fair.”

He thought about a career as an Extension educator, but later decided to study agricultural education at Ohio State University.

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Recalling a church scandal and taking care of babies

I was raised in the church. The Methodist church to be precise. Mine was a church-going family right up until the time the preacher ran off with the choir director and both of them were married to other people at the time. Before that, the biggest scandal in our church had been the time one of the ushers absconded with Sunday morning's haul and blew it all on the crap tables in Vegas. After the pastor and the choir director snuck off, it took great courage to admit to someone in our small town that you were a church-going Methodist. And so, for a while, we became what is known in the trade as "C and E Christians" which meant the only time we went to church was on Christmas and Easter. It got so I'd rather drink Drano than go to Sunday services presided over by our new worst preacher in the business. That's how shooting pool on Sunday morning at grandpa's house became a new Sunday morning ritual and how I became a good pool hustler and a terrible Christian.

Prior to the aforementioned incident, my mom taught Sunday school and mimeographed the program for Sunday services, my grandma was the designated soloist and my brother and I were often the acolytes who had to wear long white robes and walk up the center aisle and light the candles that stood on either side of the beautiful cross that had been made by my great-grandfather. I had nightmares every Saturday night that the wick in my long-handled candle lighter would go out before I got my candle lit and my older brother would have to bail me out once again by lighting my candle for me in front of everyone. That's a lot of pressure to put on a 10-year-old kid.

When we were church goers, the part I liked best was watching babies being baptized. I've always loved babies, probably because my wife and I couldn't have any.

There are only two things I didn't like about babies: number one, they grow up to be teenagers and number two, the ever-present puke on your

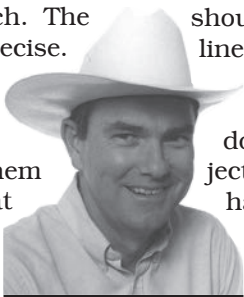
shoulder. (My favorite Dave Barry line was that if you ended up with poop on your shoulder you were holding the baby upside down!) While we're on the subject of poop, I must admit that I have never changed a baby's diaper in my life, nor do I intend to. I don't have a clue if you have to change them twice a week or just once. Changing a baby's diaper is definitely not on my bucket list.

Speaking of babies and church, we've all been there when a baby started crying in the middle of the sermon and all eyes would immediately turn to the poor mother and then one of the ushers would escort mother and baby outside because it might wake up those parishioners trying to get some sleep during the sermon.

I hate to brag but I've always been good at putting babies to sleep and for that matter, I'm not too bad at putting adults to sleep either, which I might be doing at this very moment. I love holding babies and because I can't join in the holiday feasts due to my small problem that I can't digest food, I invariably end up holding someone's new baby so the exhausted mother can join in the festivities without worrying about her baby much. They trust me to hold their precious baby because I have a long track record of having never once dropped one on its head. That and a little whiskey in its bottle (just kidding) are how I've become the all-time greatest DBH (designated baby holder) in my community.

If I do get roped into going to church for a wedding or a funeral, I always try to grab someone's baby to hold because they serve as the perfect "get outta jail free" card. I've only ever had one mother complain about the job I did holding her baby in church. The mother asked me afterward, "What did you do to my poor baby? After you held her she had little bruises on her baby butt?"

"You caught me," I had to admit. "When our boring preacher wouldn't shut up, I lightly pinched your baby on her bottom hoping she'd cry and I'd have to be escorted out by the "hushers."




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35 years. He grew up in Ross County with 12 siblings. He dreamed of being a firefighter but eventually became an agronomy specialist for Country-Mark Co-Op in western Ohio before putting all his effort into farming.

A week after marrying his wife, Donna, the opportunity arose for him to farm. Today, this fourth-generation farmer from Piketon, Ohio, farms with his brothers Tim and Dennis, and his nephew Greg. They produce corn, soybeans, popcorn, wheat and cattle.

They all have specialty areas of responsibility. Dan is the agronomist, Dennis handles marketing, Tim manages landlords and insurance, and Greg is the cattle man.

“Together we’re all planters and harvesters,” Dan said. “We meet each Monday to go over our priorities. We all talk on the phone every Monday and go over our weekly plans.”

The Corcorans were farming about 2,500 acres with a handful of landlords, but with a lot of farmers in the area retiring they have doubled the acreage and now have 22 landlords.

“We want to treat everybody’s farm as if it were our own,” Dan said, “so we take care of it with the best of our abilities, using the best management practices and finding new ways to be more efficient. Relationships are the key to our operation’s success.”

Always conservation-minded, Dan incorporated cover crops.

“We wanted to keep our soil and to see if we could build organic matter and water-holding capacity,” he said. “That was our mission when we started. We’ve gained organic matter. What it does to our soil is make a fantastic seedbed, and the soil feels like it has life.

“I tell people our biggest challenge is farming on a lot of sandy ground and drought is our worst enemy. We started cover crops 10 years ago because I wanted to see the soil stay around and I wanted to see organic matter. That was our mission. This has made for a great seed bed and given our soil new life. We’ve gone through growing pains just like any grower would.”

The operation has embraced technology, using autosteer, variable-rate application and a pulse boom on the spray to prevent overlap.

“We stay on top of technology to increase our efficiency all the way around,” Dan said.

“Dan works closely with OSU Extension, conducting research to improve efficiency and profitability,” said Chris Bruynis, an OSU Extension educator who nominated Dan for the Ohio Master Farmer award. “Projects related to crop protection products, cover crops and irrigation water management are a few examples of his involvement.

“He is also willing to educate others about the practices they are adopting, explaining the rationale behind them, as well as the practical lessons learned so others can duplicate and avoid some of the pitfalls. Because of his willingness to cooperate and share, Dan is highly respected among his peers in the region.”

Dan said, “You make your community what you put into it, whether it’s through agriculture or your church, or through the people you meet. I’m fortunate to do what I do and hopefully some of that will rub off on my children or grandchildren.”

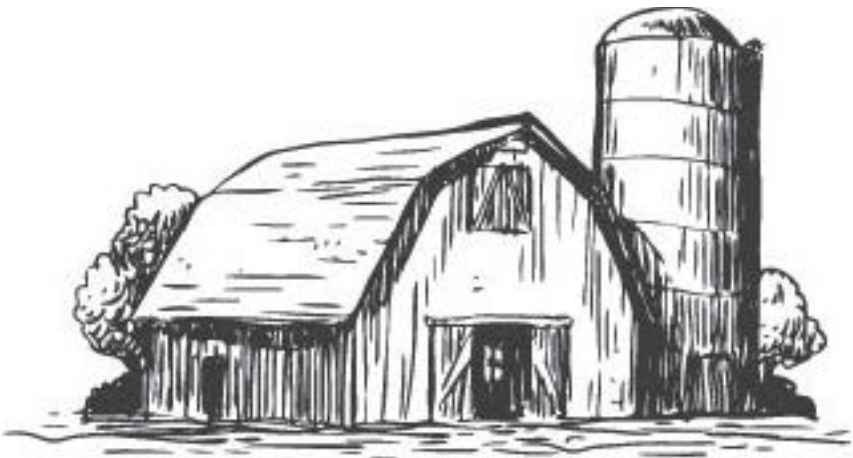
Right: Myron Wehr (left) and Dan Corcoran were honored as Ohio Master Farmers, nominated by their peers and chosen by a committee of agriculture industry leaders. (photo submitted)



Above: Dan and Donna Corcoran have four children and 11 grandchildren (with another expected in June) and they’re hoping a fifth-generation of farmers is in the making. The couple farm roughly 5,000 acres and have 22 landlords. (photo submitted)



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Above: Dozens of unused pieces of heavy equipment were offered, including mini-excavators like this AGT QNT30 diesel that brought \$9,570.

