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Vietnam pledges to purchase \$2 billion in US agricultural goods

By DOUG SCHMITZ lowa Correspondent

DES MOINES, Iowa – Iowa agricultural officials welcomed over 50 members of the Vietnamese trade delegation to the Iowa State Capitol June 2 for the signing of five memoranda of understanding (MOU) between the Vietnamese feed industry and U.S. private companies.

The delegation pledged to purchase \$2 billion in U.S. agricultural goods, including corn, soybeans, distiller's dried grains with solubles (DDGs), wheat, meat and timber, officials said.

H.E. Do Duc Duy, Vietnam minister of agriculture and environment; Mike Naig, Iowa agriculture secretary; and Ralph Lents, Iowa Corn Promotion Board (ICPB) president, remarked on two of the MOUs that were signed specific to corn and DDGS, equaling 900,000 metric tons of U.S. corn, and 250,000 metric tons of U.S. DDGs.

Officials said the move will focus on increasing trade of U.S. grains, including corn. Of the \$2 billion in total value, \$800 million has been pledged to Iowa farm goods, according to Naig.

"This is a clear sign that international buyers continue to see value, reliability, and opportunity in Iowa agriculture," he said. "I'm proud of the work we're doing to build markets for Iowa's high quality ag products, and to grow our rural economy through global partnerships."

Sydney Garrett, Iowa Corn Growers Association public relations manager, told Farm World, "Vietnam has risen to become the United States' 10th largest agricultural export market, with total exports reaching \$3.44 billion in 2024, representing a compound average growth of 4.3 percent since 2015. In 2022 alone, Iowa companies exported \$227 million in agricultural goods to Vietnam."



Above: Randy Miller (pictured), a Lacona, lowa, farmer, told the Vietnamese trade delegation, "When you choose to buy U.S. soybeans, you're investing in more than just a commodity; you're investing in the trust and reliability that comes with it." (Photo courtesy of the lowa Soybean Association)

Lents said, "Vietnam is a strategic trading partner with the United States, and is a top importer of DDGs. This event showcased an increased commitment from Vietnam to purchase more agricultural products, and reinforce the strong partnership between our countries. Iowa is the top corn-producing state, and we are happy to serve as host to our important trade partners."

In conjunction with the U.S. Grains Council, the ICPB has been actively engaged in Vietnam for the past two years as they have evaluated the potential for ethanol in their country, officials said.

ICPB officials said in a June 2 media statement that this included hosting a high-level government delegation in lowa last summer, showcasing the benefits of using ethanol: "If Vietnam moves to a nationwide E10 mandate across all grades of gasoline, this will be a huge win for Iowa's corn farmers."

Randy Miller, a Lacona, Iowa, farmer, and a U.S. Soybean Export Council Board member, told the delegation, "When you choose to buy U.S. soybeans, you're investing in more than just a commodity; you're investing in the trust and reliability that comes with it."

Currently, the Vietnam government is exploring the expansion of its E5 RON92 (a type of biofuel that contains up to 5 percent ethanol, and has a Research Octane Number – or RON – of 92) mandate to all grades of gasoline, ICPB officials said. They added that this change would mean an additional 200 million gallons of new ethanol demand potential.

In addition, the Vietnam Ministry of Industry & Trade, the key policymak-

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Above: A parade featuring antique tractors was just one of the events at the annual Egg Festival held in Mentone, Ind., on June 7. The town, founded in 1882, is the self-proclaimed "Egg Basket of the Midwest" because of prolific commercial egg production in the area. Photo by Leondia Walchle

High-flavonoid corn feed reduces necrotic enteritis in poultry

By Hayley Lalchand Ohio correspondent

UNIVERSITY PARK, Pa. – High-flavonoid corn feed, developed by Penn State University and dubbed PennHFD, reduces the incidence of intestinal disease in broiler chickens, research shows.

Necrotic enteritis (NE) is an intestinal disease caused by an overgrowth of Clostridium perfringens Type A and C, a type of bacteria. Cofactors like predisposing dietary ingredients, such as high levels of non-starch polysaccharides and high levels of animal protein, and coccidia parasites interact with Clostridium perfringens to generate NE. The disease primarily affects broiler chickens between the ages of two and five weeks, with a mortality rate as high as 30 percent in untreated flocks. Researchers estimate the global cost of the disease is \$2-\$6 billion annually.

"A while ago, it was possible to use antibiotics that were very, very effective (at treating NE) and it's still possible, but people are choosing not to use antibiotics for their chicken production so the consumer receives antibiotic-free products," said Gino Lorenzoni, associate professor of poultry science and avian health at Penn State. "For that reason, this bacterial disease became way more prevalent."

As such, researchers have been investigating alternative treatments, mostly in the form of natural additives. Surinder Chopra, professor of maize genetics at Penn State, approached Lorenzoni about a high-flavonoid corn line that showed efficacy in reducing disease in experiments using mice.

Lorenzoni and his group have conducted and published several research studies demonstrating the efficacy of Penn-HFD in reducing NE in broiler chickens.

In a study of 400 broiler chickens with NE, birds fed a PennHFD-based diet had a 48 percent lower incidence of intestinal lesions and a 23 percent lower mortality rate compared to birds fed a commercial corn-based diet. Researchers also saw a boost in performance, Lorenzoni added. Birds fed PennHFD showed higher body weight gain and a better feed-conversion ratio.

"One of the thoughts behind feeding natural ingredients is that we can either kill the bacteria or suppress the multiplication of the parasite, or influence the microbiota somehow. We can also modulate the immune response and inflammation," Lorenzoni said. "We've been trying to determine which system this corn feed is influencing."

It's difficult to pinpoint exactly how flavonoids work, Lorenzoni said. He first hypothesized that the high-flavonoid corn feed was modulating inflammation, leading to decreased disease. However, his microbiota research has shown that the feed impacts the composition of the microbiome, which can lead to many other effects, Lorenzoni added. Other research has shown that when chick ens are fed PennHFD, the bacteria that cause NE are less capable of colonizing the surface of the intestine, and there is a lower relative abundance of the bacteria that cause NE. However, Lorenzoni said that the feed likely has a multifactorial impact on the birds, meaning that other bodily systems could be involved.

The group is also working on understanding how flavonoids impact oxidative stress, which can lead to cell damage, at the intestinal level. Lorenzoni's lab also studies coccidiosis, or cocci, a parasitic infection that destroys the lining of poultry intestines. Lorenzoni and

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Above: lowa Agriculture Secretary Mike Naig (front and center) met with lowa agriculture leaders and a 50-person Vietnamese trade delegation at the lowa State Capitol June 2, where the delegation signed five memorandums of understanding, totaling \$2 billion in pledged purchases of U.S. agricultural goods (photo courtesy of the lowa Corn Growers Association).

Vietnam

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er and regulator for fuel in Vietnam, is working toward a nationwide E10 mandate for the policy expansion, aiming to finalize a policy decision in 2025, officials added.

Do Duc Duy said the U.S. is a promising partner for Vietnam's agriculture, forestry and fisheries sectors.

"It's good to export high-quality agricultural, forestry, and fishery products to the U.S., especially plywood," he said. "Second, to build sustainable cooperation areas in agriculture, including farming machinery, livestock post-harvest technology, and tech transfer.

"Vietnam is one of the countries taking global action in producing rice, coffee, cashew nuts and other products like shrimp," he added. "We're expanding capacity to transform quality and develop sustainable agriculture. Therefore, both sides can complement each other, developing fixed and clearly bilateral agricultural value chains."

According to the Ohio Agribusiness Association, the Vietnamese trade delegation visited Columbus, Ohio, June 4, to sign a series of MOUs with U.S. agricultural leaders.

"Food and agriculture are Ohio's number one industry, and we depend on our farmers to fuel our economy, and support the global food supply," said Brian Baldridge, Ohio Department of Agriculture director, told the Vietnamese trade delegation. "We're proud to work alongside our agricultural partners to strengthen international connections, and create new opportunities for farmers, agribusinesses, and rural communities."

Poultry

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his team are interested in the interaction between cocci infection and PennHFD.

"(PennHFD) could be a gamechanger," he said. "I mean, you don't have to add anything (to the poultry's diet). You just add a different variety of corn – it's an all-in-one intervention. It would be fantastic to have a solution like this available for our farmers."

To that end, Scott Welsh, managing partner at Fieldstone Innovations LLC, has been working with the College of Agricultural Sciences at Penn State to evaluate the high-flavonoid corn lines and feed for commercial potential. High-flavonoid corn has two profitable routes: Chopra and his group have demonstrated its ability to combat corn pests, while Lorenzoni and his group have demonstrated its ability to prevent infections in birds. However, Welsh said that having

high-flavonoid corn lines and products on the market is realistically five years out.

"We need to validate that the combination of productivity in the field (agronomic traits and yield) and performance in poultry (feed efficiency, wealth benefits) of the high-flavonoid corn justifies a new corn supply chain," Welsh said in an email. "We think organic markets may be the first market segment because of the potential for flavonoids to provide insect and disease suppression in the field and the limits on antibiotics in the birds."

Currently, Welsh is speaking with poultry integrators and corn genetics companies to explore commercial relationships. Chopra and his lab are evaluating hybrid crosses to determine the best genetic backgrounds to support high flavonoid traits. Lorenzoni and his lab will continue to refine feed strategies to optimize the benefits of using high-flavonoid corn.

Illinois legislature passes bill to change license requirements for applicators

By TIM ALEXANDER
Illinois Correspondent

BLOOMINGTON, Ill. — A bill passed late in the spring session of the 104th Illinois General Assembly would change the renewal requirements for professional crop applicators within the state. Senate Bill 783, which amends the Illinois Pesticide Act, will allow licensed applicators to extend their licenses with the completion of continuing education requirements. Currently, the state's 36,000 licensed applicators have to take an in-person proficiency exam every three years.

"It's very common for farms across the state to employ temporary help during planting and harvesting season, and we want to ensure these workers are able to operate equipment critical to the farm's success," said Illinois State Representative Amy Briel, a Democrat from Illinois' 76th District, which encompasses a largely rural area of north-central Illinois including Peru and Ottawa.

Kevin "KJ" Johnson, executive director of the Illinois Fertilizer and Chemical Association (IFCA), said in a video message to members that the bill, an IFCA initiative, represents the most significant legislation to affect applicators in quite some time.

"This will allow all of our applicators here in the state of Illinois and in the future to take continuing education credits to keep up their license," Johnson said of SB 783, which sailed through the Illinois Senate 50-4 and the state House 116-0.

"We have heard loud and clear from all our members and all the applicators in the state of Illinois that they would like to have this option. This option now moves to the governor's desk for his signature. We do think he will sign this bill," he added.

The bill advanced out of the House Ag Committee by a 9-0 vote on May 29 after advancing through the Senate Ag Committee on May 9. It was approved by both Illinois chambers on the spring session's final day, May 31. The legislation allows the Illinois Department

of Agriculture to adopt rules regarding implementation and oversight of the continuous credit program, which will be offered to applicators only after passing their initial 100-question, in-person exam.

Johnson said the switch to continuing credits from an in-person exam will allow applicators to gain more knowledge about the products they are spraying along with current regulations affecting their trade. "There is still a lot of stuff to get done with rulemaking, but we are well on our way to getting continuous education credits here in the state of Illinois," he said, adding that applicators with questions about the new regulation can call the IFCA office at (309) 827-2774.

SB 783 was sponsored by Sen. David Koehler (D-Peoria) and co-sponsored by three other Democratic lawmakers and Rep. Jason Bunting, the sole Republican sponsor. It will take effect on January 1; however, the continuous credit system is not anticipated to be ready for the switch until 2027.

"I'm pleased to work on this bicameral, bipartisan legislation which will uplift our farm families who've sustained our food supply for generations," said Briel. "Expanding this license availability is essential to maintain the efficiency and prosperity of Illinois farms."

Another bill touted by the IFCA, SB 849, directs that Class B commercial driver's licenses for farm-related service industries shall be available for a seasonal period or periods not to exceed a total of 210 (rather than 180) days in any 12-month period. The measure passed unanimously out of the state Senate and advanced to the House Transportation Committee in April.

Sponsored by state Sen. Patrick Joyce, a Democrat from Dixon, the bill passed both legislative chambers on May 30 behind the sponsorship of 16 other Democrats and three Republicans.

Illinois Governor JB Pritzker has 90 days from the date of both bills' passage to sign them into law.

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Eyes on Ohio as potential corn acreage remained unplanted

We are starting to hear more talk of acreage shifting from corn to soybeans due to wet fields and planting delays, mainly in the Eastern Corn Belt. The state most interest is focused on is Ohio, where nearly 1 million corn acres remained unplanted when the state reached its prevent plant insurance date. With a depressed corn market, many farmers are expected to opt for insurance payments rather than try to force a high-price

rather than try to force a high-priced corn crop into the ground. Reports from Tennessee and Kentucky indicate the same conditions, as is a pocket of area in Southern Illinois and Indiana. Given these conditions, analysts are starting to not only doubt current acreage estimates but also the lofty U.S. corn yield estimate as well.

Soybean crush margins are starting to see market interest. The current crush margin on soybeans has been ranging from \$1.30 to \$1.40 per bushel for the past several weeks. Crush margins for the deferred months are much better, ranging from \$1.75 to \$1.85, and up to \$1.90 per bushel. Optimism on future biodiesel production and demand are behind the elevated crush returns. Even if the government biodiesel blending target for 2026 comes in at 4.6 billion gallons instead of the 5.2 billion gallons that was hoped for, it will still be an increase from this year.

Chinese import data showed the country took in a record 13.9 million metric tons of soybeans in the month of May. This was a sharp reversal from the record low 6.1 mmt of soybeans

China imported in April. Improved flow at China's import terminals was the primary reason for the higher number. Year-to-date Chinese soybean imports now total 37.1 mmt, down 0.7 percent from last year's pace.

China also imported 513,000 mt of meat in May, a steady volume from April. Year-to-date Chinese meat imports total 2.7 mmt, a 100,000 mt decline from

last year's pace.

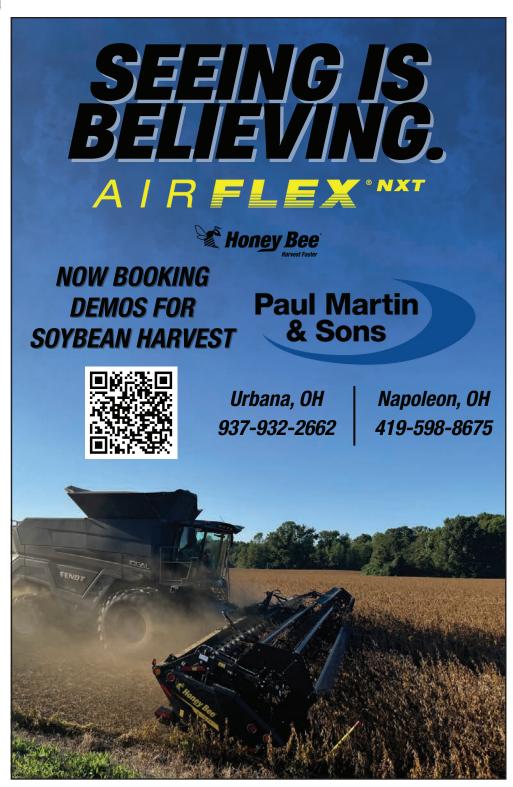
MARKET ANALYSIS

By Karl Setzer

Trade is becoming increasingly concerned with the lack of new crop export commitments from China. At the present time China has no U.S. corn, soybean, or wheat purchases for delivery. This really is not as surprising nor as negative as it appears. China is not a primary U.S. corn importer, even when they do make purchases. China's slow acceptance of GMO corn has long kept U.S. trade to a minimum. China also tends to source the majority of its wheat from Russia and the Black Sea region. China is a primary U.S. soybean trade partner but typically does not start buying new crop U.S. soybeans until late summer. If we do not see Chinese business within the next few weeks, trade will start to become more nervous.

A factor that has slowed U.S. trade with all partners, outside of tariffs, is the volatility we are seeing in the U.S. dollar. Many import buyers are now showing more interest in extending coverage when the dollar weakens, not necessarily when futures break. The

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dollar has posted wide swings in recent weeks, and these have coincided with windows elevated demand. Elevated volatility in the dollar is also causing ebbs and flows with foreign selling, especially out of South America.

Brazilian farmer selling has started to increase. One reason for this is currency exchange rates and the rebound that we saw in the U.S. dollar, which does favor foreign selling. A bigger reason is grain storage is becoming tight in Brazil. Brazilian farmers just wrapped up the harvest of a record-sized soybean crop and logistic issues caused a slow start to the country's export program.

Now many of the country's storage facilities are full and need to be emptied as the safrinha harvest is getting underway. Expectations for a larger safrinha crop than initially thought will require even more storage. These Brazilian soybeans, and some of the country's first corn crop, are now being pushed into the global market, slowing demand for U.S. offers.

China has started booking soybeans from Brazil for 2026 shipment. China booked a reported 18 vessels of soybeans from Brazil this past week, and 12 of these are for next year. China now has 3 mmt of Brazil soybeans booked for delivery for February, March and April of 2026. China has also booked a sizable volume of soy meal for this period. The ability to lock in favorable margins is a primary reason for

this coverage, which is not uncommon as that is when Brazil typically starts their new crop export program.

Several meat industry groups from South America visited China recently. Argentina was one of these who signed an agreement with China to promote beef trade. Argentina is 21 percent of China's import business, but China is 74 percent of Argentine exports. This makes it critical for Argentina to maintain Chinese relations.

Groups from Brazil have also visited China to try and expand beef trade. Data from the Sitonia group shows Brazil was 47 percent of China's beef imports in 2024 despite trade differences. By comparison, the US has a 5 percent Chinese beef market share.

China's total beef demand is down 10.5 percent this year from last as the country's economy remains stagnant and diets have started to change.

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Wilmington College freshman interns with Central Ohio Farm Bureau

By Mike Tanchevski Ohio Correspondent

COLUMBUS, Ohio – Central Ohio Farm Bureau summer intern Kassandra Simmons developed an early interest in agriculture. The 2024 West Jefferson High School graduate grew up surrounded by a strong agricultural community and a love for the outdoors.

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"I always loved fishing, going out to the woods, going kayaking, all that stuff, so that kind of sparked my interest toward animals," Simmons said.

Since her high school did not offer ag classes, she created her own agriculture experiences by working on a farm, participating in 4-H, and raising and showing goats.

"I was an active member of the Fairfield Rascals 4-H Club, where I raised

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and showed Boer goats," Simmons said. In addition to 4-H, she worked on a horse farm, served as senior class president and played basketball and softball in high school.

Simmons's desire for a career rooted in agriculture led her to Wilmington College, where she just completed her freshman year, majoring in agribusiness with a minor in accounting. Wilmington College is one of the few small schools in Ohio that offers agriculture degrees.

"I like the opportunities and benefits they provide, and it feels like you're at home," Simmons said. "There are so many ways to get involved and handson experiences that that's really what I wanted and that's what I've gotten out of it so far."

On campus, Simmons is involved in multiple organizations, including Gamma Beta Eta Lil Sis, Collegiate Farm Bureau, Aggies and Collegiate 4-H, the Agricultural Education Society, and the Ag Communicators of Tomorrow.

These groups gave her the opportunity to build her professional capacity and make connections with others who share her passion for agriculture. "It's all about networking with the right people," Simmons said.

During her first year, she assisted with the Horse Judging Career Development Event at the National FFA Convention in October and attended the Agriculture Future of America (AFA) Leaders Conference in Kansas City, Mo., in November.

Her campus memberships gave her the chance to get hands-on experience at local events too.

"As part of Aggies and Collegiate 4-H and we host the livestock judging conference each year in Clark County, where thousands of kids come and judge livestock, plants, chickens, horses, whatever you can think of, they're judging there, and we help with that," she said.

Simmons is preparing to work in the business side of agriculture after col-



Above: Central Ohio Farm Bureau summer intern Kassandra Simmons is working with Delaware, Franklin, Madison and Union Counties.

lege, while living on her own farm.

"I want to be a loan officer because I'm a minor in accounting too, so I want to help farmers in that way," she said. "I want to be an advocate for farmers, help them with their land, and then eventually get my real estate license to help buy back farmland for farmers, and then I would have my farm."

While she applied for several summer internships, it was her mom who encouraged Simmons to apply for the Ohio Farm Bureau summer internship.

"I was just trying to get internships, stay on top of things, and head in the right direction for school," she said. "I came across the Ohio Farm Bureau application, my mom sent it to me. So, I applied, had an interview, waited a couple of weeks, and got a call back."

As an intern, Simmons does social media posts, helps with event set-up, and participates in events. "We just did a blood drive and I donated blood for the first time," she said.

Simmons is also working on a member spotlight project, where she travels to meet with different farm bureau board members.

"I've been traveling out there asking them questions about their life, how they got involved in farm bureau, what they farm, all that kind of stuff," she said. "I was with John Hummel, who's our Franklin County president. I got to interview with him in his tractor while he was planting his beans – it's been fun."

The internship with Central Ohio Farm Bureau started in mid-May and runs through the middle of August, when she returns to Wilmington. Central Ohio Farm Bureau serves Delaware, Franklin, Madison and Union counties.

Simmons is happy and grateful for the internship opportunity, as she pointed out in her Ohio Farm Bureau press release. "I would like to thank the Central Ohio Farm Bureaus for this incredible opportunity to develop my skills further and contribute to the agricultural community. I'm truly looking forward to a meaningful and impactful summer."

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Texas A&M study looks at infertility in broiler chickens

By Hayley Laichand **Ohio correspondent**

COLLEGE STATION, Texas - Projections indicate that hatchability rates for broilers could decrease to approximately 60 percent by 2050 without corrective action, a new analysis conducted by the Department of Poultry Science at Texas A&M University finds.

Historically, fertility has been one of the main drivers of how the broiler industry has grown, said Giri Athrey, associate professor at Texas A&M.

"(Fertility) has been a concern and something people have studied intensively since the 1980s," he said. "Infertility has been more of a recent incidence, I would say, in the last 25 years. I think you start seeing in the (research) literature different concerns voiced about it in the last two decades."

Several decades ago, most fertility research focused on characterizing fertility traits and optimizing fertility management. As demand for poultry products increased over the years, the industry improved its ability to produce large birds rapidly through

selective breeding.

However, chicken infertility made headlines in 2014. Aviagen Group, a global poultry breeding company that develops pedigree lines for broiler chickens and turkeys, reported that it had discovered a key breed of rooster, the standard Ross male, had a genetic issue that reduced its fertility. Reuters reported that the company acknowledged a change to the breeds' genetics made the birds sensitive to being overfed, which may have led to decreased fertility. Seventeen percent of Aviagen hens failed to hatch chicks, up from its previously reported 15 percent.

In the months following the announcement, U.S. poultry prices reached record-high levels. At the time, Ross male birds were the sires of about 25 percent of the chickens consumed in America. Aviagen Group responded to the issue by replacing the Ross male with a different breed, and the issue quietly resolved itself without much fanfare.

While management tweaks and patchwork solutions seem to have cleared up infertility issues, they've never really gone away, Athrey said. The goal of the research group's anal-

ysis was to establish a baseline for the to understand that this is not one of infertility issue, as there has been no published research quantifying the extent of the problem.

The group utilized data available through the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service to examine historical patterns of fertility nationwide from 2013 to 2022. The emerging patterns weren't promising; if no serious interventions are forthcoming, fertility will continue in a downward trajectory, Athrey said.

There is no one answer as to why fertility is declining. Fertility is a multifactorial trait with many genetic and environmental factors influencing it. There are physiological attributes that contribute to fertility, like body weight, that can be maintained by management practices. Still, selecting birds for those attributes alone wouldn't make up for the deficit in fertility, Athrey said. Additionally, genetically selecting for increased fertility would prove difficult because fertility traits have low heritability.

"Management alone is not the biggest determinant of this problem," Athrey said. "When we see a problem of this scale, I think it's for everybody

those things where you can just optimize something and obtain a one percent increase and think you have a solution. This is a much bigger problem."

Many groups of researchers will need to come together to help solve this problem, including geneticists, nutritionists and animal welfare researchers, Athrey added. His group has been investigating various male fertility aspects, such as semen motility, sperm morphology, and the reproductive microbiomes of males and females.

Other researchers have been investigating avenues toward maintaining and increasing fertility. Such practices include spiking, a technique used to enhance flock fertility by replacing older males with younger ones, regulating feed intake, and providing dietary supplementation.

"What I would really love to do is talk to people who are also thinking about (infertility) from other perspectives, like nutrition and management, and develop a program where we could figure out this multifactorial problem," Athrey said.

Thousands of chicks found abandoned in USPS truck have been adopted

CAMDEN, Del. (AP) - Thousands of chicks found abandoned inside a postal service truck for three days have gone to new homes, according to the Delaware shelter that had cared for them, with the last batch picked up May 22.

All the surviving birds, estimated as more than 5,000 chickens – it was too hard to get a specific count - plus some others like turkeys and quails, were primarily adopted by local families, rescues and farms, according to First State Animal Center and SPCA.

The chicks were part of a 12,000bird shipment left unattended in a truck at a Delaware mail distribution center. Trapped in high temperatures without food or hydration, thousands died, according to the state Department of Agriculture. The U.S. Postal Service has said it is investigating the "process breakdown" that occurred.

For more than two weeks, the sur-

viving birds had been cared for at an overwhelmed First State Animal Center and SPCA, said John Parana, executive director. As a no-kill operation, the shelter would not take adopters planning to use the birds for meat, Parana said. Some of the adopters took hundreds at a time, hoping for egg-laying hens, while others took them as pets.

Stephanie Bruzdzinski adopted a handful of chicks after her daughter learned about their situation.

"She was very upset and wanted to help out," said Bruzdzinski, who was similarly shocked when she heard the news. "She doesn't like when things aren't getting taken care of."

The birds originated from Pennsylvania-based Freedom Ranger Hatchery's weekly bird shipment to clients around the country, and due to biosecurity concerns, the hatchery cannot take the chicks back, a company spokesperson said.





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Blue Grass Stockyards

Lexington, KY

Livestock Weighted Average Report for 6/9/2025 - Final

	7001	1014	
	This Week	Last Reported 6/2/2025	Last Year
Total Receipts:	888	1,304	700
Feeder Cattle: Slaughter Cattle: Replacement Cattle:	771(86.8%) 98(11.0%) 19(2.1%)	1,134(87.0%) 153(11.7%) 17(1.3%)	549(78.4%) 133(19.0%) 18(2.6%)

Special Note: Baby Calves: 700.00-950.00 per head.

Compared to last Monday feeder steers and heifers sold 5.00 to 10.00 higher; some weaned calves sharply higher with very good demand. Very good demand for yearlings in a limited comparison. Slaughter cows and slaughter bulls sold steady to 2.00 lower with good demand. Supply included: 87% Feeder Cattle (36% Steers, 50% Heifers, 15% Bulls, 0% Dairy/Beef Heifers); 11% Slaughter Cattle (85% Cows, 15% Bulls); 2% Replacement Cattle (20% Stock Cows, 75% Bred Cows, 5% Cow-Calf Pairs). Feeder cattle supply over 600 lbs was 46%.