Fifth Wheel

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2025 LandHero LDH-S460 mini skid steer fetched \$4,510. It included a 23-hp RATO 739cc engine, 840-pound lift capacity, and auxiliary hydraulics. Close behind, at \$4,070, was a 2025 AGT MX-CRT23 with a gas engine, smooth bucket, manual coupler, and hand controls. The lowest bid of \$3,575 went for another new 2025 AGT. The MX-MRT14 model offered a 15-hp engine, smooth bucket, manual coupler, and hand controls.

Other heavy equipment included a Kubota L3350DT 4WD tractor with 816 hours which sold for \$8,250. It ran on a 40-hp 4-cylinder diesel engine with an 8-speed transmission and included a 72-inch bucket, left-hand shuttle shift, PTO, 9.5-16 front tires, and 14.9-24 rears. An unused 2025 AGT KRW23 4WD articulated wheel loader with a 23-hp gas engine went for \$2,695. Two commercial mowers also performed well: a Ferris Evolution 48-inch zero-turn mower with only 13 hours hit \$4,840, while a Hustler Raptor SD 54-inch mower with 379 hours and a 23-hp Kawasaki engine, brought \$1,925.

A wide variety of heavy equipment accessories and attachments were available. The top bid in this category — \$3,080 — was offered for a new Fleco 316F 18-inch x 56-inch hydrau-

lic thumb. A new Tar River Implements YCT-074, 72-inch width/7-inch depth gear-driven tiller with a slip clutch, rated for 30-50-hp tractors, sold for \$1,925. Five unused, similarly equipped Wolverine 72-inch skid steer brush cutters - each offering two cutting blades for up to 66-inch side/72-inch high/3-inch diameter cuts - sold from \$1,540 to \$1,650.

Among five dozen other Wolverine attachments were four new 48-inch skid steer trenchers with 15-inch augers and 48-inch digging depth that sold from \$1,155 to \$1,375. An unused 2025 Wolverine 84-inch skid steer dozer blade (27.9-inch height, 84-inch width, 33.2-inch depth) fetched \$1,155, and eight new Wolverine skid steer augers with 12- and 18-inch bits sold between \$770 and \$990.

Not all the equipment was new, and some of the used items proved to be great bargains. A New Idea 400 hay rake sold for just \$407, a drag harrow went for \$363, and a 7-foot disk was picked up for only \$198.

Bidding wrapped up with smaller tools and shop items - again, much of it new. Among the items were an Irwin 4-inch vise that sold for \$34.10, a pair of adjustable wheel chocks at \$26.40, and a 31-piece impact drill/driver bit set that brought \$15.40.

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Northern Kentucky drive-it-yourself tour unites rural, urban folks

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ALEXANDRIA, Ky. – A unique riding stable, a compact flower farm, a multi-faceted mini-farm, and a pair of exquisite vineyards are just a few of the eye-catching stops visitors will find during the upcoming Campbell County Backroads Farm Tour in northern Kentucky.

The Campbell County Backroads Farm Tour is each July and bridges the gap between the urban and rural communities of the county by highlighting local farms and agritourism operations. The tour is in its 14th year.

This year, the tour is July 19 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. There is no starting point as drivers can create their own stops.

A must-see is Homegrown on Haubner Hill. This sixth-generation farm has over 50 varieties of flowers packed into a 1/8-acre flower field, proving that a small space can be transformed into a cutting garden.

“We’re a family of gardeners who grow and preserve our own produce to feed us throughout the summer and winter,” said owner Angie King, who tends to an assortment of vegetables and chickens as well as her extravagant flower garden. “We have several gardens, and we incorporated a flower field into the farm. We believe that flowers make people, bees and butterflies happy.”

And much more than just pleasing to the eyes, the flower farm was also created for on-farm events such as u-picks and workshops along with grower bucket orders and DIY options. The family started their flower farm early in 2024.

At Mason Greenhouse, Richard Mason started with a tiny 4-by-4-foot raised bed garden 14 years, then expanded to a pair of 2-by-29-foot raised beds and a 4-by-22-foot raised bed. The farm is now home to a 24-by-48-foot greenhouse filled with raised beds and trellises for vegetable production. The highlight here, however, is his use of cattle panel greenhouses to protect his vegetables.

“My main problem was dealing with deer and rabbits,” Mason said. “I tried

many remedies, including plastic deer fencing but these were a short-term answer. I finally came up with a garden greenhouse combination.”

Visitors can see how Mason utilized four relatively inexpensive materials: T-posts, cattle panels, treated lumber and greenhouse plastic.

“We just put the greenhouse plastic on in the fall and take it off in the spring,” Mason said.

Mason, a retired Campbell County teacher, is now an avid horticulturalist and ag advocate. He utilizes unique and low-input approaches. He starts all his seeds inside his home, has composted cardboard and household waste to improve the soil and is catching rainwater from their roof to water the garden.

Dennis Walter, owner of StoneBrook Winery, offers the opportunity for customers to sample and purchase wines in his tasting room as well as a tour of the production facility and vineyards.

“In 1871 the farm had a stone building that housed a blacksmith shop that served local farmers,” Walter said. “Pigs and truck crops were once part of this farming operation, as were dairy cows. By the mid-1950s the farm business turned to beef cattle, but since the wine industry has grown so rapidly the beef cattle have been phased out.”

Walter created commercial vineyards in 2000 and wine production began this year.

Danny and Sandy Geiman will host visitors to Yellow Star Acres, one they call their “mini farm.” Danny is a fifth-generation farmer with a background in raising tobacco, beef cattle and many gardens. Sandy grew up with a love for sewing, gardening and animals. They will explain to visitors how they combined their interests to farm on just six acres.

They raise Longhorn cattle, goats, chickens, tend to several gardens and have a small craft business.

There are seven other stops, including 12 Mile Beef, where visitors can learn more about this family-owned beef business and purchase the “12 Mile Beef Burger” right off the grill. Visitors



Above: At Yellow Star Acres visitors will see how Danny and Sandy Geiman pack beef cattle, multiple gardens, chickens, goats and a small craft business on just six acres. (photo submitted)

might want to bring a cooler to this stop as the Bezold family will sell retail cuts and bundle boxes to those interested.

If honey wine is your forte, then Allfather’s Meadery is your stop. This farm family will offer a diverse selection of meads, wines and ciders. Co-owner Jason Catanzaro offers his Norse mythology-themed meadery that produces small-batch mead with locally sources ingredients like honey, fruits and spices.

At Seven Wells vineyard and winery visitors can tour both the vineyard and winery, and head to the tasting room to try samples of wine and cheese. A bottling demonstration will be offered.

If you love horses, then TC Farm is your stop. This small family horse farm is home to alfalfa hay and quarter horses. TC Farm raises quality performance quarter horses for show and sale. The family will be conducting a 20-minute on-ground training demonstration from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. with both young and seasoned horses.

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Camp Springs Tavern is this tour’s watering hole. Here visitors can test domestic and premium beers, seltzers, wine and a wide assortment of bourbon.

The final stop is the Campbell County Ag Complex, a multi-purpose facility that provides various services to the agricultural community. Officials there will discuss how they support those in livestock, forage and crop production operations. Learn how the Extension office provides a wide range of other services, such as cattle pregnancy testing, crop scouting and disease identification.