24 hd 610 lbs 389.00 Mostly Blk Value-Added

54 hd 1013 lbs 277.50 Charx Fancy

Heifers 86 hd 588 lbs 371.00 Blk Fancy						
		50 Blk Fe	w Mixed Value-A			
CTEED	FEEDER CATTLE STEERS - Medium and Large 2-3 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)					
<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price		
3	271	271	437.50	437.50 Fancy		
2	340	340	423.00	423.00		
1 4	330 400-445	330 425	440.00 407.50-410.00	440.00 Fancy 408.09		
10	400-445	436	415.00-424.00	421.83 Value Added		
5	464	464	414.00	414.00 Value Added		
8	502-535	515	368.00-379.00	372.07		
30	510-542	526	387.50-414.00	403.80 Value Added		
3	560-577	571	365.00	365.00		
20	557-587	577	381.00-390.00	385.59 Value Added		
5	605-640	627	337.00-345.00	341.15		
54 5	606-645 650-657	620 656	347.50-389.00 341.00-346.00	380.49 Value Added 345.01		
6	711-730	714	285.00-298.00	295.79		
14	700-735	733	313.00-324.00	323.25 Value Added		
1	750	750	315.00	315.00 Value Added		
4	835	835	299.00	299.00 Fancy		
3	860-892	881	270.00-275.00	271.63		
2	905-945	925	258.00-265.00	261.58		
2	1005	1005	250.00	250.00		
54	1013	1013	277.50	277.50 Fancy		
3 1	1093 1100	1093 1100	235.00 210.00	235.00 210.00		
2	1230	1230	231.00	231.00		
1	1300	1300	221.00	221.00		
STEER	S - Medium a	nd Large 2	2-3 (Per Cwt / Actu	ual Wt)		
<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price		
2	360	360	391.00	391.00		
1	405	405	350.00	350.00		
3 5	450-490 515-545	472 526	347.50-377.00 332.50-367.50	358.55 356.24		
2	555-575	565	357.00-360.00	358.47		
1	605	605	308.00	308.00		
2	670	670	271.00	271.00		
1	810	810	260.00	260.00		
	S - Large 1-2					
<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price		
1	670	670	274.00 1-2 (Per Cwt / Act	274.00		
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price		
1	265	265	370.00	370.00		
3	335-345	340	382.50-392.50	386.72		
2	375-380	378	383.00-397.50	390.30		
5	375	375	401.00-430.00	414.90 Value Added		
15	405-441	431	343.00-380.00	365.00		
5 3	415-420 465-490	416 480	385.00-397.50 344.00-359.00	391.51 Value Added 352.81		
5	460-465	462	362.50-377.50	372.41 Value Added		
5	505-542	524	321.00-331.00	327.65		
48	500-545	521	332.50-370.00	352.50 Value Added		
12	550-590	571	314.00-332.50	325.40		
101	550-588	583	342.00-371.00	369.03 Value Added		
4	615-642	629	287.50-301.00	292.08		
106	600-641	633	322.50-340.50	338.44 Value Added		
5	660-696	683	294.00-300.00	296.14		
6 1	710-730 775	718 775	250.00-273.00 233.00	267.15 233.00		
1	825	825	221.00	221.00		
4	855-880	861	225.00-229.00	227.98		
1	960	960	217.00	217.00		
HEIFE			2-3 (Per Cwt / Act	tual Wt)		
<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price		
2 1	235	235	355.00	355.00		
2	360 447	360 447	321.00 349.00	321.00 349.00		
2	470-480	447	337.00-341.00	338.98		
5	510-520	517	307.50-315.00	310.50		
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585-595

640-642

650-660

790

Wt Range

572

555

592

641 653

Avg Wt

555

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

290.00-312.00

248.00-250.00

240.00-267.00

Price Range

330.00

300.67

248.67

257.38

211.00

Avg Price

330.00 Value Added

HEIFER			1-2 (Per Cwt / Act	
<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	320	320	250.00	250.00
2	510-520	515	267.50-281.00	274.18
1	550	550	220.00	220.00
DAIRY/	BEEF HEIFEI	RS - Mediu	m and Large 2-3	(Per Cwt / Actual Wt)
<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	610	610	270.00	270.00
1	675	675	250.00	250.00
BULLS	- Medium an	d Large 1-	2 (Per Cwt / Actua	al Wt)
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
6	310-345	328	393.00-413.00	401.83
1	380	380	405.00	405.00
5	400-445	430	372.50-402.00	388.07
7	450-485	468	372.50-385.00	381.38
2	487	487	409.00	409.00 Fancy
22	505-545	533	351.00-387.00	373.83
2	550-555	553	352.50-360.00	356.27
10	605-640	621	327.00-348.00	336.36
20	650-685	665	314.00-336.00	326.62
2	710	710	308.00	308.00
1	825	825	215.00	215.00
4	855-880	869	193.00-223.00	202.15
1	945	945	181.00	181.00
BULLS	- Medium an	d Large 2-	3 (Per Cwt / Actua	al Wt)
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
2	290-295	293	347.50-360.00	353.70
2	305-345	325	362.50-385.00	374.44
2	365-380	373	378.00-385.00	381.57
2	430-440	435	361.00-365.00	363.02
2	455-465	460	350.00-351.00	350.49
1	510	510	335.00	335.00
5	557-590	564	329.00-348.00	343.23
3	600-630	620	252.00-287.00	272.77
1	660	660	291.00	291.00
1	750	750	221.00	221.00
1	835	835	203.00	203.00
BULLS	- Small and I		2 (Per Cwt / Actua	
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	540	540	300.00	300.00
1	555	555	302.50	302.50

215.00

215 00

		SLAU	GHTER CATTLE		
cows	- Breaker 75-8	0% (Per Cv	vt / Actual Wt)		
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing
17	1170-1965	1516	157.00-163.00	159.10	Average
9	1240-1970	1571	167.00-174.00	169.80	High
2	1185-1425	1305	146.00-152.00	149.28	Low
COWS	- Boner 80-859	% (Per Cwt	/ Actual Wt)		
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing
6	1050-1400	1202	155.00-164.00	159.63	Average
17	1065-1635	1317	165.00-177.00	171.80	High
3	785-1265	1097	145.00-151.00	148.26	Low
COWS	- Lean 85-90%	(Per Cwt /	Actual Wt)		
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing
14	900-1350	1082	133.00-146.00	139.88	Average
7	805-1150	1001	148.00-165.00	155.72	High
1	1080	1080	116.00	116.00	Low
BULLS	-1-2 (Per Cwt	/ Actual Wt)		
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing
7	1280-1920	1606	184.00-206.00	198.89	Average
5	1260-1840	1699	210.00-226.00	216.81	High
1	1445	1445	171.00	171.00	Low
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			REPLAC	EMENT	CATTLE	
STOC	K COW	S - Med	lium and Lar	ge 1-2 (Pe	r Cwt / Actual Wt)	
Age	Stage	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
2-8	0	3	835-985	913	162.00-172.00	168.28
STOC	K COW	S - Med	lium and Lar	ge 2-3 (Pe	r Cwt / Actual Wt)	
<u>Age</u>	<u>Stage</u>	<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
2-8	0	1	820	820	156.00	156.00
BRED					Unit / Actual Wt)	
<u>Age</u>		<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	Avg Wt		Avg Price
	T1	2	1135-1230			2038.00
2-8	T2		1060-1160			2236.71
2-8	T3	3	1090-1145			2167.48
BRED	COWS	- Medi			Unit / Actual Wt)	
<u>Age</u>	<u>Stage</u>	<u>Head</u>	Wt Range			Avg Price
2-8		2	1050-1060			1575.59
	T2	-	1020-1045			1783.32
2-8	T3	1	1025	1025	1700.00	1700.00
		PAIRS -	Medium and	Large 1-2	w/ 150-300 lbs calf (I	Per Unit /
	Actual Wt)					
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 Price Range 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.

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Weekly National Sheep Summary

For Week Ending Friday, June 6, 2025

San Angelo:

New Holland:

Billinas:

Ft. Collins:

Sioux Falls:

Buffalo, MO:

Feeder Lambs:

San Angelo:

Sioux Falls:

Buffalo, MO Equity Coop:

Billings

Missouri:

Weekly Trends: Compared to last week Slaughter lambs 50-90 lbs. 10.00-20.00 lower, 90-130 lbs. 30.00-40.00 lower and slaughter ewes 10.00-15.00 lower.

Feeder lambs not well tested.

All sheep sold per hundred weight (CWT) unless otherwise

Slaughter Lambs: Choice and Prime 1-3

Wooled and shorn 50-60 lbs 274.00-San Angelo: 276.00 60-70 lbs 274.00.00-280.00 70-80 lbs 266.00-280.00; 80 lbs

265.00.

205.00. 40-50 lbs 210.00-235.00; 40-60 lbs 275.00-295.00; 60-70 lbs 300.00-322.00; 70-80 lbs 310.00-340.00; 80-90 lbs 310.00-330.00; 90-100 lbs New Holland: 310.00-337.00; 100-110 lbs 310.00-335.00; 110-120 lbs 300.00-325.00; 120-130 lbs 252.00-275.00.

Billinas: No test.

Wooled and shorn 70-80 lbs 215.00-245.00; 80-90 lbs 210.00-255.00; 90-100 lbs 220.00-270.00; 100-110 lbs 230.00-270.00; 120-130 lbs 215.00-

Kalona:

270.00; 130-140 lbs 210.00-240.00. Wooled and shorn 50-60 lbs 230.00 260.00; 60-70 lbs 220.00-267.50; 70-80 lbs 230.00-272.50; 80-90 lbs 230.00-280.00; 90-100 lbs 245.00-275.00.

70-80 lbs 250.00-285.00: 80-90 lbs 260.00-305.00; 90-100 lbs 265.00-

280.00.

60-70 lbs 235.00-260.00; 70-80 lbs Sioux Falls 215.00-247.00; 80-90 lbs 215.00-252.50; 90-100 lbs 220.00-257.00; 100-110 lbs 230 00-250 00 110 120 lbs 215.00-247.50; 120-130 lbs 212.50-2245.00; 130-140 lbs 215.00-240.00; 140-150 lbs 205.00-219.00.

Buffalo, MO: No test. Wooled and shorn 50-60 lbs 235.00; 60-70 lbs 212.50-230.00.

No test.

Arkansas Equity Coop: Slaughter Ewes:

Equity Coop:

Ft. Collins: Kalona: Arkansas: Replacement Ewes: Medium and Large 1-2:

San Angelo: No test. Ft. Collins: No test. South Dakota: No test. Kalona: No test. Billings: No test.

Young and exposed 157.50-195.00; Missouri: Middle aged families w/<20 lbs lamb 170.00-280.00 per unit.

Arkansas: Buffalo, MO: No test.

Sheep and lamb slaughter under federal inspection for the week to date totaled 38,000 compared to 32,000 last week and 35,844 last year.

Good 2-3 99.00-135.00: Good 4-5 90-

110.00; Utility 1-2 76.00-100.00. Good 2-3 105.00-148.00; Utility 1-2

Good 2-3 85.00-135.00; Good 4-5

Good 2-3 70.00-130.00: Good 4-5

65.00-100.00; Utility 1-2 55.00-

Good 2-3 135 00: Utility and Good

1-3 102.00-115.00; Cull and Utility 1-2

40-50 lbs 245.00-252.00; 50-60 lbs

30-40 lbs 300.00-315.00; 40-50 lbs

290.00-322.50; 50-55 lbs 240.00-270.00; 60-70 lbs 230.00; 70-80 lbs

30-40 lbs 250.00; 40-50 lbs 192.50-

40-50 lbs 245.00-285.00.

85.00-127.00.

82.50-135.00. Good 2-3 90.00-110.00.

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No test.

120.00.

260.00.

No test.

271.00.

No test

245.00.

No test

No test.

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Daily Livestock and Poultry Slaughter

Report for Thursday, June 12, 2025 - Final

Current Day Slaughter										
	Prev Week Last Year 2025 2024 YTD									
Thu., June 12, 202	Thu., June 12, 2025 Week Ago Year Ago WTD WTD WTD YTD YTD % Change									
Calves	1,000	1,000	421	4,000	4,000	3,069	62,566	100,129 -	37.5%	
Cattle	115,000	120,000	121,897	456,000	477,000	488,969 1	3,354,724	14,223,762	-6.1%	
Hogs	480,000	480,000	471,436	1,920,000	1,903,000	1,885,476	57,292,116	58,438,305	-2.0%	
Sheep	8,000	8,000	9,269	32,000	33,000	35,301	881,470	877,498	0.5%	
Chicken (Young)	36.610.000	34.960.000	34.616.000	141.013.000	140.317.000	139.269.000	4.169.626.000	4.238.168.000	-1.6%	

Previous Daily Slaughter									
	Prev Week Last Year 2025 2024 YTD								
Wed, June 11, 202	Wed, June 11, 2025 Week Ago Year Ago WTD WTD WTD YTD YTD Change								
Calves	1,000	1,000	805	3,000	3,000	2,648	61,566	99,708	-38.3%
Cattle	110,000	121,000	121,510	341,000	357,000 3	67,072	13,239,724	14,101,865	-6.1%
Hogs	480,000	483,000	471,030	1,440,000	1,423,000	1,414,040	56,812,116	57,966,869	-2.0%
Sheep	6,000	7,000	7,739	24,000	25,000	26,032	873,470	868,229	0.6%
Chicken (Young)	35,262,000	35,248,000	34,849,000	104,403,000	105,357,000	104,653,000	4,133,016,000	4,203,552,000	-1.7%

Previous Day Breakdown

Wed., June 4, 2025

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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Cows/Bulls ...20.000

These areas experienced multiple reports of late deliveries during the week of 05/02/25:

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			June 12	June 12, 2025							
Corn	Delivery Month Jul 25 Sep 25 Dec 25 Mar 26 May 26	Last \$437-0 \$425-4 \$439-6 \$455-0 \$464-6	Change +0-4 +0-2 unch -0-2 -0-2	Wheat	Delivery Month Jul 25 Sep 25 Dec 25 Mar 26 May 26	Last \$527-6 \$542-4 \$564-2 \$583-6 \$594-6	Change -6-4 -6-4 -6-2 -6-2 -6-4				
Soybeans	Jul 25 Aug 25 Sep 25 Nov 25 Jan 26	\$1041-0 \$1039-4 \$1017-2 \$1025-2 \$1037-6	-9-4 -6-0 -4-0 -5-0	Oats	Jul 25 Sep 25 Dec 25 Mar 26	\$376'2 \$377'4 \$377'0 -	unch +0'4 +0'4 -				
Soybean Meal	Jul 25 Aug 25 Sep 25 Oct 25 Dec 25	\$294.2 \$297.9 \$300.2 \$301.1 \$305.5	unch +0.1 -0.1 -0.4 -0.4	Live Cattle	Jun 25 Aug 25 Oct 25 Dec 25 Feb 26	\$228.825 \$217.825 \$214.950 \$214.800 \$214.100	+1.000 -0.200 -0.075 -0.075 +0.150				
Soybean Oil	Jul 25 Aug 25 Sep 25 Oct 25 Dec 25	\$47.46 \$47.67 \$47.79 \$47.79 \$48.08	-0.56 -0.52 -0.47 -0.48 -0.44	Lean Hogs	Jun 25 Jul 25 Aug 25 Oct 25 Dec 25	\$103.625 \$109.100 \$110.375 \$94.050 \$85.425	+0.250 +0.250 +0.175 +0.300 +0.325				

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Grain Report for Thursday, June 12, 2025 - Final

FUTURE SETTLEMENTS

Commodity		Closing S	Settlement Price	es (¢/bu) as of 6	<u>3/12/2025</u>		
Corn	438.50 (Jul 25)	426.25 (Sep 25)	440.50 (Dec 25)	455.75 (Mar 26)	465.25 (May 26)	471.50 (Jul 26)	463.50 (Sep 26)
Soybeans	1042.25 (Jul 25)	1041.00 (Aug 25)	1020.25 (Sep 25)	1027.25 (Nov 25)	1041.00 (Jan 26)	1052.50 (Mar 26)	1063.50 (May 26)
Wheat	526.50 (Jul 25)	541.75 (Sep 25)	563.50 (Dec 25)	582.75 (Mar 26)	594.00 (May 26)	601.00 (Jul 26)	613.75 (Sep 26)
White Oats	379.75 (Jul 25)	379.50 (Sep 25)	377.00 (Dec 25)	380.00 (Mar 26)	386.00 (May 26)	370.00 (Jul 26)	385.75 (Sep 26)
Wheat	522.75 (Jul 25)	537.50 (Sep 25)	559.25 (Dec 25)	579.50 (Mar 26)	590.50 (May 26)	597.25 (Jul 26)	609.00 (Sep 26)
Wheat	620.75 (Jul 25)	631.75 (Sep 25)	648.75 (Dec 25)	664.75 (Mar 26)	673.25 (May 26)	679.00 (Jul 26)	672.50 (Sep 26)
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US #2 WHITE CORN (BULK)

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4.3350-4.5850

4.1550-4.3050

4.4250-4.4350

4.4350

4.4650

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Price (\$/Bu) 4.4850-4.4950

4.1150-4.1450

4.5250-4.5950

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<u>Average</u> 4.4900

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<u>Average</u> 10.4725

9.9725

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Pennyrile	75.00N to 150.00N	UNCH-UP 10.00	5.1350-5.8850	UP 0.0150-UP 0.1150	5.5100
Pennyrile	80.00Z	UP 10.00	5.2050	UP 0.1075	5.2050
Barge Loading Elevato	ors - Conventional				
Region/Location	Basic (¢/Bu)	Basis Change	Price (\$/Bu)	Price Change	<u>Average</u>
Ohio River - Lower KY	30.00Z	UNCH	4.7050	UP 0.0075	4.7050
Purchase	115.00N	UNCH	5.5350	UP 0.0150	5.5350
Purchase	70.00Z	UNCH	5.1050	UP 0.0075	5.1050
		US #2 YELLOW	CORN (BULK)		
Country Elevators - Co	onventional				
Region/Location	Basic (¢/Bu)	Basis Change	Price (\$/Bu)	Price Change	<u>Average</u>
Purchase	20.00N	UNCH	4.5850	UP 0.0150	4.5850
Purchase	-25.00Z	UNCH	4.1550	UP 0.0075	4.1550

Rasis Change

Green River	-20.00Z	UNCH
Pennyrile	-5.00N to 20.00N	UNCH
Pennyrile	-25.00Z to -10.00Z	UNCH
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Louisville	4.00N to 5.00N	UNCH
Louisville	5.00N	UNCH
Bluegrass	8.00N	UNCH
Bluegrass	-40.00Z	UNCH
Barge Loading Elevat	ors - Conventional	
Region/Location	Basic (¢/Bu)	Basis Change
Ohio River - Upper KY	10.00N to 11.00N	UNCH
Ohio River - Upper KY	-29.00Z to -26.00Z	UNCH-UP 2.00
Ohio River - Lower KY	14.00N to 21.00N	UNCH

Basic (#/Bu)

Country Elevators - Conventional

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<u> </u>	egion/Location	Basic (¢/Bu)	Basis		
Ol	hio River - Upper KY	10.00N to 11.00N	l		
Ol	hio River - Upper KY	-29.00Z to -26.00Z	UNCH		
Ol	nio River - Lower KY	14.00N to 21.00N	l		
Ol	hio River - Lower KY	-27.00Z to -16.00Z	UNCH		
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Country Elevators - Conventional					

Ohio River - Lower KY	-27.00Z to -16.00Z	UNCH-UP 1.00	4.1350-4.2450	UP 0.0075-UP 0.01
Purchase	14.00N to 20.00N	UNCH	4.5250-4.5850	UP 0.0150
Purchase	-13.00U to -10.00U	UNCH	4.1325-4.1625	UP 0.0100
		US #1 SOYE	BEANS (BULK)	
Country Elevators - Co	nventional			
Region/Location	Basic (¢/Bu)	Basis Change	Price (\$/Bu)	Price Change
Purchase	5.00N	UNCH	10.4725	DN 0.0825
Purchase	-30.00X	UNCH	9.9725	DN 0.0200
Green River	-20.00N	UNCH	10.2225	DN 0.0825
Green River	-50.00X	UNCH	9.7725	DN 0.0200
Pennyrile	-35.00N to 15.00N	UNCH	10.0725-10.5725	DN 0.0825
Pennyrile	-60.00X to -27.00X	UNCH	9.6725-10.0025	DN 0.0200
Louisville	-48.00N	UNCH	9.9425	DN 0.0825
Louisville	-48.00N	UNCH	9.9425	DN 0.0825
Bluegrass	-45.00N	UNCH	9.9725	DN 0.0825
Bluegrass	-95.00X	UNCH	9.3225	DN 0.0200
Barge Loading Elevato	rs - Conventional			
Region/Location	Basic (¢/Bu)	Basis Change	Price (\$/Bu)	Price Change
Ohio River - Upper KY	7.00N	DN 2.00	10.4925	DN 0.1025
Ohio River - Upper KY	-32.00X to -31.00X	UNCH	9.9525-9.9625	DN 0.0200

Bluegrass	-95.00X	UNCH			
Barge Loading Elevators - Conventional					
Region/Location	Basic (¢/Bu)	Basis Change			
Ohio River - Upper KY	7.00N	DN 2.00			
Ohio River - Upper KY	-32.00X to -31.00X	UNCH			
Ohio River - Lower KY	10.00N to 29.00N	DN 4.00-UNCH			
Ohio River - Lower KY	-29.00X to -11.00X	UNCH			
Purchase	5.00N to 10.00N	UNCH-DN 4.00			
Purchase	-29.00X to -18.00X	UNCH			

urchase	-29.00X to -18.00X	UNCH	9.9825-10.0925	DN 0.0200	10.0425			
	US #	1 MILLING SOFT RE	D WINTER WHEAT (I	BULK)				
Country Elevators - Conventional								
Region/Location	Basic (¢/Bu)	Basis Change	Price (\$/Bu)	Price Change	<u>Average</u>			
ennyrile	10.00N	UP 10.00	5.3650	UP 0.0225	5.3650			
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Country Elevators -	- Conventional
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	US #2 SOFT RED WINTER WHEAT (BULK)							
Country Elevators - Co	nventional							
Region/Location	Basic (¢/Bu)	Basis Change	Price (\$/Bu)	Price Change	<u>Average</u>			
Purchase	-2.00N	UP 3.00	5.2450	DN 0.0475	5.2450			
Purchase	-2.00N	UP 3.00	5.2450	DN 0.0475	5.2450			
Green River	-90.00N	UNCH	4.3650	DN 0.0775	4.3650			
Green River	-90.00N	UNCH	4.3650	DN 0.0775	4.3650			
Pennyrile	-80.00N to 4.00N	UNCH	4.4650-5.3050	DN 0.0775	4.8467			
Pennyrile	-80.00N to 4.00N	UNCH	4.4650-5.3050	DN 0.0775	4.8850			
Louisville	-67.00N to -10.00N	UNCH	4.5950-5.1650	DN 0.0775	4.8800			
Bluegrass	-45.00N	UNCH	4.8150	DN 0.0775	4.8150			
Bluegrass	-45.00N	UNCH	4.8150	DN 0.0775	4.8150			
Barge Loading Elevato	rs - Conventional							
Region/Location	Basic (¢/Bu)	Basis Change	Price (\$/Bu)	Price Change	<u>Average</u>			
Ohio River - Upper KY	-10.00N	UNCH	5.1650	DN 0.0775	5.1650			
Ohio River - Upper KY	-10.00N to -7.00N	UNCH	5.1650-5.1950	DN 0.0775	5.1800			
Ohio River - Lower KY	-10.00N to 0.00N	UNCH	5.1650-5.2650	DN 0.0775	5.2270			
Ohio River - Lower KY	-10.00N to 0.00N	UNCH	5.1650-5.2650	DN 0.0775	5.2270			
Purchase	-5.00N to 2.00N	UNCH-DN 3.00	5.2150-5.2850	DN 0.0775-DN 0.1075	5.2525			

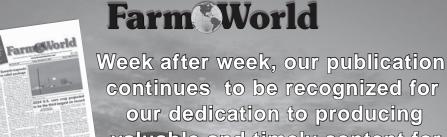
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Missouri Direct Hay Report

Direct Hay Weighted Average Report for week ending 6/13/2025

Special Note: Beginning 6/19/25, this report will be published biweekly. Any questions or concerns can be emailed to mymarketnews @usda.gov. The next publication of this report will be June 26th.

Producers are getting some hay baled as small windows of weather allow. Thus far there has not been any extended periods of days in which farmers can just go without having to look at weather and calculate if the risk of getting hay wet is worth it or not. Starting to see some new crop hay come to market. Demand is light as pastures in the state are some of the best in the nation with 88% rated good to excellent. Hay prices are steady to weak The supply of hay is moderate, and demand is light to moderate. The Missouri Department of Agriculture has a hay directory at https://apps.mda.mo.gov/haydirectory or visit the University of Missouri Extension feed stuff finder at https://feedstufffinder.org

HAY (Conventional)

Alfalfa - Supreme (ASK/Per Ton)	
Medium Square 3x3	250.00-300.00
Alfalfa - Supreme (Ask/Per Bale)	
Small Square	10.00-15.00
Alfalfa - Premium (Ask/Per Ton)	
Medium Square 3x3	175.00-225.00
Alfalfa - Good (Ask/Per Ton)	
Large Round	150.00-175.00
Alfalfa - Good (Ask/Per Bale)	100.00 170.00
Small Square	6.00-10.00
	6.00-10.00
Alfalfa - Fair (Ask/Per Ton)	
Large Round	125.00-150.00
Mixed Grass - Premium/Supreme (Ask/Per	
Medium Square 3x3	150.00-200.00
Mixed Grass - Good/Premium (Ask/Per Ton))
Large Round	100.00-150.00
Mixed Grass - Fair/Good (Ask/Per Ton)	
Large Round	75.00-125.00
Mixed Grass - Fair/Good (Ask/Per Bale	
Small Square	3.00-7.00
Mixed Grass - Fair (Ask/Per Bale)	0.00 7.00
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Large Round	25.00-50.00
STRAW (Conventional)	
Wheat - (Ask/Per Bale)	
Small Square	4.00-7.00

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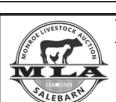
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Small Animals	6/10/2025	Sheep		Cows	
Chickens	\$2-\$10	Ewes	\$0.75-\$1.20	Cull Cows	\$1.11-\$1.88
Bantys	\$2-\$9	40-60# Lambs	\$1.60-\$2.60	Bulls	\$1.86-\$2.06
Ducks	\$5-\$16	61-80# Lambs	\$1.75-\$2.60	Fat Cattle	18
Pigeons	\$3-\$5.50	81-100# Lambs	\$1.75-\$2.65	Holstein Open Heifers	\$1.84-\$1.99
Eggs	\$1-\$4.50		315	Colored	\$2.15-\$2.31
Rooster	\$2-\$17	Goats		0010100	44
Turkey	\$12	Billys	\$55-\$650	Pigs	
Peacock		Nannies	\$45-\$290	Fat Hogs	\$.35-\$.80
Rabbits	\$4-\$42.50	Kids	\$55-\$155	Sows	\$.54-\$.66
	966		132	Boars	\$0.10
Veal Calves Feeder Cattle Dairy and Beef			Feeder Pigs	23	
Holstein	\$875-\$1120	200-500#	\$2-\$5.20	20-45#	\$30-85
Beef Cross	\$1050-\$1490	501-800#	\$1.50-\$3	46-65#	\$30-\$115
	391		62		36



Market Report

-This report is an average and high seller of the total head sold-

Feeder Pigs: Hogs: 34 \$870.00 Avg \$1125.00 High Dairy Calves: Beef / Cross Calves: 9 \$1141.00 Avg \$1400.00 High 22 \$2.68 Avg. \$3.30 High Feeder Cattle: **Cull Cows:** 9 \$1.15 Avg \$1.40 High Bulls: 2 \$1.74 Avg \$1.97 High

Fat Cattle: Breed Cows & Springers: 1 1550.00

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\$2.77 Avg

\$5.10 Avg. \$16.00 High

\$11.00 Avg. \$13.00 High

12:00 PM

\$0.90High

\$3.25 High

Livestock

Sheep/Ewes: 2

Small Animals

Chickens:

Roosters:

Lambs:

Goats:

\$2.12 Avg Hay: Sm. Sq. \$3.25 - \$4.50 Lg. Sq. 20 \$50.00 High

Total Hd. Livestock: 120

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Michigan Wheat Program hosts 13th annual Summer Field Day June 25

LANSING, Mich. - A new "double- ing decisions - Patrick Copeland, Wallas header" ag event is coming together June 25 at the Michigan State University research farms as the Michigan Wheat Program's Summer Field Day ioins forces with the MSU Weed Tour.