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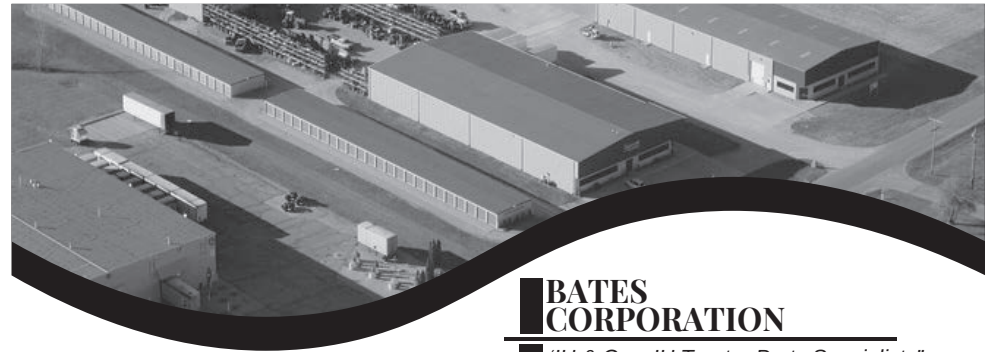
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Illinois

Aledo - On May 21, Merit Auctions presented a ranch home on a large double lot. The 1998 built, 3-bedroom/2 ½ bath home was across from the Mercer County elementary and middle schools. It was outfitted with a 2-car attached garage, mostly-finished full basement, Generac 20kW whole-house generator, and gas log heat stove in the living room. Multiple updates in the last two years included a new roof and carpet. The property sold for \$180,000.

Sesser - Joe Ollis Real Estate & Auction hosted an online-only auction of a one-story frame fixer-upper on May 21. The 964-square-foot 2-bedroom/1-bath home was built in 1920 and had aluminum siding, shingle roof, gas forced-air heat, electric water heater, and public water/sewer. While needing complete renovation, it was a good candidate for a first-time buyer or investor, with a functional floor plan that included an unfinished basement for additional space. The level 0.24-acre lot was fenced and had a 1-car detached garage. It sold for \$28,250.

Indiana

Salem - Beckort Auctions held an online-only auction on May 28 of 15+ acres with a stone ranch home across the road from Western Hills Golf Course, offered in 3 tracts. Tract 1 consisted of 4+/- acres with a recently remodeled 2,076-square-foot, 4-bedroom/2-bath stone home featuring a walkout basement, 32 by48-foot detached garage/workshop, newer LP forced-air furnace with owned 1,000-gallon tank, central AC, and a one-year home warranty.

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AUCTION ROUNDUP

BY WILLIAM FLOOD

The property was mostly open with some mature shade trees and a pond. Tract 2 had 5+/- acres with approximately 469 feet of frontage on Mt. Tabor Road. Located across from the golf course and with utilities available, it offered excellent building potential. Tract 3 was 6.29+/- acres with approximately 940 feet of frontage on Mt. Tabor Road, also across from the golf course, with utilities available, and strong building potential. Tract 1 sold for \$305,000, Tract 2 for \$70,000 (\$14,000/acre), and Tract 3 for \$70,000 (\$11,129/acre).

South Whitley - On May 21, Schrader Real Estate and Auction held an online-only auction for a turnkey car wash business known as the Clearwater 24-Hour Car Wash. The facility featured a touchless, automatic system with one automatic drive-through bay and two self-serve bays, as well as vacuum islands and product dispensers. The bays operated via cash or credit. Housed in a good-condition block building, the property included a small office and restroom connected to a mechanical room containing the boiler, water heater, electronic equipment, and a newer soft water system. The current manager was willing to remain in place at the facility. The business sold for \$195,040.

Kentucky

Crofton - Harris Real Estate & Auction held an absolute auction on May 29 of 25.81 acres with a home and outbuildings, offered as 5 tracts. Tract 1 was 3.01 acres. Tract 2 had 6.64 acres with a pond. Tract 3 included 7.80 acres with a two-bed-

room/two-bath home, a five-bay equipment shed/garage, and a large livestock barn. Tract 4 held 4.90 acres and Tract 5 was 3.46 acres. Tracts 1 and 2 sold combined for \$125,000 (\$62,500/acre); Tract 3 sold for \$160,000; and Tracts 4 and 5 sold for \$105,000 (\$52,500/acre).

Hartford - On May 14, Kurtz Auction & Realty auctioned 124.78 acres of timber/recreation land, originally consisting of three tracts, but sold as a single parcel. The property offered 3,113 feet of frontage on Rough River and was accessible via an old county road off Highway 69. The land was in mature timber, primarily oak and poplar. No mineral rights were conveyed. The parcel sold for \$549,032 (\$4,400/acre).

Michigan

Grand Junction - Miedema's Last-Bid Real Estate auctioned a 5-acre parcel planted in organic blueberries on May 13. Planted equally with Jersey and Bluecrop varieties, it was a productive agricultural site or could serve as an excellent home location. The property included a 24-by-32-foot pole barn with two 9-by-8-foot overhead doors and electricity with a dedicated meter. There was no well on the parcel. It sold for \$47,500 (\$9,500/acre).

St. Charles - On May 13, Wegner Auctioneers offered a 0.6-acre commercial parcel located just outside of town. The parcel was improved with a 50-by-100-foot pole building with a concrete floor and a 30-by-60-foot pole building with five currently rented bays. It sold for \$107,500.

Ohio

Caldwell - Kaufman Realty & Auctions held an absolute auction

for 102 acres offered in two tracts. The property was primarily wooded with some open fields and featured a pipeline clearing along the western boundary and good road access extending to the property line. The elevated terrain provided excellent vistas. All hunting blinds and stands transferred to the buyer. Tract 1 comprised 58.66+/- acres of wooded recreational land. Tract 2 was 44+/- acres of both wooded and open land, featuring a hunting blind and a flood plot. The two tracts sold together for \$460,000 (\$4,510/acre).

Minerva - On May 17, KIKO Auctioneers presented in three tracts, a 113-acre “hideaway” farm, half tillable, half wooded with a home, barns, and other buildings. Mineral rights were not conveyed. Tract 1 included 60.3+/- acres with a two-story, 3-bedroom/1-bath home with an attached garage, LP gas heat, and a wood stove. It also had a 40-by-104-foot finished pole barn with in-floor heat, two overhead doors, and 200-amp electric service, plus an older 30-by-100-foot pole barn with a dirt floor and a 15-by-84-foot lean-to. Also onsite were several smaller sheds and a small cabin with a wood stove. The land was mostly tillable with woods to rear, with lake site possibilities. Frontage was on Ridge Road, with a driveway easement for access. Tract 2 had 24.5+/- acres with an older 3-bedroom/2-bath mobile home and a finished two-car garage. It offered two good fields and plenty of woods and wildlife. Frontage was on Major Road with a driveway easement for access. Tract 3 was approximately 28.9 predominantly wooded acres with a field in the front and lake site possibilities. An owned driveway to Ridge Road was shared with the other parcels. Tract 1 sold for \$630,135, Tract 2 for \$237,160, and Tract 3 for \$238,425.

Nebraska to ban soda and energy drinks from SNAP under first USDA waiver

Nebraska is the first state to receive a federal waiver to ban the purchase of soda and energy drinks under the benefit program for low-income Americans long known as food stamps.

The move, announced May 19 by USDA Secretary Brooke Rollins, would affect about 152,000 people in Nebraska enrolled in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, or SNAP, which helps families pay for groceries.

“There’s absolutely zero reason for taxpayers to be subsidizing purchases of soda and energy drinks,” Nebraska Gov. Jim Pillen said in a statement. “SNAP is about helping families in need get healthy food into their diets, but there’s nothing nutritious about the junk we’re removing with today’s waiver.”

Six other states – Arkansas, Colorado, Kansas, Indiana, Iowa and West Virginia – have also submitted requests for waivers banning certain foods and drinks or, in some cases, expanding access to hot foods for participants, according to the USDA.