This will be the 13th annual Michigan Wheat Program Summer Field Day, and it will be at the MSU Plant Pathology Research Center, 3735 College Rd. in Lansing with check-in beginning at noon and the program at 1 p.m. For an "extra inning," attendees are invited to drive to the Mason Research Farm after the conclusion of the wagon tours for a walking tour of wheat research plots, staffed by researchers Eric Olson, Dennis Pennington and Manni Singh.

"We thought we'd try something different, to make our wheat farmers' visits to the MSU campus on June 25th even more productive," said Jeffery Krohn, chairman of the nine-member Michigan Wheat Program board and a wheat farmer from Owendale. "The traditional Wheat Summer Field Day with wagon rides to the fields to learn about the Michigan Wheat Program-funded research work, begins at 1 p.m."

Researchers stationed at the plots will describe their specific project, its history, why it was undertaken and a close-to-harvest view of how the project worked out.

"We, as growers, also get to share our exFollowing is the afternoon schedule for the field day:

Noon - Registration, Check-in

12:30 p.m. - Plant Diagnostic Station - Dr. Jan Byrne, MSU Plant Diagnostics

1 p.m. - Welcome and Introductions - Jeff Krohn, Michigan Wheat Program

1:10 p.m. - Round #1: Plot Presentations via wagon tour (20-minute stops)

Wheat disease management and update - Dr. Marty Chilvers

Managing FHB risk with resistant varieties - Dr. Eric Olson

Wheat agronomy: Optimizing plant-

da Silva, Paulo Arias, Dr. Manni Singh

2:40 p.m. - Round #2: Plot Presentations via wagon tour (20-minute stops) Soil fertility: More inputs or the right

inputs - Dr. Kurt Steinke, Lane Suplito Fall vs. spring herbicide: What's the best option? - Dr. Christy Sprague, Kaddi Gewirtz

Key growth stages, management timing – Dennis Pennington

4:10 p.m. - Evaluation, RUP and CCA-Jenna Falor & Monica Jean, MSU Extension

Presentation and closing comments -Jeff Krohn

Following closing comments, participants may choose to participate in the "extra inning" by driving to the Mason Research Farm, 1614 Okemos Rd., Mason. Three research teams will be in plots there to describe their projects and results to date.

4:30 p.m. - Walking tour of plots at Mason Research Farm including plot

Wheat varieties available to Michigan wheat growers - Dennis Pennington, Dr. Eric Olson

It's a cover-up! Wheat canopy closure - Dr. Manni Singh, Palo Aries

Developing new wheat varieties for Michigan – Dr. Eric Olson

Register for the Michigan Wheat Program 2025 Summer Field Day and the 2025 MSU Weed Tour on the homepage of the Michigan Wheat Program at www. miwheat.org.

The MSU Weed Tour begins at 8:30 a.m. with check-in and field tours at 9:30 a.m. There is a cost, including covering the 2025 Weed Guide for the Weed tour. The cost for same-day registration for the Weed Tour is \$40.

Questions on the Wheat Field Day may be directed to Jody Pollok-Newsom at jody@miwheat.org or call 1-888-WHEAT01. For more information about the Weed Tour, contact Erin Burns at burnser5@msu.edu.



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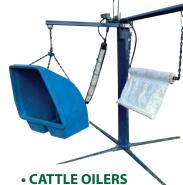




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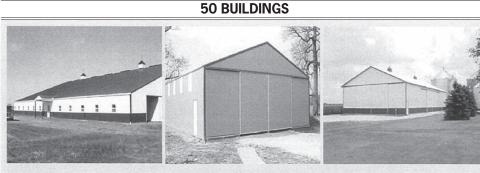
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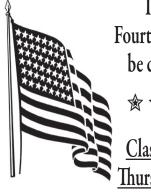
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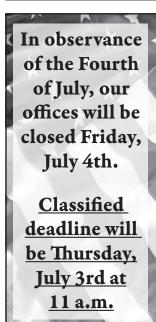
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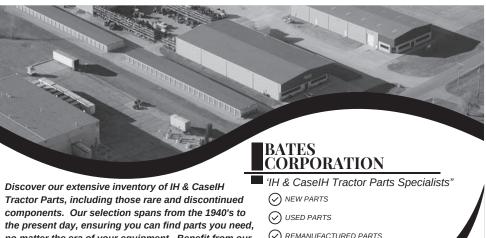
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Farmers and landowners push for Illinois property tax reform

By TIM ALEXANDER Illinois Correspondent

BLOOMINGTON, Ill. - Nothing was done to advance property tax relief for Illinois farmers and landowners before the 104th Illinois General Assembly adjourned their spring 2025 legislative session on May 31. Many in agriculture were hoping for passage or advancement of bills that would reform the state's complicated and, some say, antiquated property tax code.

One bill to languish in the assembly, Sen. Neal Anderson's (R-Andalusia) SB 1862, would have amended the Illinois Property Tax Code to establish a homestead exemption for qualified homestead property that has been continuously owned, used, and occupied as the primary residence by the qualified taxpayer for at least 30 years. The bill would require taxpayers who have been granted an exemption to reapply on an annual basis. It also provides that the assessor or chief county assessment officer may determine the eligibility of a residential property to receive the homestead exemption.

"Those that have literally been in their home for 30 years, and have been paying taxes for 30 years have clearly invested, and volunteered, and given back to the community, let's start at least with them to say what can we do to help that population get some relief," said the bill's co-sponsor, Sen. Dave Syverson (R-Cherry Valley).

A 2024 bill, SB 3455, commissioned the Illinois Department of Revenue to study the entire property tax system in the state, including a comprehensive review of assessments, collections, exemptions and current tax levies. The legislation compelled the department to look at the classification system used by Cook County as compared to the system used by the rest of the state, then make recommendations that will improve the system.

"If that sounds familiar, it is because it is roughly the same mandate (Ill. Gov.) Pritzker gave to the Property Tax Relief Task Force created by SB 1932 in 2019 just after he took office. The task force put out a draft report in 2021 recommending various changes in policy, including local government consolidation, more state funding for education and expanding the sales tax base," said Joe Tabor, director of legal research at the Illinois Policy Institute. "Few of the task force's recommendations have been seriously followed up on."

According to Andrew Larson, director of government relations and strat-

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egy for the Illinois Soybean Association, Illinois' property tax system code is broken and in need of fixing for the benefit of all landowners.

"There is a precarious balance between how we fund state government versus local government, which leads to the high property taxes we pay here in Illinois," Larson said. "Other states do things a little differently; maybe the state government funds things to a local level like we don't do here in Illinois. I think there is certainly a need to have this (reform) conversation in the months and years to come."

The University of Illinois Extension's Kevin Brooks noted in a recent news release that government agencies and schools in low-population counties depend more on farm property taxes than those in more urban counties.

"Year-to-year stability is important, and the current property tax code provides the framework for agricultural economic stability. Farm tax assessments are based on land use under average-level management, the relative productivity of soils, and the present value of the net income assigned to the land from farm production. The profitability of your soils directly impacts how much you pay in farmland property taxes," Brooks stated in his report, "Understanding Illinois Farmland Property Taxes,' published May 21.

He went on to explain that higher farm profitability triggers a higher property tax on farms, while lower profitability can reduce the tax burden. "Illinois farm property taxes are determined on a five-year average of farm profitability. Over five years, higher income years can offset a lower farm profit year. There is also a two-year lag, which accounts for the slow adjustment of farm property taxes. 2025 property taxes will be paid on 2024 calculations, accounting for 2023 farm income. Thus, it takes seven years to fully adjust to everchanging farm economic conditions," Brooks said.

"We're very hopeful there can be more discussions on property tax relief," Larson added. "We want funds for local schools and to be able to make local decisions, but we also know there's a high amount of burden being placed on property owners in Illinois. We want to be sure to balance those needs and do the right thing for the state."

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SECTION B

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Butler County group offers youth program for budding beekeepers

By Celeste Baumgartner
Ohio Correspondent

SOMERVILLE, Ohio – Bees are in trouble. A recent USDA Agricultural Research Service press release noted that commercial beekeepers lost over 60 percent of their beekeeping colonies since summer 2024.

Beekeeper Larry Johnson is aware of this news, having lost a good percentage of his bees last winter. But he likes to focus on the positives in



Above: Carter Johnson helps members of the Butler County Beekeepers Association. His dad, Larry Johnson, has found sponsors to help get kids started in beekeeping. They help fund the startup equipment, and once the hives produce, they get a percentage of the honey.

beekeeping: how to encourage newbies, how to get kids interested, and how to give them all a good start in beekeeping.

A section of his farm is devoted to bees. He is a past president of the Butler County Beekeepers Association. They keep their hives there. There are pollinator gardens, Johnson conducts bee labs, plus, anyone who is interested in beekeeping can come and see what it is all about.

"I encourage people who think they might want to get into beekeeping to come to one of us, to come out, put on a bee suit, and see if they can handle it," Johnson said. "People put in a hive that's got 80 to 100 thousand bees in it, and they are flying around and that can be a lot.

"I encourage them to start small and be sure they can physically handle it before they invest a lot of money," he said. "Bees are tough but you have to take care of them. You have to dedicate the time that they need."

Also, like everything, the initial startup for beekeeping can be expensive, especially for kids getting into it as a 4-H project.

"For my kids, I found sponsors, people that had businesses," Johnson said. "They would sponsor \$500 to get a kid started with his or her own hive and then they get 12 pounds of honey for the first four years of production, once the bees start producing honey. That way they are getting something back for their investment and it helps get kids going in

the right direction. I want to promote that 1000 percent."

Butler County Beekeepers has a youth development program, Johnson explained. They take donations. Kids fill out scholarship applications and talk about the bee project they want to do for the fair next year. The association gives them money to help buy equipment, things that they need, to be successful. Each youth gets a mentor to guide them and make sure everything is going well.

"I think since COVID, people got interested in doing things with their kids and trying to be somewhat self-sustaining, to produce things in their backyard," he said. "The average person, if they can get through the first year they seem to hold on pretty well, but a lot of people will fall off in that first or even the second year. That's why we at the club try to help and not to let people get discouraged."

If somebody loses their hives in that first year, Johnson and other members of the group try to keep them positive, figure out what went wrong, and then find a plan to help get them back on track.

The most important thing is getting enough honey to be successful. Surprisingly, Johnson suggests that planting natives is not the only answer. While it may be invasive, vining honeysuckle produced a good nectar flow this year. There was also a good maple, autumn olive, and dandelion flow. The honey locust did not do



Above: Kennedy Johnson is enjoying a large swarm of honeybees. The startup for beekeeping is expensive. The Butler County Beekeepers has a youth development program.

very well but the honeysuckle did.

"You can generate a ton of honey from buckwheat but it is not really native to us," he said. "It is just a matter of beekeepers being able to produce a crop to sell to customers."

If your bees only bring enough food in to keep themselves alive and not the beekeeping projects, it's not worth it, Johnson explained. Nobody wants to work for free or just to break even. That also means honey

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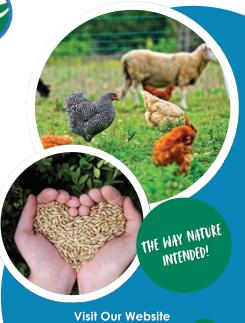
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Common dewormers can be double-edged sword in treating parasites

BV DOUG SCHMITZ lowa Correspondent

SALEM, Mo. - While the use of commercial dewormers has helped improve animal health and productivity in beef herds, their use has also resulted in resistance among parasite populations, according to livestock experts.

"As dewormers lose effectiveness, producers need to develop a broader strategy for managing internal parasites in their livestock," said Eric Meusch, University of Missouri Extension livestock specialist.

A recent study funded by Merck Animal Health and led by Eric Bailey, a University of Missouri associate professor of animal science, conducted fecal egg count reduction tests in beef herds across the state, finding resistance to macrocyclic lactone (widely used in veterinary medicine as antiparasitic agents, particularly for treating ticks and mites) dewormers.

Moreover, the benzimidazole (anti-worm drugs in both veterinary and human medicine class of dewormer) still showed efficacy above the threshold for effective deworming, which is 90 percent.

Meusch said the dewormers losing efficacy are products commonly used in pour-on and injectable forms, and have become popular due to cost and ease of administration: "The popularity and frequency of use of these products has likely led to resistance.'