The push to ban sugary drinks, candy and more from the SNAP program has been key focus of Rollins and Health Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr.

Rollins called Monday’s move “a historic step to Make America Healthy again.”

Details of Nebraska’s waiver, which takes effect Jan. 1, weren’t immediately available. Anti-hunger advocates criticized it, saying it adds costs, boosts administrative burdens and in-

creases stigma for people already facing food insecurity.

The waiver “ignores decades of evidence showing that incentive-based approaches – not punitive restrictions – are the most effective, dignified path to improving nutrition and reducing hunger,” said Gina Plata-Nino, a deputy director at the Food Research & Action Center, a nonprofit advocacy group.

SNAP is a roughly \$100 billion program that serves about 42 million Americans and is run by the USDA and administered through states.

The program is authorized by the federal Food and Nutrition Act of 2008, which says SNAP benefits can be used “for any food or food product intended for human consumption,” except alco-

hol, tobacco and hot foods, including those prepared for immediate consumption.

Over the past 20 years, lawmakers in several states have proposed stopping SNAP from paying for everything from bottled water and soda to chips, ice cream and “luxury meats” like steak.

Until now, USDA rejected the waivers, saying there were no clear standards to define certain foods as good or bad. In addition, the agency had said restrictions would be difficult to implement, complicated and costly, and would not necessarily change recipients’ food purchases or reduce health problems such as obesity.

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2:30 PM Cat Show (Exhibit Hall)

3:00 PM Gates Open

7:00 PM Flat Drags

Saturday, June 21

Gate Fee \$15 (5 & under free)

NOON..... Tractor Driving Contest

3:00 PM Gates Open

6:00-8:00 PM Exhibit Hall Open

6:00 PM Pedal Tractor Pull

7:00 PM Truck/Tractor Pull



Monday, June 23

NOON..... Archery Shoot

5:00-8:00 PM Exhibit Hall Open

5:00 PM Sheep Show

6:45 PM Sweepstakes Winner Announced

7:00 PM Swine Show



Tuesday, June 24

9:00 AM Rabbit Show

5:00-8:00 PM Exhibit Hall Open

5:00 PM Dairy Goat Show

7:00 PM Meat Goat Show



Wednesday, June 25

9:00 AM Poultry/Waterfowl Show

2:00 PM 4-Her Games

5:00-8:00 PM Exhibit Hall Open

6:00 PM Beef Show



Thursday, June 26

10:00 AM Horse Show

10:30 AM-NOON Mini 4-H Picnic

3:00 PM Dairy Cattle Show

5:00-8:00 PM Exhibit Hall Open

5:00 PM Supreme Showmanship

6 PM..... Baby Contest

7:30 PM Frog Jumping Contest



Friday, June 27

10:00 AM 4-H Livestock Judging Contest

4:00-6:00 PM Farm Bureau Pork Chop BBQ

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Conner Prairie announces partnership with Corteva

By DOUG SCHMITZ
Iowa Correspondent

FISHERS, Ind. – Conner Prairie, a well-known living history museum in Fishers, recently announced a partnership with Corteva to support agriculture education and innovation, aiming to connect visitors with the past, present, and future of farming through engaging exhibits and programs.

"This partnership honors Indiana's agricultural roots, while planting seeds for a more sustainable future," said Norman Burns, Conner Prairie president and CEO in a May 12 media statement. "Together with Corteva, we are creating a space where guests can engage in the future of agriculture, and the ways our lives intersect with this rich heritage every day."

As the new presenting partner of Conner Prairie's Food, Farm and Energy Experience (FFEE), located on Conner Prairie's Conservation Campus, officials said Corteva's support will enable Conner Prairie to enrich guest engagement through immersive exhibits, hands-on experiences, and dynamic storytelling.

Officials added this partnership brings together two organizations committed to celebrating the legacy of American agriculture, while advancing the next generation of innovation in food, farming, and energy.

Spanning more than 1,000 wooded acres in central Indiana, Conner Prairie welcomes more than 400,000 visitors annually. As Indiana's first Smith-

sonian affiliate, Conner Prairie offers various outdoor, historically themed encounters and indoor experiential learning spaces that combine history and art with science, technology, engineering, and math to offer an authentic look into history that shapes society today, according to officials.

Headquartered in Indianapolis, Corteva is a global agricultural technology company that invests nearly \$4 million every day to help farmers provide food security, according to officials.

Holly Pasquinelli, Conner Prairie director of marketing and guest experience, told Farm World, "Conner Prairie and Corteva have a long-standing partnership rooted in a shared commitment to innovation in agriculture and education."

"The partnership came about through conversations around how we could create more meaningful guest experiences that reflect both the historical roots and modern technology that companies like Corteva deliver to farmers in Indiana and around the world," she said.

"Corteva's dedication to sustainable agriculture and community impact aligned perfectly with our mission to spark curiosity and lifelong learning," she added. "Their support enables us to build immersive experiences that honor Indiana's farming legacy, while looking toward its future and global impact."

Pasquinelli continued, "It's important that everyone understand where



Above: Sheep grazing at Conner Prairie's Animal Encounters area.

their food comes from and the vital role agriculture innovation plays in sustainably feeding our world. This partnership delivers on that goal through multiple touch points across our property.

"The new immersive Corteva-sponsored agriculture exhibit inside our reimagined Museum Experience Center will feature interactive storytelling and digital activations, while Corteva's integral role in shaping our future Food, Farm and Energy Experience will create a flagship destination showcasing innovation in food, farming and energy production," she added.

"This collaboration establishes a national benchmark for how museums

and industry leaders can work together to drive education, engagement and environmental stewardship for future generations," she said.

Officials said the multi-dimensional partnership will include: Corteva's continued annual sponsorship of "beloved seasonal activations," including the Corn Maze and Sunflower Field, offering interactive learning opportunities and educational outdoor experiences for all ages, from 2025 through 2036.

Pasquinelli said, "This partnership bridges the gap between those who grow our food and those who consume

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John Deere reports production and precision ag segment net sales down 21 percent

By DOUG SCHMITZ
Iowa Correspondent

MOLINE, Ill. – John Deere & Co. recently reported its second-quarter production and precision agriculture segment net sales were down 21 percent, leading to a 30-percent decline in operating profit for the sector.

Worldwide, the Moline, Ill.-based company reported net sales and revenues decreased 16 percent to \$12.76 billion, for the second quarter, leading to an overall drop of 22 percent, to \$21.27 billion year-to-date, led by a 30-percent decline in construction and forestry, and a 27 percent drop in agricultural sales.

John May, John Deere & Co. chair and CEO, reported 2025 net sales were \$11.17 billion for the quarter and \$17.9 billion for six months, compared with \$13.6 billion and nearly \$25 billion last year, respectively.

He said in a May 15 media statement, however, “As we navigate the current environment, our customers remain our top priority. I’m incredibly proud of our team’s execution this quarter, delivering exceptional performance, despite challenging market dynamics. Their dedication

and hard work have been instrumental in ensuring our customers continue to receive the high-quality service and products they expect from John Deere.”

The report said production and precision agriculture sales decreased for the quarter due to lower shipment volumes. Operating profit decreased due to lower shipment volumes, sales and the unfavorable effects of foreign currency exchange, partially offset by lower production costs and price realization (the difference between the price a company expects to get for its products or services and the actual price it receives).

The report added that small agriculture and turf sales decreased for the quarter because of lower shipment volumes, partially offset by pricing. Operating profit held steady as favorable factors including lower production costs, lower warranty expenses and pricing, were partially offset by lower shipment volumes and sales.

Jen Hartmann, John Deere & Co., global director of strategic public relations and enterprise, told Farm World, “First, farmers remain cautious of large equipment purchases due to higher input costs and the uncertainty due to tariffs.