Jeff Lehmkuhler, University of Ken-

tucky associate professor of animal and food science, said spring is always the time when both internal and external parasites become more prevalent.

"Many beef operations will apply some level of management to control parasites that can rob nutrients from the cattle," he said. "This begs the question, 'Are you controlling what you think you are controlling?'

"During the spring and fall of 2023, University of Kentucky (UK) Cooperative Extension agriculture and natural resource county agriculture and natural resources agents, Kentucky Beef Network facilitators, as well as Dr. (Michelle) Arnold (UK large ruminant extension veterinarian) and I, set out to assess the prevalence of internal parasites in Kentucky beef herds," he added.

He said, "Additionally, many of the deworming products have been on the market for decades (e.g., 1960s for levamisole and 1980s for ivermectin), so we wanted to evaluate the efficacy of products being utilized by Kentucky beef herds."

He added that a total of 180 fecal samples were collected from both mature cows and growing calves, and beef producers chose their own dewormers, which were categorized as macrocyclic lactones (like ivermectin, used to treat several parasitic infections in humans and animals), benzimidazoles (white pastes), or combinations.

He said stomach worm eggs were found in 60 percent of mature cattle and 78 percent of younger cattle. Cooperia, another common internal parasite, appeared in 22 percent of mature and 74 percent of young cattle.

To manage parasites, Meusch said it is important to understand their life cycle: "Stomach worms must complete several life-cycle stages, both inside the gastrointestinal tract of cattle, and on the pasture. The cows can only be infected by consuming grass from infected pastures, and pastures can only be infected by cows carrying adult stomach worms.

"Worms that are resistant to a dewormer (less than 90 percent are killed by the treatment) survive and lay eggs that are deposited in the pasture," he added. "Over time, the percentage of resistant larvae increases in the pasture until the animals are infected with worms that can no longer be controlled with the product."

Grant Dewell, Iowa State University beef extension veterinarian, told Farm World, "Strategic or targeted deworming has been advised to more appropriately use anthelmintics (a group of anti-parasitic drugs that expel parasitic worms)."

He said, "Here in the Midwest where parasites are less of a problem, compared to the Southeast, we try to focus deworming on populations that are most at risk: young calves and two- to three-year old females. Generally, mature cows in the Midwest do not need to be dewormed regularly.

"For fecal testing, producers can collect manure samples from subset of cows (usually five to 10), and have their veterinarian determine the number of parasite eggs in manure," he added. "This can give you some idea of the herd's parasite load.

"This is somewhat subjective, depending on the activity of the worms, decreased egg production in winter, daily fluctuations of egg production, and manure consistency," he added. "If most of the samples have high fecal egg counts, then it may be beneficial to deworm them. Again, it's best to focus on the young animals the most."

Meusch said better grazing and pasture management can limit the exposure of cows to parasites on pasture: "Rotational grazing can allow cows to avoid times when the most larvae are emerging on the grass. Because the larvae remain lower in the grass surface layer to keep from drying out, leaving a higher residual when grazing can help avoid exposure to the larvae as well."

He said when temperatures drop to 28 degrees Fahrenheit a few times, typically in the late fall, it can be a good time to deworm because it isn't likely that cattle will be reinfected from the pasture after that point.

He said this allows them to go through the winter without stomach worms, ensuring they benefit the most from supplemental feeding, and ensuring cattle aren't depositing more eggs on the pasture over the winter.

"The parasites infecting pastures will become active again in the spring when temperatures regularly exceed 50 degrees," he said. "As the eggs emerge into larvae and advance to the third stage (when the larva transforms into its adult form), the cows will be infected again. The next strategic time to deworm is about six weeks after the springtime temperatures exceed 50 degrees."

He said it isn't always possible to visually identify which cows are carrying the heaviest worm loads, but culling cows that chronically show symptoms of a heavy parasite infection can also benefit overall herd health.

"By managing grazing and strategically deworming cattle to avoid further pasture contamination, producers can keep their animals healthy and productive, as well as help ensure the longterm efficacy of deworming products,"

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prices must go up.

"I introduced the current honey price where we are to the Butler County Beekeepers Association members and to Butler County," Johnson explained. "They were selling honey for \$9 and \$10 a pound and some people still do. I have done some research. If the demand is there, we can get upwards of \$16 a pound for pure raw honey."

To be sustainable with a beekeeping operation a beekeeper must get that much, he said.

Johnson invited anyone who is interested in getting started in beekeeping to come to a meeting of the Butler County Beekeepers Association. Their meetings are the second Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. in Boyd Hall at Miami University.



Larry Johnson in the apiary. He is aware that bees are in trouble, but he likes to focus on the positive aspects of beekeep-

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Prepare to make adjustments in changing times

Six-tenths of 1 percent. That's right, six-tenths of 1 percent. That's the percentage of the population of the United States that are farmers or ranchers. In the grand scheme of things, that number doesn't carry much of a voice in what happens in our industry. In my view, it's also why, despite the \$555 billion in gross revenue produced by agriculture in this country, we are the last and least to benefit out of that very big pie. Let's add another factor to this equation. The USDA says we will lose 25 percent of the farming operations this year. Now the percentage of the population drops to roughly one-half of 1 percent.

Several times I've mentioned that agriculture provides the first and most important things essential to life. Food, clothing and shelter. We are one of very few businesses that have no way to set the prices we receive for our products. Instead, we are subject to controls that are established in the ancillary trade of our economy. The government uses our products in negotiating aid with foreign countries, so they have a vested interest in influencing crop prices. Countries across the world buy mass quantities of our products, but their pocketbook is dependent on the world economy. Locally, processers, wholesalers and retailers have profit margins which they protect with zeal.

None of these factors seem fair to the farmer and rancher who invest everything they have, every year, without a guarantee of breaking even, much less losing money while continuing to meet their responsibility to feed the country and some of the world.

Unfortunately for the consumer, in or-

55 YEARS AND COUNTING FROM THE TRACTOR SEAT BY BILL WHITMAN

der for the farmer to stay in business, the costs in the grocery stores will rise. A current example is beef. I have to believe that the price of beef will ebb minimally, but I have the feeling that lower prices will not return. So, the livestock guys are making money, but even as livestock producers are making money, I encourage you not to take your eyes off the ball, inputs are rising as middlemen are focusing on taking a bigger piece of the beef pie.

I read somewhere that economists believe that government subsidies will increase 3-400 percent this year in order to keep farmers in the game. I keep thinking that if we as a country can embrace "fair-trade," the profit margins will provide a reasonable income and find a consumer balance we can all live with. There's a hard lesson for the government and consumer to learn if the exodus from agriculture continues unabated. The lesson is that there is a reason that six-tenths of 1 percent farm or ranch -99.4 percent of the population can't or won't do what is required to farm and ranch. The risk, the hours, the intangibles, and the toll it takes on our bodies, finances, and families without being able to depend on a paycheck after paying all our bills is something very few men and women are willing to do.

So, the question becomes academic, how much loss can we absorb without having to face the inevitable? The fact is, farmers and ranchers need to know what that number is. With the ever-changing

lender requirements we need to know that nothing is guaranteed. You may have a great relationship with your lender but if their matrix changes, you will find out just how little authority they have. So, you will want to always have "Plan B," even if you never use it.

Throughout my life, I have thought that farming as an industry would never change. I mean I saw over \$10 beans in 1978, what are they today? So, despite inputs increasing many, many, times over, the price gravitates to the same place as 47 years ago. So, for all these years, farming as an industry (economically) has remained static. Now I am reminded of a conversation with an agricultural economist from Iowa in 2008. He said two things that have stuck with me. First, that the national debt, ignored by most of the population, will have a "reckoning." Second and more specifically to our business, you can't look at the gross numbers of income but simply focus on the margins. For just the second year of this century, we must look at margins that are losses. But because, even in the good years, the margins are slim and the gross dollars so high, losses are very difficult to overcome.

For these reasons, I suggest that despite the small number of farmers and ranchers left to our country, how we are paid for our production will have to have some guarantee of price sufficient to break even, including providing a living wage for our families. I fully realize that there are different types of crop insurance that do this to some extent, but I have the feeling that we will see this streamlined in the very near future.

The bottom line is that "times are a changing" and we must prepare to make adjustments at a much quicker rate of speed than ever before.

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Future 'sweet' for Kentucky maple syrup production

By DOUG GRAVES Ohio Correspondent

LEXINGTON, Ky. – Maple syrup has been long associated with New England states and Canada. While the industry has thrived in northern regions for centuries, a new study conducted by researchers at the University of Kentucky Martin-Gatton College of Agriculture, Food and Environment highlights the untapped economic potential of maple syrup production in Kentucky, adding that the state's favorable climate and abundance of maple trees are strong indicators of this untapped resource.

Kentucky's 12.6 million acres of forests (almost half of the state's land area), traditionally valued for their timber and recreation, could soon become a source of sweet economic opportunity.

A recent study has proven the majority of the state's forested land (11.2 million acres) is in non-industrial private ownership, while approximately 699,000 acres are in national forest. For this reason, maple syrup experts are saying "GET BUSY TAPPING!"

"Kentucky sits at the southern edge of traditional maple syrup regions, yet our state has millions of acres of suitable maples that are largely untapped," said Thomas Ochuodho, associate professor of forest economics and policy in the Department of Forestry and Natural Resources and the study's principal investigator and co-author. "We wanted to explore what potential economic impacts tapping into this resource could have for our communities."

A multi-institutional research team across UK, Purdue University and U.S. Forest Service analyzed data on



Above: Kentucky sits at the southern edge of traditional maple syrup regions, yet experts and studies indicate that maple syrup production in the Bluegrass State has superb potential and room for growth. (photo submitted)

tree density, sap yield, tapping season length and current market prices. The study, "Economic impacts of maple syrup production potential in Kentucky: Input-output analysis," published in Forest Policy and Economics, shows that maple syrup production has the potential to significantly boost local economies across the Commonwealth by creating jobs, supporting rural businesses and increasing tax revenues.

Using figures from the study, the researchers modeled three levels of production potential – low, medium and high – then ran each scenario through economic impact modeling software to generate potential regional economic impacts, accounting for direct, indirect and induced impacts in an input-output analytical framework.

According to the team, the study's high range, roughly 1.4 million liters

of syrup could annually enter the market, supporting jobs not only for producers in the woods and sugarhouses but also for suppliers, haulers, packagers and retailers whose businesses grow in tandem along the supply chain. Even the modest scenario, based on tapping a quarter of suitable trees, would still have the potential to support more than 300 jobs and generate \$6.2 million in economic output.

Vermont is the top maple syrup producing state at 2.1 million gallons per year. New York is second at 750,000 gallons and Maine is third at 470,000 gallons. Rounding out the top 10 are Wisconsin (389,000), Michigan (206,000), Pennsylvania (178,000), New Hampshire (163,000), Ohio (113,000), Massachusetts (71,000) and Connecticut (15,000).

And Kentucky? Well, just 2,655 gallons of maple syrup are produced each

year and the potential is for much more.

Maple trees rank among the state's most common hardwoods. Most family woodlands already contain the resource. A relatively small investment in food-grade lines and an evaporator can turn an idle season into income while keeping tree cover intact.

According to Ochuodho, the economic impact begins with a winter harvest that leaves the forest standing. Sap is drawn through small taps placed in healthy sugar and maple trees, then boiled until natural sugars concentrate into syrup. Because the same trees provide sap year after year, landowners gain a renewable revenue source that complements timber, livestock grazing and recreation without clearing additional acreage.

"The beauty of maple syrup production is its sustainability," Ochuodho said. "Unlike traditional timber harvesting, maple syrup production doesn't require trees to be harvested, allowing forest owners to sustainably manage their land while still earning income. Our research demonstrates a real opportunity for rural communities to enhance their economic resilience. When producers invest in maple syrup operations, local businesses see increased demand for goods and services, creating a positive economic cycle"

The study estimates that statewide, maple syrup production has the capacity to circulate up to \$25 million each year, create more than 1,300 jobs and contribute roughly \$1.6 million in taxes once the sector reaches its upper projected potential.

The study also shows that the United

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Increased milk production tied to more cows, amount per cow

The USDA raised its 2025 and 2026 milk production forecasts from last month in its latest World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates (WASDE) report, based on the latest milk production data which showed increased cow numbers for 2025 and increased milk per cow for 2025 and 2026.

2025 production and marketings were projected at 227.8 and 226.8 billion pounds respectively, up 500 million on both from a month ago. If realized, both would be up 1.9 billion pounds or 0.8 percent from 2024.

2026 production and marketings were projected at 228.2 and 227.2 billion pounds respectively, up 300 million from a month ago. If realized, both would be up 400 million pounds or 0.2 percent from 2025.

Commercial export forecasts for 2025 and 2026 were raised on a fat basis, primarily due to competitively priced butter exports, as well as higher cheese and fluid product exports. On a skim solids basis, export forecasts were reduced on lower shipments of nonfat dry milk (NDM). Import forecasts for 2025 were raised

on both a fat basis and skim-solids basis. Imports for 2026 were raised on a skim-solids basis, but unchanged on a fat basis.

Butter, cheese, whey, and NDM price forecasts for 2025 were raised from the previous month on recent price strength. Butter, cheese and whey price forecasts for 2026 were raised as strong demand is expected to absorb the growth in milk production. NDM prices were

unchanged from the previous month.

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By Lee Mielke

Class III and Class IV milk price forecasts are raised as well. The Class III average was projected at \$18.65 per hundredweight, down a nickel from last month's estimate, and compares to \$18.89 in 2024 and \$17.02 in 2023. The 2026 average was projected at \$17.80, up 30 cents from a month ago.

The 2025 Class IV is expected to average \$18.85, up 40 cents from last month's estimate, and compares to \$20.75 in 2024 and \$19.12 in 2023. The 2026 average was estimated at \$18.20, up a dime from last month.

The USDA's weekly slaughter report showed 44,800 dairy cows were sent to slaughter the week ending May 17, down 1,100 from the previous week, and down 2,200 or 4.7 percent from a year ago. Year to date, 1,018,400 head had been culled, down 94,300 head or 8.5 percent from a year ago.

Live cattle prices hit new highs, selling at over \$1,300 per head, driven primarily by supply-side constraints, according to HighGround Dairy. "Imports of Mexican cattle have been halted due to screwworm concerns, and U.S. inventories remain historically low. Seasonal demand related to grilling season is also contributing to price strength. While dairy cow culling has lagged 2024 levels, current market conditions would yield a sizable return for animals sent to the packinghouse."

HighGround's Curtis Bosma said in the June 16 Dairy Radio Now broadcast that historically, cull cows and beef calves didn't represent a big portion of income but now it's running 10-15 percent. He also pointed out that we're at the lowest cattle inventory in the U.S. since the 1950s as we saw a lot of heifers get placed on feedlots a couple years back which reduced the herd. "We haven't seen much of a rebuilding since then and as a result, we're seeing this astronomical rise in cattle prices the last couple years." He sees no sign of it stopping any time soon.

Bosma also reported on some updates to the Livestock Risk Protection program (LRP) beginning July 1. The LRP is an insurance program that dairy producers can use to secure the value of their day-old beef calves that they're selling as well as their cull cows. He said the timing is great for such a program and his clients are eager to use it.

The National Milk Producers Federation announced a new program to boost U.S. dairy exports and replace the Cooperatives Working Together (CWT) program.

The announcement followed the Federation's Board of Directors meeting this week which drew more than 100 farmers and cooperative leaders. It was held in conjunction with NMPF's annual fly-in of its Young Cooperators who met with members of Congress to discuss dairy concerns and received a U.S. Capitol tour.

The member-funded export assistance program, "NMPF Exports and Trade" or NEXT, begins July 1. A majority of the milk supplied to consumers worldwide by NMPF members is supporting the NEXT program with a 2 cent per cwt. contribution through 2028, says an NMPF press release, and will support dairy exports in key global markets, including Latin America, the Caribbean and Asia.

Checking prices, after closing Friday at \$1.8575

per pound, CME block Cheddar climbed back to \$1.88 Monday, but was trading Thursday morning at \$1.84. The barrels were at \$1.85, after finishing Friday at \$1.86.

Milk output varies throughout the Central region, says Dairy Market News. Contacts in the southern portion say high temperatures are contributing to lighter output, but cool temperatures in the upper-Midwest in recent weeks have kept milk output steady. Educational institutions are out for summer break, reducing demand from bottling operations and leaving additional loads for cheese making. The additional availability has pushed spot Class III milk prices lower; and were trading \$7 to \$1-under at mid-week. Cheesemakers continue to run busy schedules. Export demand for cheese is strong, as loads produced in the U.S. are competitively priced. Domestic demand is light.

Cheese manufacturers in the West indicate contractual milk volumes are meeting needs. Cheese production is steady for the most part. Availability of varietal cheese for spot buyers is mixed among manufacturers. Some convey that, although loads are available, stocks are tighter than anticipated due to newer built facilities not yet producing at full capacity. Domestic demand is moderate to steady, while export demand is steady to strong. Some cheesemakers note strong demand from international buyers is offsetting weaker domestic demand and keeping inventories at good levels, according to DMN.

Lots of butter got sold this week in Chicago. The price fell to \$2.5050 per pound Tuesday, but was back up to \$2.5450 Thursday. Sales totaled 10 loads Monday, 30 on Tuesday, 35 Wednesday, and 23 loads on Thursday.

temperatures spread Warmer throughout the Central region this week. Midwest contacts said temperatures remain comfortable for cows, keeping components steady from week-to-week and leaving plenty of cream available. Southwest temperatures were in the 90s and having a negative impact on milk production and components and cream volumes are tighter.

Churns are active in the region and some are running full schedules. Some are freezing product to build inventories for use later in the year. Domestic butter demand is steady. Internationally produced butter remains priced at a premium for Central region product and the price difference is contributing to strong export demand.

Western cream is steady or slightly tighter this week but remains sufficient to cover needs, though not robustly available. Multiples were in line with the prior week. Many plants were running churns seven days a week, building inventory to cover demand for the remainder of 2025. Some producers noted, however, that the build is lighter than a year ago due to strong export demand as U.S. butter remains competitively priced.





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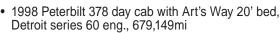
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Electric tractors and livestock farms

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These jobs are typically done near the farmstead, making the charging task easier. Other benefits include reduced noise around animals and poultry, which in turn reduces stress, as well as no exhaust emissions.

These jobs usually require smaller horsepower tractors; mid-range and higher HP models often work over longer distances from the charging station. However, improvements in battery technology continue to improve hours of operation per charge.

FFA middle school chapters

In the March 21 issue of Farm World, Doug Graves wrote about FFA middle-school FFA chapters in Kentucky. I didn't know they existed. You might be as surprised as I was to learn from the FFA National office that there were 787 middle school chapters in the 2023-2024 U.S. school system.

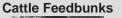
Big Bud pro- In addition, there are 1,618 combined led to a warmer hemisphere. middle school/high school chapters, along with 6,830 high school chapters.

> Most chapter members are no longer farm-raised, yet parents have discovered that the FFA influence can build interest in community volunteer involvement, public speaking, and future careers in agriculture.

Burma Shave sign for this week:

The midnight ride of Paul for beer

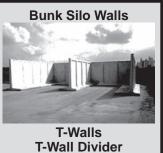
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hinese researchers charged with smuggling crop-killing fungus

NEW YORK (AP) - Federal prosecutors charged two Chinese researchers on June 3 with smuggling a crop-killing fungus into the U.S. last summer - charges that come amid heightened political tensions between the two countries and as the Trump administration moves to revoke visas from visiting Chinese students.

Yunqing Jian and Zunyong Liu are charged with conspiracy, smuggling, making false statements and visa fraud for allegedly bringing the fungus Fusarium graminearum into the U.S. Jian, 33, was booked in a Detroit federal court. Liu, 34, is thought to be in

According to the FBI, Liu had small baggies of the fungus stashed in his backpack when he flew to the U.S. last year and, after claiming ignorance about the plant material inside them, to eat. said he was planning to use it for research at a University of Michigan lab where Jian worked and where Liu previously worked.

Fusarium graminearum causes a disease called Fusarium head blight that can wipe out cereal crops such as wheat, barley and maize and rice - it inflicts \$1 billion in losses annually on U.S. wheat and barley crops, according to the USDA.

It isn't the only fungus to cause Fusarium head blight, but it's the most common culprit in the U.S. The fungus infects plants early in the growing season, shriveling wheat grains and blanching crop heads a whitish-tan color. It also causes a toxin to accumulate in wheat kernels that can make them unsafe for people and livestock

Nicknamed "vomitoxin" because it's most known for causing livestock to throw up, it can also cause diarrhea, abdominal pain, headache and fever in animals and people.

Wheat and other grain crops are screened for various toxins, including Fusarium graminearum, before they can be used to feed animals and humans. Farmers have to throw out any infected grains, which can cause devastating losses.

"It's one of the many problems that farmers have to deal with that risks their livelihood," said David Geiser, a Fusarium expert at Penn State.

Although Jian and Liu are accused of smuggling Fusarium graminearum into the country, the fungus is already prevalent in the U.S. - particularly in the east and Upper Midwest - and scientists have been studying it for decades.

Researchers often bring foreign plants, animals and even strains of fungi to the U.S. to study them, but they must file certain permits before moving anything across state or national borders. Studying the genes of a foreign fungus strain, for example, can help scientists learn how it tolerates heat, resists pesticides or mutates.

'We look at variations among individuals just like we do humans," said Nicole Gauthier, a plant pathologist at the University of Kentucky who studies Fusarium.

That said, it's unclear why the Chinese researchers might have wanted to bring that strain of Fusarium graminearum into the U.S. and why they didn't fill out the proper paperwork to



3 dead after plane fighting screwworm spread crashes in southern Mexico

MEXICO CITY (AP) - Two Guate- suspended cattle imports from Meximalan pilots and a Mexican agronomist engineer died June 6 when their plane crashed in southern Mexico near the border with Guatemala as they freed sterile flies meant to stop the spread of screwworm in cattle.

Mexico's Agriculture Ministry said in a statement that the Guatemalan plane crashed near Tapachula in southern Mexico, but did not give a

Mexico had stepped up efforts to control the spread of the pest last month under pressure from the United States government, which

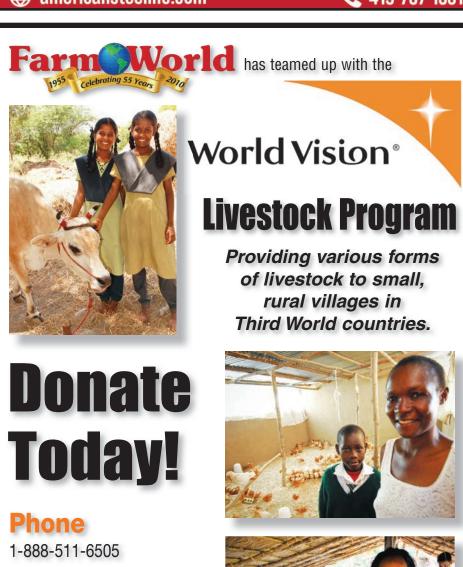
co because of fear of the screwworm.

President Claudia Sheinbaum had said that she didn't know when the suspension would be lifted, but that specialists from the U.S. were in Mexico studying the country's efforts.

The screwworm is a larva of the Cochliomyia hominivorax fly that can invade the tissues of any warm-blooded animal, including humans. The parasite enters animals' skin, causing severe damage and lesions that can be fatal.

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Leaves of three mean let it be; but still sometimes poison ivy gets you

Being raised next to the woods along Big Flatrock River, I knew to exercise a lot of caution around poison ivy. The old saying, "Leaves of three ... let them be," is highly accurate.

As a child, I was terribly allergic to poison ivv. It almost seemed if I so much as got downwind of poison ivy, I'd soon be covered in horrible itching blisters.

Each year, all the boys in town experienced a bit of a mystery concerning poison ivy. We would come down with the itching blisters often in the spring and fall, but seldom during the summer or winter.

It turns out there is a scientific reason for our sensitivity varying according to the seasons.

The irritant in poison ivy is urushiol, a colorless and odorless oil found in the leaves and stems of the plant. The key to our varying sensitivity is Urushiol is slightly water soluble. During the summertime, every kid in town spent the majority of each day swimming in the river. With river water constantly washing our skin throughout most of the day, the Urushiol was simply dissolved and washed away. As for wintertime ... our clothing pro-

Itch time from poison ivy seemed to be early spring, fall and winter when we didn't have the benefit of a river bath each day. Clothing somewhat protected us, but Urushiol can absorb into clothing, gloves and boots and cause a breakout of blisters even up to a year later. This may solve any mystery of how a small child contacted poison ivy in the winter ... the young one may have simply been playing with the boots and gloves worn while Dad was cutting wood.

One of the most effective ways to ward off poison ivy is to take a long, COOL shower following any possible exposure. Do not use hot water or soap; keep the water as cool as possible as hot water and soap strip your natural oils from your skin. Your natural skin oils help to block the penetration of Urushiol.

If you do experience a case of poison ivy, some over-the-counter treatments will provide some relief from the burning and itching. Use cold compresses, calamine lotion, hydrocortisone cream and oatmeal baths. Extreme cases call for a trip to the ER or the family doctor who might administer a shot of steroids.

It is recommended not to use hydrogen peroxide, bleach or rubbing alcohol as they may irritate the rash more than soothe it.

Nurse saves 10-year-old girl

A 10-year-old girl is alive due to the quick actions of a registered nurse, family and others after she nearly drowned June 10 at Raccoon State Recreation Area's swimming beach.

Around 1:30 p.m., a beach guest was watching his granddaughter play in the water when he noticed she had gone underwater and not resurfaced. After searching for two-three minutes, he located her and took her to shore. The child had pale blue skin, was unresponsive, not breathing, and did not have a pulse.

Indiana Conservation Officers were nearby, conducting river rescue training on the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) property and arrived within minutes of receiving a call from DNR Law Enforcement Dispatch. They found Ashlev Pecchenino, a registered nurse from Iroquois County, Ill., administering cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) on the child.

After two minutes of CPR, the child regained a pulse and began breathing on her own and became responsive. The child was flown by Lifeline helicopter to Riley Children's Hospital in Indianapolis in stable condi-

Conservation officers remind the public in a case of near-drowning, the situation should always be taken seriously even if the person is alert and conscious after the incident. Individuals who experience near drownings should be assessed by healthcare professionals due to possible re-

SPAULDING OUTDOORS By Jack Spaulding

Mooresville man drowns at Monroe Lake

sidual effects from water in the lungs.

Indiana Conservation Officers were investigating a drowning occurring June 11 at Monroe Lake, southeast of Bloomington. Around 4:45 p.m., conservation officers were dispatched to the area near Allen's Creek for a person who fell from an inner tube being pulled by a boat, and never resurfaced.

Zacharia Sweet, 35, of Mooresville, was riding on a tube with a 6-year-old juvenile when Sweet fell off the tube. Sweet, who was not wearing a life jacket, was unable to make it back to the boat, went underwater and never resurfaced. The 6-year-old, who was wearing a life jacket, got back to the boat safely.

Conservation officers used side scan sonar and a remotely operated vehicle (ROV) to locate Sweet's body. At 6:21p.m., Sweet's body was recovered in 23 feet of water by a conservation officer diver.

> The boat operator, James Banfield, 37, of Avon, was arrested for Boating While Intoxicated, a Class C misdemeanor.