“Second, we mentioned in our second-quarter report that lower shipments for this segment were down due to demand normalization (the process of adjusting demand data to isolate and understand the effects of specific factors, like price, on overall demand),” she said.

“Previous years showed a strong demand for production and precision agricultural markets, and we are now seeing a normalization in the market conditions,” she added. “Finally, we are seeing some dealer inventory corrections take place. Previous supply chain disruptions caused dealers to stock up on product, and they are now rebalancing inventory to align with where our customers are at.”

Hartmann said farmers will still be able to find ample inventory of new equipment. “In addition, used equipment is likely to remain strong, helping farmers find the machine that best fits their farm,” she said.

For the company’s outlook, the report said net income attributable to John Deere & Co. for fiscal 2025 is forecast to be in a range of \$4.75 billion to \$5.5 billion.

“Despite the near-term market challenges, we remain confident in the future,” May said. “Our commitment to delivering value for our customers includes ongoing investment



Above: When asked how the decline in sales will impact U.S. farmer-customers, Jen Hartmann, John Deere & Co., global director of strategic public relations and enterprise, told Farm World, “While dealers are adjusting inventories, farmers will still find ample availability of new equipment,” adding that “used equipment is likely to remain strong, helping farmers find the machine that best fits their farm.” (Photo courtesy of John Deere & Co.)

in advanced products, solutions, and manufacturing capabilities.

“Over the next decade, we will continue to make significant investments in our core U.S. market, underscoring our dedication to innovation and growth, while focusing on remaining cost-competitive in a global market,” he added.

Conner Prairie

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it. For visitors, it offers engaging, accessible ways to understand modern agriculture and its role in a sustainable future. For farmers, it’s a platform to share their stories, innovations, and challenges with a broader audience.

“Over time, this collaboration will foster greater public appreciation for agriculture, encourage curiosity about where food comes from, and inspire future generations to see farming as both a heritage and a high-tech, forward-looking career path,” she added.

Audrey Grimm, Corteva senior vice president and chief people officer, said, “Conner Prairie is an Indiana treasure and we’re so proud to help support their mission and growth, while giving visitors new and unique experiences.”

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Why it matters

Minerals are involved in nearly every function of a cow's body. From reproduction and immune response to muscle function and milk production, the right minerals in the right amounts keep everything working smoothly.

When cows are short on key minerals like magnesium, phosphorus, copper, selenium, or zinc, you may not see a problem immediately, but make no mistake, problems are brewing. Poor conception rates, weak calves, retained placentas, and lowered immunity are just a few of the hidden costs of a mineral-deficient herd.

Cattle like children, do not “crave” the nutrients where they are deficient. If you ask your kids, “Would you like ice cream or Brussel sprouts with your hamburger? I am pretty sure they will choose ice cream. Cattle only know when they are deficient in Sodium, and that is why we always mix salt (Sodium chloride) with the minerals. Including salt in your mineral mix encourages consistent intake. Without salt, cows may under-consume

BEEF HERD HEALTH

BY W. MARK HILTON, DVM

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Choose the right mix

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Grants help Hoosier students take field trips to state parks

Students at 63 Indiana schools will experience the outdoors during the 2025-26 school year thanks in part to a grant program supporting field trips to Indiana State Parks and other state park-managed properties.

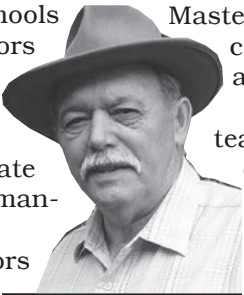
The Discover the Outdoors Field Trip Grant Program is for all K-12 schools and is administered through the Indiana Natural Resources Foundation, the supporting nonprofit of the DNR.

Grants of up to \$500 are awarded to fund transportation costs, program fees, and classroom supplies related to the field trips. A recent gift of \$10,000 from STAR Financial Bank, along with the continued generosity of individual donors, has allowed the program to increase the total dollars distributed again this year.

The program is expected to distribute \$27,691 through 68 grants this year, the largest amount in its existence. An estimated 5,623 K-12 students will benefit.

Since the program's start in 2013, a total of 345 field trip grants have been awarded, giving an estimated 30,800 students the opportunity to visit state parks at a reduced cost to schools and students. With this year's awards, more than \$92,000 in overall funding has been distributed to allow students to visit an Indiana state park for a guided hike or talk with an interpretive naturalist.

The fund was established in memory of Tom Huck, a long-time DNR employee who was an ardent supporter of outdoor experiences for children in parks. In addition to generous individuals, periodic support for the program is provided by the Indiana



SPAULDING OUTDOORS
By Jack Spaulding

Master Naturalist Advisory Council, the Indiana Parks Alliance and the INRF.

"It's exciting to see so many teachers engaging their students with our natural and cultural resources," INRF executive director Jody Kress said. "The grants for field trips funded by generous donors give school children a chance to experience Indiana State Parks, which for many students is the first time."

To donate to the field trip program, visit IndianaNRF.org.

Monon South Trail opens in Salem

On May 30, the Indiana Department of Natural Resources and Radius Indiana celebrated the opening of the next segment of the Monon South Trail in the town of Salem.

The segment runs 3.3 miles south of downtown and includes 2.8 miles of paved surface and 0.5 miles of crushed stone surface. The segment also hosts an original L&N boxcar restored thanks to a matching grant from more than 90 donors and the Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority's (IHCDA) Creating Places program.

"The Monon South Trail is opening new sections at a rapid pace, with the new section in Salem opening just weeks after Borden's trail section opened," said Dale Brier, deputy director of community grants and trails for Indiana State Parks. "At the DNR, we're proud to financially support this trail's construction, which will eventually be Indiana's longest."

Together with previous openings in the towns of Mitchell, Orleans and Borden, the Monon South Trail now has more than 12 miles of trail open

to the public.

With dedicated state funding support, DNR purchased the 62.3-mile Monon South corridor on behalf of New Albany and Radius Indiana for the combined sum of \$5.5 million. DNR granted Radius an additional \$22.3 million to support Phase 1 development, which is expected to be completed by August. The program now offers Hoosiers and visitors alike over 20 miles of hard-surface trail along the historic former Monon Railroad rail line.

Indiana's DNR has led the largest infusion of trails funding in state history with \$180 million in dedicated trail funding administered through DNR facilitates critical trail connections within and between Hoosier communities. With the recent opening, 43 of the 89 projects are com-

plete with another 22 under construction. More than 125 miles of trail have been built since the program's inception.

Brown County State Park celebrates restoration of Peachtree Shelter

The Indiana Department of Natural Resources, Indiana State Parks and the Friends of Brown County State Park celebrated the restoration of the park's historic Peachtree Shelter on June 6.

The Peachtree Shelter was originally constructed by the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) in the 1930s. The young men of the CCC were paid to implement conservation projects and construct facilities in the fledgling state parks during the Great Depression.

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- Added vitamins A, D, and E during the winter.
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I read a research article on the cost-effectiveness of using chelated minerals, and the bottom line was that the more you expect of your cows, the more a chelated mineral mix pays for itself. Again, talk to your veterinarian or nutritionist for recommendations. Most livestock nutrition companies produce excellent products. Let your advisers know your goals so they can suggest a product that fits your needs.

Ask for the research on their products to see if they fit your needs. I called a newer player in the market over a year ago and have also emailed them twice to ask for their research. Their lack of a response tells me something. Go with a proven company that has relevant research on its products.

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Creator of ‘TalkingTractors’ website has passion for vintage tractors

HUTCHINSON, Kan. – Michael Hinton, creator of TalkingTractors.com and founder of Antique Tractor Preservation Day, has an incredible passion and drive for vintage tractors, and it shows in his amazing success.