The investigation into the incident is ongoing. Indiana Conservation Officers remind the public to always wear a life jacket when on or near any body of water and to always have a designated operator when boating.

Lincoln State Park's dam repair

The dam at Lincoln State Park's Lake Lincoln needs repairs. To allow the work to be done, the beach, nature center, Pine Hills Group Camp and group cottages will temporarily close for an extended period starting July 7.

The rest of the park will remain open, although other recreational activities may be affected because the lake will be drawn down 20 feet. Public programming with the park's interpretive naturalist will be offered in alternate locations at the park during the repairs.



Above: Poinson ivey is easy to identify once you know what to look for. Just remember: Leaves of three; let it be.

The essential project is a collaborative effort across several Indiana DNR divisions and highlights the important behind-the-scenes work to keep Indiana's parks safe and sustainable.

'till next time, Jack

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Is cleanliness really next to Godliness? Read what the Bible actually says

By Sandra Sheridan

Hebrews 10:21-22 "Since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our heart sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water."

You've probably heard Verses from Mama the saying, "Cleanliness is next to godliness." While

Scripture focuses primarily on internal holiness, the Old Testament did include ceremonial cleansing practices. Today, our culture has taken the meaning of clean to the extreme by manufacturing countless appliances to help us. But unlike unreliable machines, God offers a spiritual cleansing that never fails - and it lasts for eternity.

This truth hit home for me this week. Friday, I decided to do a load of laundry, only to be horrified half hour later when I discovered smoke coming out of the machine. After 15 years of service, this important appliance quit on me. On Saturday, Dad and I visited a local store where we purchased a new matching set.

While our laundry may be piling up, we don't have to worry about the state of our souls. This is because we don't rely on a temporary machine or our own shaky will power to cleanse us from sin. In fact, there is nothing anyone can ever do on their own to be pure enough to enter God's presence because we all fall short of the glory of God.

God knows even our best efforts

are like "filthy rags." So, He made a covenant with His people to provide the answer. He pledged to write His laws on our hearts and to remember our sins or lawless deeds no more.

Through faith in Jesus, we are cleansed from our sins and allowed to confidently draw near to God's throne. Because He is faithful, we need never worry about being unfit for His presence.

He dresses us in a perfect robe of righteousness that lasts forever. And when we stumble, we can turn to Him, assured that if we confess our sins He will forgive us.

You might wonder how someone with sinful thoughts and actions could ever be called "clean." The answer lies in who defines righteousness. As theologian Wayne Grudem puts it, righteousness means "God always acts in accordance with what is right, and He Himself is the final standard of what is right." If God declares us righteous or clean because of Jesus' sacrifice, then we are - by His authority, not ours. There is no stain so deep God can't remove.

So, is cleanliness next to godliness? It depends on how you define it. Whether your washing machine is broken or your clothes are stained with life's messes, your heart and conscience can be made clean forever. Through Jesus we are washed - pure, accepted, and eternally welcomed into God's presence. That doesn't come from the washing machine! All it takes is faith and asking.





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"Don't Forget Me, Little Bessie" by James Lee Burke

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Someone's watching out

Yes, you're a grown-up but it's nice to know, isn't it? Someone's got your back. You have a Guardian Angel, a protector, somebody who'll come running if you need them. Of course, though,

there's just one little thing: as in the new novel, "Don't Forget Me, Little Bessie" by James Lee Burke, sometimes, you have only yourself to rely on.

The first time Bessie Holland saw the spirit, she was following a plow in a field not far from her Papa's house. Papa was inside, probably drunk, and the spirit was leaning beside a tree, cleaning his fingernails. He said his name was "Slick."

Bessie couldn't see his feet, but she was sure they were cloven.

No matter. When the spirit told Papa that the people he worked for were fixin' to take the ranch, Papa sent him running.

At just 14, Bessie knew that adults were a concerning lot. She knew the woman Papa kept company with was a madam, and that the corrupt local sheriff was trying to run her favorite teacher out of town for being a suffragette and a lesbian. And she knew that Jubal Fowler might peek at her under the outhouse door at school, and that there'd be trouble for it.

Which there was.

Afterward, she didn't fully intend to shoot Jubal's father, but that happened,

And then there was that problem the spirit pointed out: Papa'd been avoiding the oil companies circling his ranch and with his drinking and disappearing, things didn't look good.

Yet, she was still a teenager, and adults were a trial. Take, for instance, when wildcatters tore apart the field where a little girl was killed long ago and two men had hung for it. People started saying they saw Bessie here and there,

causing mischief, and it wasn't true.

Then again, it was her face in a photo of that hanging, wasn't it?

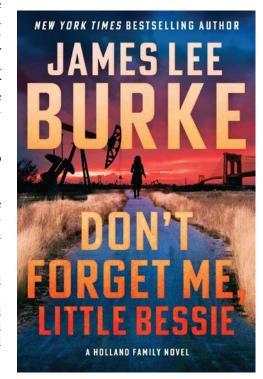
So, who was the spirit and who was not?

Set at the turn of the last century in still-wild southern Texas, "Don't Forget Me, Little Bessie" is a wonderfully lawless but still moral tale that flirts with the paranormal and brushes against the Western genre, but that's also reminiscent of bits

of several period movies you've seen over the years. If that sounds fun to read - it is.

Burke takes readers from dusty fields to a New York tenement and back to shake an old Holland Family tree branch. What falls are some rascals, several contemptible outlaws, and a girl who's smarter than her years and certainly wiser than her elders. Readers, in fact, will love Bessie from the outset but you may struggle to remember that she's just a teen. Keep your eyes open, too, for real-life historical people who are in the right places everywhere inside this book.

"Don't Forget Me, Little Bessie" is part of a series but it can very easily stand alone. Burke fans will love it; if you're not one yet, watch out for it.





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Syrup

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States' maple syrup market is currently valued at more than \$150 million annually, and consumer demand for natural, locally produced foods continues to rise. Kentucky producers would be well-positioned to supply local and regional markets where interest in farm-to-table and artisanal food products is strong.

Demand for pure maple syrup continues to outpace supply across the lower Midwest and South. Shoppers drawn to simple ingredient lists often pay a premium for syrup delivered by local producers; farm markets and specialty grocers routinely sell out before the next spring thaw.

The study suggests this gap presents an entry point for new operations: Kentuckians demand more syrup than the state produces. Moving even partway toward self-reliance brings money home, keeps woodlands working and opens doors for agritourism.

Climate questions often arise when syrup production migrates south of traditional hubs like Vermont and Quebec. Ochuodho explained that red maples extend well below the 40th parallel, and Kentucky's rolling topography delivers the freeze-thaw cycles that trigger sap

"We already see small but steady operations bottling syrup in several counties," he said. "Our numbers demonstrate what could happen if more woodland owners tap into that potential."

The next steps involve education and coordination. The UK Cooperative Extension Service, in collaboration with the Kentucky Maple Syrup Association, Kentucky Division of Forestry and the



Above: Maple syrup is already being produced in Kentucky, but only to a tune of 2,655 gallons per year. (photo submitted)

U.S. Forest Service, will host offseason workshops on tree identification, sanitation, evaporator efficiency and marketing. Researchers plan to refine cost estimates with real farm budgets, explore value-added products such as maple-infused beverages and candies, and study long-term forest health under sustained tapping.

"Our findings represent a starting point for community discussions and policy considerations," Ochuodho said. "If Kentucky embraces maple syrup production, the benefits could extend beyond economic gains, supporting environmental sustainability and community resilience."





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Rattlesnake relocation problems

The rattle of a rattlesnake has been the soundtrack of my life as I've lived in rattler country most of my time on earth, but it seems like lately I'm seeing and hearing more of them. In the last five years I've killed six of the cold-blooded killers within 10 yards of my front door. A friend who likes to go hiking says he too has seen so many more rattlers in the state park that he is now wearing shin

guards that baseball catchers wear. It's a good thing because one rattler got a nasty headache when it struck the hard plastic that covered his leg from his knee down.

I'm not ashamed to say that I kill every rattlesnake I can because the way I see it, it's kill or be killed. My admission probably horrifies the animal rightists who live in big cities where the only snakes they come in contact with are politicians and bureaucrats.

One busy-body, who used to semi-like me, got word that I killed a rattlesnake and now won't even return my wave because I didn't call The Rattlesnake Relocation Project instead, which supposedly catches rattlers and relocates them. I tried explaining to my neighbor that the only way that rattler would even It's the Pitts be in the same zip code by By Lee Pitts the time the rattler trapper got there was because I'd

chopped its head off. I bet if her beloved blind dog got bit by one, she'd change her tune.

Speaking of dogs getting bit, I have another neighbor who went from being a snake lover to being repelled by reptiles when a rattler bit the nose of her dog. I think the only reason the dog survived was because it was a rough and tough Catahoula with a proud heritage of fighting gators in the swamps of Louisiana. Still, it nearly died and hasn't been the same since. To prevent future occurrences my neighbor put in a rattlesnake fence, and it had hardly been completed when her dog got bit a second time. After surviving two rattler attacks that dog is now on a mission to rid the world of rattlesnakes and went from being a nice dog to a deadly assassin. Because of her dog's new desire to kill rattlesnakes my neighbor sold her beautiful home, took her now-nutty dog and moved to a condo in a sanctuary city.

When I worked in the oilfields it was in an area crawling with rattlers. It was a slow week if at least one wasn't killed and put in someone's lunch box to scare them to death like they did me on my first day on the job. We killed so many rattlesnakes that I started collecting their rattles and skinning their hides.

On my first day in the oilfields, I was handed two things, a hard-hat and a snakebite kit which consisted of one rubber end that held a razor blade and the other end was a rubber suction cup you were supposed to use to suck out the venom after you'd cut a deep X through the fang marks. I always wondered if I'd have had the guts to cut myself if I was ever bit. A friend who retired from working in those same oilfields told me they no longer issue snakebite kits and said the old rules no longer apply. Now they tell you to remain calm (easy for them to say), apply a tourniquet and have someone drive vou to the nearest hospital, or mortuary, whatever the case may be.

What prompted this essay was an event that made me even more proud of my wife, if that's possible. She loves to garden but before she gets down on her hands and knees to plant or trim, she shakes the bushes with a stick to scare any snakes away. Today my wife casually mentioned that she'd killed a rattlesnake while gardening. At first I was leery of her claim but sure enough she showed me the dead rattler with its head chopped cleanly off. I wonder, how many women can say they've killed a rattlesnake? It's got to be a very low number. Now, just like that Catahoula, my shovel-wielding wife is on a deadly mission and has embarked on her own version of the Rattlesnake Relocation Project.

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Michigan, leader in raising chestnuts, will host annual nut conference

By Stan Maddux **Indiana Correspondent**

OWOSSO, Mich. - Various nuts will be the focus during a four-day gathering in Michigan, the nation's leader in acreage for raising chestnuts. The Chestnut Growers of America and the Northern Nut Growers Association (NNGA) will host their annual joint national conference Aug. 3-6.

The kick-off will be at Nash Nurseries in Owosso with networking and dinner to follow tours of the orchard, which includes groves of chestnut trees and processing facilities.

The next two days will feature things like presentations by tree nut experts and group discussions on various topics ranging from breeding, harvesting and value-added marketing.

The final day will be strictly for bus tours to three nut tree growers and processors.

One of the stops will be at Chestnut Growers, Inc., the largest cooperative and processor of chestnuts in the state.

According to the NNGA, much of the conference will be about chestnuts but hazelnuts and other nut-producing trees like hickory along with the fruit bearing pawpaw tree will receive some attention during the conference.

To register, the cost is \$295 with discounts available for association members, students and exhibitors. The conference is open to anyone interested in nut-producing trees, according to NNGA.

More people have possibly heard the famous musical lyrics "chestnuts roasting on an open fire" at Christmas than consumed one.

Nicole Davis and her husband. Eric, have about 700 chestnut trees on 20 acres near South Haven at their Lake Effect Acres Farm.

Last year, she said her trees, including some about the size of oaks, yielded about 16,000 pounds of chestnuts.

Nicole Davis described chestnuts as sort of sweet with a flavor that's kind of between a carrot and potato. "It doesn't taste like a nut at all," she said.

Davis said boiling is another cooking option, but she prefers to bake them for 30 to 45 minutes.

A slice must be placed into each one before cooking or the pressure that builds inside from the heat will cause them to burst.

"Otherwise, it would be like popcorn in your oven," she said.

Davis said chestnuts also can be used in other ways like in soups, scones, beer and even ground into flour.

According to the Agricultural Resource Center, the other leading chestnut producers in the nation based on acreage are Florida, California, Oregon and Virginia. Other contributors include Ohio and Iowa.

Davis said chestnuts are harvested on the ground throughout October after they've fallen from the trees.

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Above: Chestnut growers enjoying a Michigan orchard tour. Photo by Erin Lizotte, MSU Extension.

Michigan

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She estimated one-half of her crop is taken by droves of customers mostly driving over two hours from Chicago on weekends to gather them up.

Some of her customers leave with as much as 20 to 100 pounds of chestnuts. Davis said.

The remainder of the chestnuts are harvested by a man who brings a machine that sweeps and vacuums them up. The chestnuts are then taken to a coop for distribution to markets leading up to the holidays.



The Davises had never raised a crop until 2021 when they purchased the already existing farm, which also has 20 acres of blueberries. Nicole said she was a social worker and her husband a building inspector when they felt a need for a "life change" in their late 40s.

After weekends of traveling to look at properties, they saw the farm and made an offer the next day. Davis said she quit her job a month later and dove into learning how to raise chestnuts. Now, much of their income is from the farm and the rental homes they've owned for a long time.

Eric Davis is still a building inspector but just part time, and he makes some cash on the side from his woodworking.

"We love it. Very happy. We didn't know this is what our dream job was," Nicole said.

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