“I’ve been diligently working to create awareness of Antique Tractor Preservation for well-over 17 years,” Hinton said. “It combines my passion for old tractors, my deep-rooted love for Kansas, which is truly an extended family, our state’s proud agricultural heritage, and my heartfelt appreciation for our country and rural America.

Before establishing Antique Tractor Preservation Day, Hinton took an agricultural path, collecting IH tractors and shelves full of Ertl farm toys, appreciating farming, and learning along the way. His story begins in Newton, Kan., where he was born and raised. His parents had a rural home and hobby farm between Newton and Walton just off highway 50. “Our house was in the middle of four wheat fields. During the summertime and growing up, I saw farming and tractors every day.” That is how his interest in farming began. While he grew up in a small town, from grade



WRENCHING TALES
By Cindy Ladage

school on, he was a country kid. “My now deceased grandfather, John Sadowsky, was a crop farmer that lived in rural Harvey County, Kan., and raised dairy cows. The farming history was on my mom’s side of the family.”

Following his early upbringing in agriculture, Hinton said, “Thirty-five years ago I married my wife, Tonya. Her dad, Lawrence Jury, of Peabody, Kan., has amassed during our lifetime, a collection of eighteen or so Farmall tractors. I took an interest in them and still do today.”

The Hinton family, Michael, his wife Tonya, and daughter Melissa, have lived all throughout the Midwest. “My wife and I married in 1989 we have lived in Kansas, Nebraska, Iowa, Arkansas, Missouri and Minnesota – all career-related moves.

“Now we are blessed to be back home,” he explained, “We bounced around the Midwest, but we knew where our hearts belonged. In the state of Missouri, we had a wonderful country home in West Plains, which sat at the top of a hill, with a winding drive, and a yard full of trees near the Mark Twain National Forest.”

It was at this house that Hinton acquired his first antique tractor.



Above: Michael Hinton with his Farmall.

“My neighbor or someone asked what we were going to mow our property with.” The neighbor explained with the many rocks that were more prominent than grass, they needed something heavy duty, so Hinton purchased a 1949 Farmall Cub tractor with a belly mount mower and a front mounted snow blade. While this started out as a work tractor, that soon changed. “The tractor mowed maybe one time, and I played a bit in the winter with the snow blade. After that we restored it and painted it.” He added, “It was beautiful. I didn’t want to get it dirty or messed up.”

In Missouri, the Hintons felt the pull to expand their Farmall pack.

“With Tonya’s dad back in Kansas we thought he would like this.” Well, one Farmall led to another with the Hintons adding a Farmall H with a bucket loader. “I liked the size and power, then came one more, a Farmall 340 that had a bit more power. The H was a 1942, the Cub a 1949, and the 340 was from the 1960s.” The tractors took precedence. “The cars came out of the garage and tractors went in because we didn’t have a barn.”

Next, Michael needed parts for his Farmall’s, and he added, “In West Plains there wasn’t a lot of IH dealerships in town, so I had to go

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The CCC built several log shelters with shake shingle roofs in the park, including Peachtree; however, Peachtree, which is about a quarter mile from car parking, is the only one exclusively accessed by hiking.

Last year, repairs to the structure were made possible by the generosity of the Friends of Brown County State Park, Brown County Fabulous Fifty Women’s Giving Circle, Brown County Community Foundation, and several private donations.

Child’s body recovered from Syracuse Lake

Indiana Conservation Officers are investigating the drowning of a child on June 1 on Syracuse Lake in Kosciusko County. At 4:45 p.m., Kosciusko County Dispatch received a 911 call about a missing 4-year-old in the 800 block of East North Shore Drive in Syracuse.

Syracuse Police Department officers arrived minutes later, removed the child from beneath a pier in 3 feet of water, and began cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR). The child was transported to Goshen Hospital and pronounced dead at 6:25 p.m.

Preliminary investigation indicates the child wandered from inside a home the child was visiting. After a brief search of the house, a parent of the child called 911 when the child could not be located. The child was believed to have been last seen 20 minutes before being pulled from the water.

Indiana Conservation Officers have preliminarily categorized the death as accidental.

Investigation into drowning of Princeton man

Indiana Conservation Officers were investigating the death of a Princeton man after the boat he was in capsized May 29 on a private lake in Pike County.

Brandon L. King, 49, was fishing about a mile and a half north of the town of Winslow when the Jon boat he was in tipped over. A witness to the accident called for help.

Pike County deputies were able to get King to shore but life saving measures by Pike County Emergency Medical Services were unsuccessful, and he was pronounced dead on the scene. King was not wearing a life jacket at the time of the accident.

The preliminary cause of death has been ruled drowning.

Peru juvenile airlifted after ORV accident

Indiana Conservation Officers were investigating an off-road vehicle

(ORV) accident with injury on June 1 in the town of Peru.

Miami County Dispatch received a 911 call at 3:30 p.m. regarding the incident, which occurred in the 2000 block of North Country Club Road.

Preliminary investigation indicates the side-by-side ORV was being operated by a 10-year-old in a field on private property when the accident occurred. A 13-year-old female passenger in the ORV was looking over the door toward the ground when she fell from the machine and was struck by it. The passenger was conscious when first responders arrived and was airlifted to Riley Children’s Hospital in Indianapolis with head injuries.

Conservation officers urge operators and passengers of ORVs to follow all manufacturers’ safety recommendations and properly use all safety equipment, including seat belts and helmets.

‘till next time,
Jack

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Farm: Craney Family Farm LLC
Auctioneer: Russell D. Harmeyer IN Auct. Lic. #AU10000277,
HRES IN Auct. Lic. #AC69200019, HLS#TML-13117

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INSPECTION DATE:

Thursday, June 5
4:00 pm - 6:00 pm ET

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Wednesday, June 18th, 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm ET

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Auctioneer: Russell D. Harmeyer IN Auct. Lic. #AU10000277, HRES
IN Auct. Lic. #AC69200019, Farm: Cheryl Burge, HLS# SFC-13111

158.251+/-
TOTAL ACRES

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TRACT 2:
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TRACT 3:
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TRACT 4:
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FARM TRACTOR PULL

JUNE 28, 2025

Morgan County Fairgrounds

Martinsville, IN

4:00 PM ANTIQUE TRACTOR PULLS / GARDEN TRACTOR PULLS BEGIN

REGISTRATION BEGINS AT 2:00 PM

7:00 PM FARM TRACTOR PULLS BEGINS

REGISTRATION BEGINS AT 5:00 PM

SOUTHERN INDIANA FARMSTOCK PULLERS ASSOCIATION 2023-2025 RULES

General Rules:

1. Minimum Driver Age: For insurance purposes, drivers must be 16 years of age.

2. Legal Pass: When digital readout is in use, anything over posted limit at any time during hook, results in DQ. Test puller (first puller) must make a legal pass to qualify for rehook. If no digital readout is in use, any blowing of horn after 150 feet, will result in DQ.

3. Test puller may decide to rehook immediately or drop to 6th place in hook order.

4. If sled is reset or class is started over for unknown reason, all pullers that have pulled up to point of sled reset will have the opportunity to rehook.

5. Top 3 tractors subject to reweigh and inspection if so desired by event promoter.

6. Any unsecured part of tractor that falls from tractor, after tractor has been hooked to sled until unhooked from the sled, results in DQ.

7. Mandatory for all tractors to have air shutoff that can be activated by sled operator.

8. Mandatory for all pullers to use seatbelt.

9. Classes to be offered: Naturally aspirated (no turbo), 8 mph, 10 mph, 12 mph, 14, mph, 16 mph. Pull promoter may determine weights of classes. 16 mph cap requirements by SIFPA.

10. If puller goes over MPH at any time during hook, puller is allowed to finish the hook.

11. If any part of tractor goes over chalkline, pull will result in DQ. This includes front or rear tractor tire touching the chalkline, automatic DQ.

Exhaust:

1. Straight exhaust, NO curved stacks. Cross bolts required.

Frame:

1. No component chassiss.

2. No suspension front ends.

3. Wheelie bars are required.

4. Rollbars are required in 2024 pulling season for protection of driver.

Front Weight Bracket:

1. Front weight bracket may extend 13 feet max measured from center of rear axle (excludes tow hook)

Fuel:

1. Stock fuel for make and model. NO pressurized containers (nitrous propane, CO2, alcohol). First offense results in DQ of event. Second offense results in DQ for 1 year.

Hitch:

1. Max hitch height is 20 inches. Angle of hitch not to exceed 15 degrees. Hitch no less than 18 inches from center of rear axle to hitch point. Hole diameter 3x3.5 inches. Drawbar thickness may not exceed 2 inches.

2. No floating hitches, hitch must be constructed in a way that hitch is not allowed to move freely in any direction after tech inspection.

RPM:

1. 3000 RPM limit. Working RPM sensor is required with single magnet pickup, along with a twisted wire and molded end for RPM readout.

2. If the box is not in use or is considered defective during pulling event class by committee, paying places are subject to a dead rev with a working RPM box, or photo tack.

Tires:

1. Max tire limit is 20.8x38.

2. Max rear tire width is 96 inches outside to outside measurement.

3. Top cuts allowed (no alteration to front edge of tire). Double cuts allowed in P pump open classes only.

4. No dual tires.

5. Ag tires only.

Turbo:

1. Single turbo, no multiple turbos.

Weights:

1. Weights must be secured. Any falling weight while tractor is hooked to the sled results in DQ.

Protest:

1. Individual or group of individuals may protest a tractor that they suspect is in violation of rules. Must be specific on which rule they are protesting. Fee for protest is \$250. If tractor passes, driver keeps the fee. If tractor does not pass, then fee is returned to those protesting. Driver is then disqualified from event. The tractor is then subject to reinspection at next pull before being allowed to compete. First offense: DQ'd from event. Second offense: DQ'd for 1 year. During protest inspection, driver and protester, along with 3rd person (committee member) to be present. Failure to comply to protest results in DQ.

Rules will be locked in for 3 years.

SEE WEBSITE FOR ALL CLASS INFO AND RULES

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Top 25

Best of Show

Best Motor

Best Paint

Best Interior

Best Motorcycle

Best Truck

Best Rat Rod

Best Lowrider

Best 2000s

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Best 70s

Best 60s

Best 50s

Best Pre 50s, 1949 and older

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FRIDAY, JUNE 27th		7:00 AM Registration and Set-up Opens	
Food Opens at 8 AM Served All Day		8:00 AM Vintage Swap Meet Opens / Car Show & Judging Begins	
7:00 AM Registration and Set-up Opens		9:00 AM Opening Ceremonies All Vendors and Exhibits Open/Farmers Market Opens	
8:00 AM Hoosier Vintage Swap Meet Opens		10:00 AM Working Exhibit Demonstration / Motorcycle Ride Leaves Fairgrounds / Touch A Truck / Tractor Begins	
9:00 AM Opening Ceremonies All Vendors & Exhibits Open		11:00 AM REMC Demonstration	
10:00 AM Working Exhibit Demonstration		12 NOON Straw Search For Kids / Humane Society Adoption Event Opens	
11:00 AM REMC Demonstration		12:30 PM Kids Pedal Tractor Pull Registration Opens	
1:00 PM Tractor Dyno Opens		1:00 PM Kids Tractor Pedal Pulls/Farmers Market Ends	
2:00 PM Working Exhibit Demonstration		2:00 PM Working Exhibit Demonstration / Pet Adoption Ends / Touch A Truck / Tractor Begins	
3:00 PM Tractor Games		3:00 PM Car Show Ends	
4:00 PM Skillt Toss/Nail Driving Contest		4:00 PM Antique Tractor Pulls / Garden Tractor Pulls Begin	
5:00 PM Working Exhibit Demonstration/Cruise-in Opens		5:00 PM Working Exhibit Demonstration	
6:00 PM Tom Fiddlerly at the Gazebo		6:00 PM Tom Fiddlerly at the Gazebo	
9:00 PM Cruise-in Ends		7:00 PM Tractor Pulls Begin / Southern Indiana Farm Stock Pullers Association / Semis	
		SUNDAY, JUNE 29th	
		Food Opens at 8 AM Served All Day	
		7:00 AM Breakfast	
		8:30 AM Church Service	
		10:00 AM Slow Tractor Drive / Working Exhibit Demonstration	
		1:00 PM Auction Begins	
		We will also be at the Morgan Co. Fair July 6th-12th!	

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Increasing milk production is being linked to expanding herd

The USDA announced the May Federal order Class III milk price at \$18.57 per hundred-weight (cwt.), up \$1.09 from April, and 2 cents above May 2024. That put the five-month average at \$19.04, up from \$16.33 a year ago, and compares to \$17.99 in 2023. Wednesday's futures portended a June price at \$18.71 and a peak of \$19.26 in September before heading back down.

The May Class IV price is \$18.13, up 21 cents from April, but 2.37 below a year ago. Its five-month average stands at \$18.98, down from \$19.99 a year ago, and compares to \$18.66 in 2023.



MIELKE MARKET WEEKLY
By Lee Mielke

Federal market order reform changes go into effect in June and, as StoneX put it: "For the first time in modern history the barrel cheese price will have no impact on the National Dairy Product Sales Report weekly/monthly pricing. With a flip of the calendar, the Cheese futures contract is now a block cheese futures contract."

The May 30 Daily Dairy Report says the changes also included increased make allowances for processors and a return to the "higher of" Class III or IV milk price for Class I values. "Bottlers will pay producers based on updated geographic premiums, known as 'location differentials' meant to adjust for regional imbalances in the supply and demand of fresh milk. The new Class III formula will also assume that processors recover 91 percent of the butterfat in milk through the cheese making process, up from 90 percent previously," according to the DDR.

"Milk pricing formulas will change once again in December," the DDR adds, "When standardized component levels rise to better reflect the massive increase in butterfat, protein, and milk solids levels in the U.S. milk."

Speaking in the June 9 Dairy Radio Now broadcast, StoneX broker Dave Kurzawski said the impact of the changes on dairy producers will be on a case-by-case basis, depending on location. The factor he's most interested in is the impact of the removal of the barrel cheese price from the milk price equation. Barrel will still be traded, he said, but will its removal

impact CME trading?

Meanwhile, dairy margins were flat to slightly stronger over the last half of May as movements in the milk and feed markets were largely offsetting, according to the latest Margin Watch (MW) from Chicago-based Commodity and Ingredient Hedging LLC. "The milk market continues to recover as strong domestic and export demand counteracts rising milk production," the MW stated.

The MW detailed the April Milk Production report, which I reported previously, stating that April saw the largest year-over-year gain since August 2022.

It was also the fourth consecutive month of increasing production, relative to the prior year, and the MW credited an expanding herd which was the largest reported since mid-2021, except for a single month in March 2023. The MW also detailed the April Cold Storage report which showed the butter inventory was below a year ago for the first time 15 months. "Fat tests increased to 4.36 percent in March, up 0.09 percent from a year ago, which suggests that strong demand was responsible. U.S. butter commands a \$1.26 per pound advantage to European butter after adjusting for fat levels which is helping to support exports," the MW stated. "Cheese inventories saw the 14th consecutive monthly decline but the smallest year-over-year difference in over 12 months."

Another drop in the All Milk Price, a higher corn price, and a rise in hay pulled the latest milk feed price lower again. The USDA's Ag Prices report shows the April ratio at 2.27, down from 2.46 in February, and compares to 2.13 a year ago.

The All Milk Price averaged \$21 per cwt. in April, with a 4.32 percent butterfat test, down \$1 from March which had a 4.36 test, and compares to \$20.40 in April 2024, with a 4.24 percent test.

The national corn price averaged \$4.62 per bushel, up a nickel from March, and 23 cents above a year ago. Soybeans averaged \$10.20 per bushel, unchanged from March, but \$1.60

(Mielke continued on page 14B)

BERTSCH ESTATE AUCTION

SATURDAY, JUNE 21, 10:00 AM

6591 S. COUNTY ROAD 875 E.
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TRACTOR / TRUCK / TOOLS: 464 International Harvester w/DL loader, '93 Chevrolet 1500 Pickup 5.7l engine, Miller/Bobcat portable welder generator, Gehl skid steer loader (not running), large selection of Craftsman Tools, 12 in Delta wood planer, stacked Craftsman toolbox, Craftsman 4½" vise, DR walk-behind Bush Hog, Craftsman 12hp Riding mower, 6 hp Troy-Bilt Econohorse tiller,

6ft. spike tooth harrow, Ag Tech pull behind yard vac, multiple yard tools, rakes, shovels, etc, scrap iron and much more.
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19 FARM EQUIPMENT. Vigo County, IN. Contact Andy Walther 765-969-0401.

22 PERSONAL PROPERTY - TIMED ONLINE ONLY. Allen County, IN. Contact Stephanie Swinehart 260-433-8117.

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29 PERSONAL PROPERTY - TIMED ONLINE ONLY. Whitley County, IN. Contact Phil Wolfe 260-248-1191.

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Saturday, June 21, 2025 @ 10am est.

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AUCTIONEER'S NOTE: Brad Neuhart Auctioneers have been entrusted by the Kormos family to sell the Al Kormos Collection – a fantastic assortment of vintage tractors, equipment and related memorabilia. Al was a passionate collector who cherished his family and his extensive collection of agricultural artifacts. This auction will be held live, in-person and on-site in Belleville, MI. We will be offering LIVE online bidding on select items at www.bradneuhart.com. This auction presents a rare opportunity to acquire pieces from a cherished collection. Whether you're an avid collector or a newcomer to the world of vintage tractors, the Al Kormos Collection offers something special for everyone. Family will host an preview to view items on Saturday June 14, 2025 from 1p - 4p.

TRACTORS: 1924 Waterloo Boy N - SN 30395 - Runs, Restored in the 1990's; 1963 John Deere 110 w/ Mower and Snowblower - SN 2958; Unstyled John Deere L - SN 621296 (Good Tag); John Deere 3020 D - 7500 hrs., NF, Diff Lock; John Deere 1070 - 1200 hrs., Loader, 4wd; John Deere G - SN 23463; John Deere 50 w/ 3pt.; (2) John Deere MT's; John Deere M; John Deere 420c w/ Blade - 5 Roller; John Deere MC w/ Blade; John Deere R; John Deere H; John Deere L; John Deere D w/ Elect. Start, Lights, Hyd.; John Deere A; John Deere B; Gibson Model D; Gibson Model SD; (4) Allis Chalmers G Tractors; Several Economy Tractors; Custom Ford 8n Garden Tractor; MF Lawn Tractors; Farmall Cub and MORE

TRUCK: Ford Model T Pickup

EQUIPMENT: John Deere 30 Combine - NICE Orig.; RARE M3B 2 Way Mtd. Plow (M/MT); MM SH 1R Picker; John Deere BW 11' Disk; 10' Brillion Cultimulcher; Gravity Wagon; John Deere 494A Planter; John Deere 3pt. 3b Plow; IH 1pt. FH Planter; JD M Mtd. Plow, Spring Tooth and More Attachments; LOTS of Allis Chalmers G Attachments; John Deere 3pt. Blade; IH 1 pt. FH Plow; John Deere 80 Cart; John Deere Corn Sheller and MUCH MORE

PARTS: Wagon load of Two Cylinder parts incl. NOS and Sheet Metal; L&G Parts; Hyd. Cylinders;

OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST: Grasshopper 721D Zero Turn - Diesel, 61" Deck, Catcher - NICE; Custom Gooseneck Dump Trailer; Parade Banner Trailer; FARM FRESH ANTIQUES; Ford Model T Parts; Lincoln SP135T Mig Welder; 60 gal. Air Compressor; Sandblasting Cabinet; Steel Workbench; Huskee 27 Ton Log Splitter; MUCH MORE



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Above: Example of tractors on display outside of the post office.

Wrenching

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to Springfield, Mo., or purchase online.” This got old so Hinton thought, “There has to be a better way, so I put together my first website, TheAntiqueTractorShow.com, as a resource center, then I started taking pictures and joined the Cabool, Mo., Antique Tractor Club, which is the Ozarks Older Iron Tractor Club.”

At the time he joined, he was working for a longarm quilting machine company, and he got involved with the Ozarks Tourism Board. The president of the board expressed to him that the city would like to do an antique tractor show; so, the Ozarks Older Iron Club got involved. To make this a big event, Hinton said, “I wrote the governor because I was on tourism board and wanted to encourage others in the state to come to West Plains.”

His letter succeeded. “Jeremiah Wilson ‘Jay’ Nixon was the governor then and now is a partner with an attorney office in St. Louis, Mo. We still stay in touch. He gave us a proclamation for Antique Preservation Day for that first-year event. The proclamation was for a day in the middle of the week, but that day led to one, two, and three years of consecutive shows. The governor gave us a proclamation each year, and we moved the show downtown.”

That move expanded the interest, with the courthouse downtown where local merchants were excited about having a show that would bring people to the historic town square. Reaching out to Orion Samuelson in the second year, Michael shared that they were putting on a tractor show and hoping for some publicity. “On the morning of tractor show a gentleman came up and said Orion Samuelson had just announced the tractor show on air. I had the recording for the longest time, but recently the link

expired. Orion made a mention of the tractor show and said, ‘If you have an opportunity, go to West Plains, Mo., to see the show.’”

Life and career caught up with Hinton, and his tractors got put on the back burner when he and Tonya moved from Missouri to Minnesota, despite taking the three tractors with them. Then, with more moves, they had to sell the tractors until they eventually were able to get back home to Kansas. “Five years ago, we moved home, and I joined an Agribusiness software development company, serving as director of sales and marketing.”

After returning home, the desire returned to being involved with tractors again. “I got back home and never lost my passion for tractors, so I created www.TalkingTractors.com.” In less than a year’s time, the site has grown to over 21 pages with the help of his webmaster daughter. “While I started Antique Tractor Preservation Day in Missouri, it’s relevant that its inspiration and roots began in Kansas and is its official home.”

Hinton’s plans include continued participation in and support from the Great Plans Antique Tractor Club, who are members of EDGE-TA, which stands for National Early Day Gas Engine and Tractor Association. EDGETA has chapter branches that blanket the U.S. Hinton said the point is to bring awareness to antique tractors and rural America’s agriculture heritage.

Hinton said Antique Tractor Preservation Day has become an honorary Kansas House legislature resolution. “It is now an annual event. It is still on the governor’s books to do a proclamation, but it is now firmly a Kansas Day, and that makes my heart feel good.”

Preservation Day is Aug. 22, 2025, in Hutchinson, Kan., and in additional communities in partnership.

LAND AUCTION



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